

ES&BG Parish Council newsletter – November 2017

November's Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 8th in Ecchinswell village hall.

Claire Kemp informed us of the Santa Sleigh Ride on Friday 8th December in aid of the Ecchinswell Bell Restoration Trust and Bishops Green Community Association. Santa's sleigh starts its journey outside Ecchinswell primary school at 5.45pm on the 8th Dec and travels through the village arriving at the BG Village Hall at 7.30pm. We hope you will be able to support and take your children/grandchildren along to the event.

We were made aware of reports by the police about drones being flown over parts of the village. Drone flights can be highly intrusive and anti-social and, if you are affected by drones being flown near you or over your property, we'd urge you to report them to the police on 101. Drone flights are subject to a number of controls and are regulated by the CAA. There is a whole section devoted to drones on the CAA website and a simplified code of conduct is available here: <http://dronesafe.uk>

Complaints have been received from many people about anti-social behaviour on some footpaths in the southern part of the parish. This consists of tree branches, stones and other items being deliberately placed across paths designed to hamper people's progress and potentially endanger walkers and dogs on the footpaths. If you encounter anyone doing this, or you notice the path is obstructed in any way whilst on your walks, please report this to 101 and/or let us know.

In last month's newsletter we mentioned that the two disused phone boxes were planned to be removed by BT but we didn't have a date – we have just received notification from BT to say that they will be fully removed before the end of the calendar year.

Unfortunately, we had another councillor resignation so we now have two vacancies for parish councillors on the team. If you'd like to put yourself forward as a parish councillor, we'd very much welcome your application. Please email the clerk (clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk) or ring me on 01635 297323 if you'd like to talk through what's involved. It's not hugely onerous, but it does give you the opportunity to get involved with what's happening in the parish and give something back to the community.

Our next parish council meeting is on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm at Ecchinswell Village Hall. Please come and see us if you'd like to bring something to our attention.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners a very happy Christmas.

Tim Hall

Chairman