

ES&BG News – February 2018

Our February meeting was held a week earlier than normal (owing to half term holidays) on 7th Feb in Ecchinswell village hall.

Parish Council meetings always include lots of discussion about a wide range of matters that relate to our villages. At the beginning of every meeting there is a great opportunity for public participation from residents of the villages to raise issues of concern or even to bring suggestions of potential improvements in the parish.

This month we had participation from residents of Oakfields Close who expressed concern over the difficulty they have in parking there. This has been a problem for some time but has recently worsened. Whilst the Parish Council is not responsible for the roadways and parking areas, we are keen to support these residents to find a suitable solution to this problem. The Parish Council will help to establish ownership of the land alongside the roadways and request that the landowners seek to find a long-term solution to the parking problem which creates access issues for refuse lorries and potentially fire & rescue vehicles.

Another issue that was raised is the ongoing problem with litter. Some of the residents present have been doing sterling work over the last month helping to clear away unsightly litter that keeps being dropped around the parish. They would welcome everyone's help in keeping our villages clean by picking up litter when we see it, and of course making sure that litter does not get dropped in the first place.

There is there is a great volunteering opportunity coming up on Friday 23rd March at 10am. Volunteers will be meeting to clear the footpaths and Rights of Way on Sydmonton Common. For more details and to offer your assistance, please contact the Parish Clerk at the email address below.

Finally, did you know that to have an allotment in Ecchinswell only costs £30 per year? The Parish Council is currently offering a three month free trial if you would like to see if having an allotment is for you! If you wish to make use of this great opportunity, please contact Sarah Jones, the Parish Clerk, before the 31st March.

You can contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk

Our next PC meeting is on Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm in Ecchinswell Village Hall.

Cllr Stephen Bate