

The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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Parish Council UPDATE

Due to Richard Alcock moving out of the Parish he formally tendered his resignation as Councillor at the AGM on Wednesday 5th May 2010. I am sure everyone will join with me in thanking Richard for his excellent contribution to Parish matters and wish him every success in the future. Many of you will know that Richard stepped in as Chair with very little previous experience of Council experience following the elections of 2008. Richard chaired the Council for 2 years through many difficult times and always acted with integrity and fairness.

This leaves a casual vacancy on the Council and a legal procedure now needs to be followed. Notices have been erected in public places using words provided by the Swindon Borough Council Electoral Officer, this is to ensure that we comply legally with the process. Parishioners have 14 days to write and request an election, if by the end of this time 10 people have not written, the Council may co-opt a member.

The Parish Council would be interested to hear from anyone who wishes to become, or learn more about the post of Councillor. This will enable us to talk to individuals should an election not be called.

NOTICE OF VACANCY - PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Council will be formally announcing the casual vacancy for Parish Councillor on 1st June 2010. If by midnight on the Friday 18th June 2010 the returning officer at Swindon Borough Council, Civic Offices, Swindon SN1 2JH receives a request in writing from 10 electors from the Parish, that an election be held, then there will be an election.

If no requests are received the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-opting a person for membership of the Council.

The notices will be posted on the Bishopstone and Hinton Parva notice boards. A laminated copy will be posted in Russley Park.

RECYCLING REMINDER

Just a reminder. Recycling boxes, (Glass Cans & Paper) are emptied every Friday. Plastics and green waste are only collected every fortnight on the same Friday that Wheelie Bins are collected.



DOG TAGS

Did you know that you could obtain a Dog Tag from Swindon Borough Council. The Council has been able to purchase the tags from a company who offer a cheaper rate to Local Authorities, making the price more competitive but still of excellent quality.

There was no initial outlay to the Council and no running costs except for a very small amount of officer time.

The profit from the tags is ring fenced into its own cost code and it is hoped that there will eventually be enough money in the pot to buy some microchips. We can then offer a micro chipping service (as many councils do) that will make a small profit to enable it to be self-perpetuating.

The Tags are currently available from Premier House and will be available from Wat Tyler in April.

For further information contact:

Alison Waive, Environmental Protection Officer - Animal

Tel: 466080

TRUE HEART UPDATE

Bishopstone Parish Council would formally like to thank all those parishioners who helped in the campaign to have the recent planning application turned down. I am happy to be able to report that the Planning Committee rejected the proposal. A number of letters had been received by SBC and a large contingent of the Parish went to the Planning meeting. It was noted during the debate that there had been a very high level of opposition and this almost certainly helped influence the decision. CPRE had sent a letter of objection and Councillor Bennett was also of great help. If an application of this nature arises in the future it is important that the whole Parish rises in objection once again.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library provides a comprehensive service to outlying rural and urban areas of the Borough of Swindon, including:

- Books (both for Adults and Children)
- Large print items
- Audio books
- A request and information service

There are approximately 3,000 items available. It visits Bishopstone on the following dates:

- 14th, 28th April 2010
- 12th, 26th May 2010
- 9th, 23rd June 2010
- 7th, 21st July 2010
- 4th, 18th August 2010

Recently, Jenny who runs the mobile library, says that not many people are using it these days and wants to raise awareness of its existence as she is worried that it may

be axed - **this has not been threatened yet.** If you like a good read why not go along to Bishopstone Village Hall between 10:00 and 10:55 on the above dates and see what the Mobile Library has on offer.

Scope of Service

The service covers eight different routes and serves 48 locations including:

- Public stops
- Schools
- Sheltered accommodation

Accessibility

The mobile library is fully accessible.

Further Information/Contact

Please telephone 01793 465555 for full details.

NEW CHAIR FOR PARISH COUNCIL

At the AGM on 5th May 2010, following the resignation of Richard Alcock, Councillor Simon Jenkins was elected as Chair. Simon has been a Councillor for 2 years now and has represented the Council on a number of occasions. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Simon for taking on this role and wish him every success.

Councillor Karolyn Tapper remains as Vice Chair. Karolyn has assumed this position for many years and has always fulfilled the role with a high level of dedication despite her extremely busy lifestyle.

I am sure you will also join me in thanking all other Councillors for their dedication and commitment. A list of Councillors responsibilities is shown below for information:

Groups with Village Representatives

Committee

Finance (sub committee)
Footpaths & Highways
Hinton Village Hall
Bishopstone Village Hall
Tree Warden

Representative (Hinton Parva)

Ian Thompson (Chair), Julian Cooke
Julian Cooke, Vacancy
Ian Thompson
None
Julian Cooke

Representative (Bishopstone)

Karolyn Tapper, Simon Jenkins
Stuart McGuigan, Ian Thomas
None
Karolyn Tapper
Ian Thomas

All Parish Committees:

Committee

Bishopstone Pond & Island
Police & Media
Hinton Parva Charities
Bishopstone United Charities
Responsible Financial Officer

Representative(s)

Doug Stevens, Rob Selbourne
Rob Selbourne
Peter Cooke
Karolyn Tapper, Lesley Drewett, Laurie Manktelow (Ex Cllr)
Lesley Drewett

SMALL PRINT

Welcome

The Parish Council always extends a warm welcome to all new and prospective residents of the Parish. We are very pleased that you've chosen to live in our community.

The Parish contains two conservation areas and everything south of the Ickneild Way is also in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Many houses are also listed.

Naturally this brings with it all sorts of problems when it comes to tree felling, house alterations, etc. There are also other regulations aimed at

preserving the character and beauty of the parish. If in doubt, please check, we are only a phone call away.

The Parish Council is therefore always available to answer any questions you may have on any particular aspect of living in a conservation area, the area of outstanding natural beauty or in listed buildings. Please do not hesitate to contact either the Clerk, the Chair or any member of the council - the numbers appear on the next page.

We do hope you will be very happy here.

Parish Documents

The Parish has an archive room in the village hall in Bishopstone. This is not accessible to members of the public, however, with advanced warning any document stored there may be viewed by contacting a member of the council.

Documents of particular importance are also stored on the parish website and may be viewed

by anyone with a PC. Members of the parish without a PC can ask the clerk to provide them with a hard copy.

Documents on the website include the precept, the accounts, standing orders, annual Returns, etc.

Parish Parking

The Parish has many narrow lanes and these need to be accessible to residents, utility and emergency vehicles at all times. Cars are now being parked along some of the narrowest sections of road (e.g. Cues Lane in Bishopstone, High Street, Bishopstone, etc.) often blocking these routes to even small vehicles. Please remember that emergency vehicles need to be able to move freely down all the roads and lanes of the parish at all times. Could we therefore ask that owners of vehicles park them responsibly and avoid the narrowest sections.

THE Village Hall car park in Bishopstone is a private space available only for those using the village hall. It is not somewhere for parishioners to park on a long term basis; whatever the circumstances might be. This is clearly signed on

the wall of the hall.

Cars parked here make it very difficult for legitimate car park users to find space for their vehicles. It is also incredibly inconvenient for those users having to load and unload items, or for the infirm or disabled who wish to make use of the hall.

Provided the hall is not in use, loading and unloading of vehicles is permitted, as is visitor parking for short periods. By prior arrangement with the committee the siting of skips can also be accommodated.

The committee very much regret that it cannot offer parking for those in need, however, hall users must come first and from the complaints received these are frequently finding it difficult to park.

Protected Trees

Trees are vital to the quality of our lives for a number of reasons:-

- They help make our two villages more pleasant and attractive places in which to live and work.
- They are often a familiar and cherished feature and so provide a sense of place.
- They provide a valuable habitat for wildlife.

They are often older than many of the buildings amongst which they stand and so contribute to our local history.

Because they are so important to our environment all trees within a Conservation Area are protected by law*. The **whole** of Bishopstone is within a Conservation Area. The **whole** of Hinton Parva centred around the church is also within a Conservation Area.

Anyone planning to cut down or carry out work to a tree here must give the Borough Council six

weeks written notice of their intention to do so.

*Whilst there are one or two exemptions, such as trees with a diameter of less than 3 inches (measured 1.5m from the ground) or when a tree is in a dangerous condition, you are strongly advised to check first with the Council's Tree Officer since any unauthorised works can be a criminal offence which could lead to prosecution and heavy fines of up to £20,000. Better to be safe than sorry!

The Council's Tree Officer can be contacted on 01793 466318.

Individual trees or groups of trees that make a particularly important contribution to either of our villages may be worthy of special protection by way of a Tree Preservation Order. If you know of any such trees then please do not hesitate to contact any Member of the Parish Council or the Borough Council's Tree Officer who will be happy to make an inspection.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111
(Call anonymously with information about crime)

Domestic Violence 24hr National Helpline:
0808 2000 247

FRANK: 0800 77 66 00
(drug related)

Anti Social Behaviour: 01793 445500

Noise Nuisance: 01793 445500

NHS Direct: 0845 4647

**Swindon Community Safety
Partnership:** 01793 466506

Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust 01225 794652
provides home security services to people aged 60+ or with special needs.
(NB: the WBVT is a charity - donations are welcome).

Beat the Burglar

If you see anyone acting suspiciously, take their description and vehicle registration details and call the police on: 0845 408 7000. In an emergency call 999.

For a free home security pack and information about offers on home security call the Home Office:

0800 456 1213

(Packs are subject to availability).

Council Meetings 2010/11

14th June 2010 Hinton Parva Vill Hall
12th July 2010 Bishopstone Vill Hall
9th August 2010 Hinton Parva Vill Hall
13th September 2010 Bishopstone Vill Hall
11th October 2010 Hinton Parva Vill Hall
8th November 2010 Bishopstone Vill Hall
13th December 2010 Hinton Parva Vill Hall
10th January 2010 Bishopstone Vill Hall
14th February 2010 Hinton Parva Vill Hall
14th March 2010 Hinton Parva Vill Hall
(Parish Assembly)
11th April 2010 Bishopstone Vill Hall
9th May 2010 Hinton Parva Vill Hall **(AGM)**

All meetings begin at 7.30pm
and members of the public are always welcome. Late changes are shown on the website <http://parish.bishopstone.net> and on the notice boards in Hinton Parva and Bishopstone.

BISHOPSTONE PC

Lesley Drewett (Clerk)
Brigadoon
Hockerbench
Bishopstone Wilts
SN6 8PW

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Fax: 01793 791355
Email: lesley@tynash.com
website: <http://parish.bishopstone.net>

Mr Julian Cooke

Church Farm, Hinton Parva. SN4 0DW. 790278.

Mr Simon Jenkins

The Old Vicarage, Bishopstone. SN6 8PY. 790545.

Mr Stuart McGuigan

Greenoak, Newtown Lane, Bishopstone. SN6 8QA. 790219.

Mr Rob Selbourne

Prebendal Farm, Bishopstone, Wilts. SN6 8PT. 790485.

Mr Doug Stevens

Church View, Church Lane, Bishopstone. SN6 8PY. 791107.

Mrs Karolyn Tapper (Vice Chair)

Orchard Cottage, Bishopstone, Wilts. SN6 8PL. 790658.

Mr Ian Thomas

Littlecot, High Street, Bishopstone, Wilts. SN6 8PH. 790106.

Mr Ian Thompson

Snowberry House, Hinton Parva. SN4 0DW. 790970.

VACANCY

Useful Information

Highworth Police Station

01793 762251
Mon-Fri. 09-12.30 & 17:30-21.00

Police Headquarters

0845 408 7000
24hrs, 7 days a week

SBC Reception Premier House

01793 465055/465056

Civic Offices

01793 463668

Wat Tyler House

01793 463725

Borough Councillor

Andrew Bennett 01793 790563

Fly Tipping and other similar problems

Swindon Commercial Services

01793 463463

Keeping Swindon Safe

SBC 01793 445500
Police 0845 408 7000

FOXHILL MOTOCROSS 2010 CALENDAR

June 5th/6th - AMCA Masters

July 3rd/4th - Cambridge Club
Practice weekend

July 25th - Maxxis, ACU British
Championships (Round 5)

August 4th - Foxhill Summer Series
(Round 1) (Evening Meeting)

August 11th - Foxhill Summer
Series (Round 2) (Evening Meeting)

August 18th - Foxhill Summer
Series (Round 3 Final) (Evening
Meeting)

August 28th/29th - Portsmouth Club
Practice weekend

October 2nd/3rd - BSMA (FINAL
Round)

Planning Update

All planning applications, their history and all supporting documents can now be viewed online by visiting:

www.swindon.gov.uk/planning

Planning issues are discussed at the monthly Parish Council meetings. All plans for that month are laid out on display prior to the meetings and councilors and members of the public are invited to take a look. Public representations are heard prior to the start of the meeting.

Parish Council meetings alternate between Hinton Parva Village Hall and Bishopstone Village Hall and usually take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

Members of the public are always welcome.

APPLICATIONS

S/LBC/10/0202CLMC - Replacement of various windows - Sayers Bank, Cues Lane, Bishopstone
S/10/0196HECO & S/LBC/10/0196HECO - Demolition of rear & side extensions, Removal of 1 no rear dormer window & external oil tank, erection of a single Storey rear extension, insertion of 3 no Roof lights and installation of 2 no solar panels to rear roof slope - West Hinton House, Hinton Parva
S/10/0247NIRO - Erection of a garage and single storey front and rear/side extensions - Rose Cottage, Hinton Parva Lane

S/10/0334 - Construction of a ménage - Oaktrees Russley Park, Baydon

S/10/0379ROBI - Erection of a two storey detached Dwelling, detached triple garage, and Associated works - Lower Farm, Lower Farm Lane, Bishopstone

S/CAC/10/0436CLMC - Demolition of existing rear conservatory And erection of a two storey rear Extension - 7 High Street, Bishopstone

S/10/0435CLMC- Demolition of existing rear conservatory And erection of a two storey rear Extension - 7 High Street, Bishopstone

S/10/0149RM - Erection of a two storey side and single Storey rear extension - Gails Cottage, High Street, Bishopstone

S/10/00476KIWA - Erection of a rear dormer window - Woodbine Cottage, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva

S/10/0562CLMC & S/LBC/10/0563CLMC- Erection of a single storey rear Extension & detached garage - Titcheners Cottage, High Street, Bishopstone

GRANTED

S/LBC/10/0197HECO & S/10/0196HECO - Demolition of rear & side extensions, removal of 1no Rear dormer window & external oil tank, erection of a single storey rear extension Insertion of 3no roof lights & installation of 2 no solar panels to rear roof slope - West Hinton House, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva

REFUSED

S/09/2021/ROBI & S/CAC/09/2022/ROBI- Conversion & extension of Public House to form 2no dwellings & erection of 2no dwellings & associated works - True Heart Inn, High Street, Bishopstone

S/LBC/10/0202CLMC - Replacement of various windows - Sayers Bank, Cues Lane, Bishopstone

Don't forget that all important information is displayed on the notice-boards in both villages and on the website at <http://parish.bishopstone.net>.

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