

## **BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE – MARCH 2019**

### **Bishopstoke Memorial Hall**

Progress on the Memorial Hall continues. Recently the various groups that use the Hall met with representatives from the Parish Council and the Borough along with the architects who have been employed to produce the various options for the Hall. They are now going away to refine their designs so that when the time comes to make a decision the best possible options are available to us. Options still include everything from basic refurbishment through to a complete rebuild starting from scratch. The user group left the meeting feeling enthusiastic about the possibilities for the future and the Parish Council is looking forward to continuing to work with all groups on this project.

### **Play Areas – Dog Signage**

Following a number of incidents where people are taking multiple dogs into local Play Areas, sometimes even letting them run free, the Parish Council wishes to remind all residents that, with the exception of assistance dogs, dogs are not permitted in the play areas. To aid with this, the Parish Council will be refreshing all the dog signage in our play areas.

### **Parish Council Grant**

Bishopstoke Parish Council was pleased to be able to approve a grant of £1000 Age Concern, Bishopstoke. This money will help with running costs, providing the entertainment for another year, hiring the hall and providing transport through the One Community bus.

### **Carnival Easter Egg Hunt**

The Easter Egg Hunt is fast approaching. Taking place on the Blackberry Drive open space on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 11am to 1pm, this is an opportunity to have some fun, and win some eggs. It costs just £2 to take part and everyone will have the chance to win up to 3 eggs. Why not come on down and join the fun.

Also, there is a reminder that applications for Carnival Stalls are now open, and there is still nearly a month to go to enter the Programme Cover competition or apply to be part of the Carnival Court (which is open to anyone aged 8 years or over on September 15<sup>th</sup> this year).

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, supported by the Parish Council, has met a number of times recently. They are in the process of turning the evidence gained from last year's survey into policies that will form part of the legal framework that developers have to follow in order to build in Bishopstoke. Working with consultants Plan-et, the Group will soon be in a position to examine our draft policies and from that build the skeleton of a Neighbourhood Plan.

More consultation will follow as we refine what the Plan looks like, so keep an eye out on the Neighbourhood Plan website, [www.bishopstokenp.org](http://www.bishopstokenp.org), for more information and meeting dates. We are still looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of the work involved, from joining the meetings and sharing

your thoughts to helping deliver surveys. Any help would be gratefully received. Anyone interested in helping should contact the Clerk at [clerk@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:clerk@bishopstokepc.org).

### **Police Beat Surgery**

The current run of Beat Surgeries has come to an end. More dates are being agreed and will be confirmed as soon as we know them.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 23 April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke. For all other meeting details and information please visit the Parish website.**

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