



Bishopstoke Parish Council

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Chair of the Parish Council

Councillor Ray Dean was re-elected for another year as the Chair of Bishopstoke Parish Council. Councillor Louise Hillier-Wheal was elected to serve as the Vice Chair for the year.

Audit

Bishopstoke Parish Council has now had its final internal audit for the year ending 31st March 2022. There were no problems affecting the Council's finances reported by the internal auditor and at the Parish Council meeting on May 10th the Council approved both the finances for the year and the completion and signing of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return which goes to the external auditor. For full details of the audit process and results of the past few years, please go to the Council website at www.bishopstokepc.org.

Glebe Meadow Project

Bishopstoke Parish Council is planning for the redevelopment of Glebe Meadow. This will include a brand-new Memorial Hall, a new play area, a wheels park and areas for picnics and just enjoying the fresh air. Once the initial plans are complete there will be a public consultation to gather the opinions of Bishopstoke residents and they will be fed back before the final plans are drawn up. Keep an eye out on the Parish noticeboards and the newsletter for more information.

Blackberry Drive Open Space

Blackberry Drive play area is having a number of repairs and improvements made to it. The BMX Track has already been restored and the play area itself is getting several pieces of new equipment. Central to this will be a new 4-tower 2-slide climbing frame going in the middle of the area. There will also be a new picnic area between the play area and the BMX track, and some more benches around the open space.

Defibrillators

The Parish Council is working with the Bishopstoke Community Fund to install five new defibrillators around Bishopstoke. The locations include Bishopstoke Methodist Church, the Bishopstoke Community Centre, the Lloyds Pharmacy at Stokewood and Underwood Road allotments, with the final location still to be decided. They will all be suitable for use on both adults and children and whilst we hope they will never be needed we are pleased to be involved with this important work.

Jubilee celebrations

The first event of Bishopstoke Carnival is taking place on Friday 3rd June at Blackberry Drive to help celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. We are hosting a Jubilee picnic so please bring your family and your lunch and join us there from Noon until 3pm. There will also be music, old school sports day events including the sack race and the egg and spoon race, and an ice cream van. As part of the Jubilee year we are also installing four Jubilee benches on the footpath around the Strawberry Mead estate and we hope to officially open the Jubilee Walk on the 3rd.

Bishopstoke Carnival

Also coming as part of Bishopstoke Carnival will be our attendance at pub quizzes throughout the Summer. Keep an eye out on the noticeboards to find out which quizzes our crack team will be attending and see if you can beat them. August will bring a scavenger hunt on Glebe Meadow, suitable for children of all ages. Flyers will be sent out through local schools and placed in local shops giving details of how to enter.

Finally in September Bishopstoke Carnival itself will be held on Sunday September 11th. The usual Saturday events of the River Float competition and the Duck Races will now be held on Sunday morning and will be followed by the parade and then all the fun and games usually associated with Glebe Meadow in the afternoon.

We could always use more volunteers so if you think you might be able to help out in any way at all, large or small, please contact the clerk via the email address below, or visit the Carnival pages on Facebook or the Parish Council website for more information about the support we need.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th July at 7.30pm.
It will take place at the Bishopstoke Methodist Church.
For all other meeting details and information please visit the Parish website.**

*For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk: David Wheal by email: clerk@bishopstokepc.org
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