



Bishopstoke Parish Council

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Farewell to Cllr Toher

Councillor Sue Toher has been a Parish Councillor for Bishopstoke since 2002 and has been its Chair for the past 4 years. Sue is hanging up her Council badge this year and moving on to other challenges. All the Councillors and Officers at Bishopstoke Parish Council wish her well for the future. Her last official action will be presiding over the election of a new Chair at the Parish Council meeting on 18th May. Vice Chair Geoff Harris spoke for the whole Council at the last meeting in April, saying:

“Tonight *may* be the last Council meeting for some of us, but it *is* the last Full Council meeting for our Chair, Sue. She has been involved in the parish for many years taking an interest in all things village related. Sue has the respect from the community, and from the Councillors who have served alongside her both now, and in the past. She has been an inspiration to all Councillors regardless of party or belief. As Chair she has ruled fairly and wisely, using her abundant knowledge gained over many years to guide us. As this is the last Full Council meeting Sue will preside over, I would like to say on behalf of everyone here, and not here, thank you, we will miss you, but we wish you all the very best in whatever you choose to do.”

Glebe Meadow Sensory Garden

There have been a number of incidences of vandalism in Glebe Meadow sensory garden in recent weeks, with bricks being pulled up and scattered around as well as litter and other mess being left everywhere. The Parish Council is arranging for repairs to be made and is also going to update the planting in the area but would like to ask all residents to keep an eye out and report anything untoward they see to the Parish Council.

Blackberry Drive Anti-Social Behaviour

The area around Blackberry Drive and the Y-Zone have often been subjected to anti-social behaviour. The Parish Council has recently discussed this with local residents and a number of actions have been agreed. Some can be done solely by the Parish Council, such as installing a new seating area between the play area and the bike track but others will need to be considered by the Borough Council. We would encourage all residents to report any incidents they see to the police. If you believe a crime is actually taking place please call 999. If you wish to report anti-social behaviour please use 101.

Grants to Bishopstoke Women’s Institute and Victim Support

Bishopstoke Parish Council was pleased to be able to grant £202.66 to Bishopstoke Women’s Institute and £150 to Victim Support to help towards the work they are both doing in the local community. The money for the WI will buy new equipment to help with presentations; the money to Victim Support will buy a number of security items to help victims of crime feel safer in their own homes,

Scams

Please watch out for scams and cons. This can be people knocking at your door, calling you on the phone or contacting you by email. There are frequent reports of people receiving automated messages telling them they are about to be arrested for income tax fraud, or that you are about to receive a rebate. If in doubt, contact Trading Standards at their website: <https://www.tradingstandardscrime.org.uk/news/>

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 7.30pm. Due to Covid requirements it will take place at the Bishopstoke Community Centre. 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 or visit the Parish website at: www.bishopstokepc.org