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Chemical bans

Bishopstoke Parish Council has decided to ban the use of the chemical glyphosate on Parish owned land. Glyphosate is typically used in weedkillers and has been linked to health and safety concerns.

Carnival Grants

Bishopstoke Carnival is pleased to announce that it has granted £200 each to ARK Eastleigh, the Bishopstoke Community Association and the Legacy Festival.

Carnival 2019

The weather was wonderful for Carnival this year as the residents of Bishopstoke enjoyed a weekend of fun – starting with River Floats and Duck Races on Saturday, and then followed by the Parade and the Fete itself on Glebe Meadow on the Sunday. Several hundred people came to enjoy the Spitfire Band, Fair Oak Dogs Display Team, hula hooping from Earth Hoops and Fire, and a display by the Hawk Conservancy. Food and drink were provided by N M Catering (South) Ltd, run by long-term friend of Bishopstoke Carnival Nunzio Maresca, and by SteamTown, who also provided a band. We hope everyone will come back and join us again next year on the 12th and 13th September.

Tree Charter

Bishopstoke Parish Council is pleased to announce that it will be signing up to the Tree Charter, including the ten principles contained within it. We are hoping to take part in National Tree week later this year.

Climate Change Emergency

Following on from agreeing to Declare and Climate Change Emergency at our previous Parish Council meeting, the Councillors that will make up the Climate Change group are Cllr Winstanley, Cllr Tidridge, Cllr Brown and Cllr Dean. They are looking forward to the first meeting of the group and starting to get to work on Bishopstoke Parish Council's response to our changing climate.

Bishopstoke Memorial Hall

Bishosptoke Parish Council have now formally agreed that they will take over the Bishopstoke Memorial Hall on 1st January 2020, following a transition period from 1st October 2019. The running of the hall will gradually be handed over and the existing Committee will all be around to help things run smoothly. There are no plans to make any changes to the way the hall runs. The only noticeable change will be the phone number for bookings, which is now 02380 643428, and a new email which will be set up to run alongside it.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke. For all other meeting details and information please visit the Parish website.

For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk: David Wheal on 02380 643428; email: clerk@bishopstokepc.org or visit the Parish website at: www.bishopstokepc.org