

April 2024

New Parish Councillors

With elections in May Bishopstoke Parish Council is looking forward to a changing of the guard. Cllrs stepping down this year include Cllrs Ralph Candy, Anne Dean, Ray Dean, Dave Francis, Martin Lyon, Chris McKeone, Dermot McKeone, and Gin Tidridge.

We welcome some returning Cllrs and some new Cllrs to the Council: Cllrs Peter Brown and Trevor Mignot have previously served on Bishopstoke Parish Council, whereas Cllrs Ben Burcombe-Filer, Sid Dajani and Des Scott are all new to Bishopstoke. They join returning Cllrs Andrew Daly, Geoff Harris, Louise Hillier-Wheal, Mark Kirby, Andy Moore, Mike Thornton and Anne Winstanley.

Three seats are still unfilled and the Council is looking for Bishopstoke residents who would like to serve on the Parish Council to step forward and apply to be a Councillor. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk, David Wheal, or see the Parish website (www.bishopstokepc.org) for further details and an application form.

Accounts audit

The annual internal audit of accounts has been completed and once again Bishopstoke Parish Council has been given a clean bill of health. There is now a final stage where the accounts are sent to an external auditor for final checks and we expect the results back before the end of September.

And Finally . . .

The Annual Parish Assembly took place on April 23rd and included the usual speeches from the Chair of Bishopstoke Parish Council, Louise Hillier-Wheal on the activities of the Council over the past year and the Clerk on the finances of the Council. This year the Council had invited groups that have received grants over the year to come and let the Council know how the grant money had been used. There were presentations from the Bishopstoke & Fair Oak Street Pastors; Bishopstoke Methodist Church; MHA; and Disability Challengers. All present agreed the presentations were moving and showed how worthwhile the grants are.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm and will take place in Bishopstoke Methodist Church. For further details or information about anything the Parish Council does please visit the Parish website.

*For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk: David Wheal
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