

July 2024

Bishopstoke Carnival – Saturday 7th September 2024

We are delighted that a new group of volunteers have come on board to help put on Bishopstoke Carnival this year. Plans are moving forward quickly but there is still time for more people to sign up to help, either in the planning or on the day.

This year the Parade is back! Plans are being made for a walking parade for families and children's groups which will run from the bottom of Underwood Road, all the way along Hamilton Road and then through Portal Road to Glebe Meadow. For more information you can contact one of our new Carnival email addresses – parade@bishopstokecarnival.org.

Anyone thinking of providing a stall can get hold of the Meadow team by emailing fete@bishopstokecarnival.org. We are planning to open the Meadow earlier than usual, from 11am until 5pm

If you would like a chance to provide entertainment in the arena (between Noon and 4pm), you can contact entertainment@bishopstokecarnival.org and let them know what you can do.

Finally, if you would like to sponsor any part of Carnival, provide a raffle prize, or place an advert in our Carnival booklet, please get in touch with marketing@bishopstokecarnival.org.

One other thing to notice – this year Carnival is on a Saturday! We look forward to seeing you there!

New Councillors, Returning Chair

Following the elections in May there were a number of changes among the Councillors. You can find a full list of those elected on the Bishopstoke Parish Council website at www.bishopstokepc.org/councillors.

At the first meeting of the new Council Cllr Louise Hillier-Wheal was elected as Chair again, and Cllr Geoff Harris was also re-elected as Vice Chair. They are looking forward to working with the other Councillors and residents to drive a number of projects forward, including the installation of the War Memorial at Old St Mary's, the Glebe Meadow project, the new Memorial Hall and finally being able to take over the allotments and cemetery extension at Sewall Drive.

Two New Councillors

At the May elections only twelve candidates stood for Bishopstoke Parish Council and as there are fifteen spaces all of them were elected. The Council has been looking for suitable candidates to fill the vacancies and at the Council meeting on July 9th two new Councillors were appointed.

Bishopstoke's newest Councillors are Mr Gary Chaffey and Mr Stewart MacLachlan, both of whom will be formally taking their seats at the September meeting. The Council welcomes them both and is looking forward to working with them over the next few years.

Grounds Maintenance Contract 2025-28

After a lengthy tender process and having received eleven bids for the contract, Bishopstoke Parish Council decided at their meeting on July 9th to award the contract for the Open Space Grounds Maintenance for 2025-2028 to Green Smile Ltd. Green Smile have worked with the Council for a number of years now and are regularly praised for the work they do, particularly in Bishopstoke Cemetery and the closed churchyards. We look forward to working with them for another three years.

Parish Council Address

Following the forced closure of the Parish Office next to the Memorial Hall the Parish Council has set up a PO Box address for anyone who wishes to contact them. Please address any post to:

Bishopstoke Parish Council
BPC
PO Box 716
Eastleigh
SO50 0RQ

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10th September 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
by email: clerk@bishopstokepc.org
or visit the Parish website at: www.bishopstokepc.org*