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## **BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **PRESS RELEASE – MAY 2017**

#### **Bishopstoke Chair**

At the AGM of Bishopstoke Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Cllr Sue Toher was elected Chair for the year 2017-18. Cllr Gin Tidridge was elected as Vice-Chair. They are both looking forward to the coming year.

#### **Sayers Road Play Area**

The Parish Council is hoping to redevelop Sayers Road Play Area. With this in mind a number of companies were asked to provide ideas and plans. At the AGM the Council agreed to put designs from Vita Play Ltd, Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd and Sutcliffe Play Ltd to the public to see which design would be preferred. Local schools will be visited to get the opinion of the people who will be using the equipment, and we will also conduct a small consultation in the play area itself.

#### **Parish Council Grants**

Along with all the responsibilities that the Parish Council has, it is also able to give grants to local groups and organisations. Recently there have been two applications – the Guides Association of Bishopstoke, and the Stoke Park Infants Association. The Council was pleased to grant £350 to the Guides to enable them to buy equipment to help maintain their grounds so they can be used more regularly by the Guides, and also to give £1000 to the Infants Association to go towards the cost of revamping one of the play areas within the school to enhance the learning that goes on there.

#### **Bishopstoke Carnival - Parade**

Carnival this year is on the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> September and the theme is “Space”. The Carnival Committee has agreed this year that, as well as the duck trophies that were introduced last year, there will be cash prizes for the parade. The parade categories are: Children 11 and under; Children 12 and over (including mixed aged groups); and adults only. The winner in each section will receive £50, and the overall winner of Best In Show will receive a further £100. The winners in the Visiting Court section will receive a commemorative sash. So, if you fancy winning up to £150, why not have a go at the parade this year.

#### **Mole Control**

As ever, moles continue to be an issue for our rural Cemetery and some of our play areas. Recently, work on controlling the problem has taken place in the Cemetery itself, and in the play area on Church Road. If you spot a mole problem in any of the Parish Council’s open spaces please get in touch with the Clerk.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 20 June 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke.**

**The next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee is on Tuesday 6 June, again at 7:30pm in the Parish Office.**

**The Planning Committee has meetings coming up on Tuesday 23 May, 6 June and 20 June. Planning meetings start at 7:00pm in the Parish Office, but the doors are open from 6:45pm for anyone that wishes to view the applications being discussed.**

**Members of the public are welcome to attend any meeting of the Parish Council, Finance & General Purposes Committee or Planning Committee.**

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