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Glebe Meadow Working Group

Following the Council meeting in July the Bishopstoke Memorial Hall Working Group has had extra responsibilities added and has become the Glebe Meadow Working Group. There are a number of exciting projects happening in Glebe Meadow over the next few years and the Council felt it would be appropriate to tie the new Memorial Hall into that programme. The group will also be working on a new toddler play area, a new skate park, moving the War Memorial, upgrading and moving the sensory garden, and looking at the various paths, entrances, bins and benches around the Meadow.

Eastleigh Local Plan

Bishopstoke Parish Council notes the modified Borough Council Local Plan and welcomes the removal from the Plan of the Strategic Growth Option to the north of Bishopstoke.

Bishopstoke Memorial Hall

With much sadness, Bishopstoke Parish Council has decided that it is not possible to justify the repairs that are now needed to keep the Memorial Hall open. This is mainly because of the anticipated new Hall that we are hoping will be built over the coming years. There is already a commitment of funding for the new Hall from the Borough Council of over £1 million pounds, and the Parish Council is hoping to fund the rest of the cost through grants.

Bishopstoke Carnival 2021

Sadly, the Bishopstoke Carnival Group have decided to cancel the Bishopstoke Carnival for a second year. It was decided that it would be too risky with the uncertainty over the coronavirus, and the group felt it would be better to concentrate their efforts on making 2022 a great year for the Carnival.

Consultation Response – Local Plan Supplementary Planning Document on Trees

As part of the modifications to the Local Plan, the Borough Council has updated and consulted upon the Trees Supplementary Planning Document. The Parish Council response to the consultation can be found on the Parish website.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 7.30pm. It will take place at the Bishopstoke Methodist Church. For all other meeting details and information please visit the Parish website.

For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk: David Wheal by email: <u>clerk@bishopstokepc.org</u> or visit the Parish website at: <u>www.bishopstokepc.org</u>