



# Bishopstoke Parish Council Newsletter

August 2021

*The Newsletter from Bishopstoke Parish Council for Bishopstoke residents  
with news of the Parish Council, local voluntary organisations and residents*

## Elections 2021



**Cllr Ray Dean**  
Chair of Bishopstoke  
Parish Council



**Cllr Dave Francis**  
Vice Chair of Bishopstoke  
Parish Council

In May the Parish Council elected Ray Dean as Chair for the current year. Ray is also an Eastleigh Borough Councillor representing Bishopstoke. During his term he has 3 priorities: encouraging community engagement, supporting health and well-being, and protecting and improving the environment, including areas managed by the Parish.

Dave Francis has been elected as Vice-Chair. He is also a new Councillor, although he has many years of experience in working for Local Government in Suffolk, Dorset and Hampshire. Dave's priorities for his term are project delivery and local measures to address climate change.

### Carnival Update

Sadly, for the second year in a row, the decision has been taken to not hold Bishopstoke Carnival. The Carnival Group felt that the risks were too great and that it would be far better to make Carnival 2022 as good as possible.

Planning has already started but there is always room for willing volunteers: whether you are able to join the main planning group, focus your help on one event in particular, or just turn up on the day and be of use everyone is welcome!

Email [carnival@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:carnival@bishopstokepc.org) for more information.

### BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

You can call us on 023 80643428 or find us on [www.bishopstokepc.org](http://www.bishopstokepc.org). We're also on Facebook. The Parish Office is next to the Memorial Hall, Riverside and is normally staffed from **Mon – Fri, 09:30-12:00**

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# Your Local Council

## Full list of Councillors



Cllr Ray Dean – [ray.dean@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:ray.dean@bishopstokepc.org)

Ray is Chair of the Council, and also on the Finance Committee, the Assets Committee, the Glebe Meadow Working Group and the Village Trails Working Group. Ray is also one of the Borough Councillors for Bishopstoke.

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Cllr Dave Francis – [dave.francis@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:dave.francis@bishopstokepc.org)

Dave is the Vice Chair of the Council, and also on the Assets Committee, the Planning Committee and the Communications Working Group.

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Cllr Ralph Candy – [ralph.candy@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:ralph.candy@bishopstokepc.org)

Ralph is on the Planning Committee and the Glebe Meadow Working Group.

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Cllr Andrew Daly – [andrew.daly@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:andrew.daly@bishopstokepc.org)

Andrew is on the Planning Committee.

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Cllr Anne Dean – [anne.dean@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:anne.dean@bishopstokepc.org)

Anne is Chair of the Planning Committee, and is on the Glebe Meadow Working Group, the Village Trails Working Group and the Climate Change Working Group.

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Cllr Louise Hillier-Wheal – [louise.hillier-wheal@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:louise.hillier-wheal@bishopstokepc.org)

Louise is on the Planning Committee, and is also on the Glebe Meadow Working Group, the Village Trails Working Group and the Carnival Group.

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Cllr Susan Lynch – [susan.lynch@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:susan.lynch@bishopstokepc.org)

Sue is on the Village Trails Working Group.

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Cllr Martin Lyon – [martin.lyon@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:martin.lyon@bishopstokepc.org)

Martin will soon be training to be the Council's tree warden.

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Cllr Chris McKeone – [chris.mckeone@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:chris.mckeone@bishopstokepc.org)

Chris is on the Planning Committee, and is also on the Glebe Meadow Working Group and the Village Trails Working Group.

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Cllr Dermot McKeone – [dermot.mckeone@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:dermot.mckeone@bishopstokepc.org)

Dermot is on the Assets Committee and the Communications Working Group.

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## Full list of Councillors (cont.)



Cllr Andy Moore – [andy.moore@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:andy.moore@bishopstokepc.org)

Andy is on the Planning Committee.

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Cllr Lou Parker-Jones – [louise.parker-jones@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:louise.parker-jones@bishopstokepc.org)

Lou is on the Finance Committee. Additionally Lou is one of the Borough Councillors for Bishopstoke and is also the local Hampshire County Councillor.

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Cllr Mike Thornton – [mike.thornton@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:mike.thornton@bishopstokepc.org)

Mike is on the Finance Committee and also the Climate Working Group.

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Cllr Gin Tidridge – [gin.tidridge@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:gin.tidridge@bishopstokepc.org)

Gin is on the Finance and Assets Committees, and is also on the Glebe Meadow Working Group, the Village Trails Working Group and the Climate Working Group. Gin is also one of the Borough Councillors for Bishopstoke.

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Cllr Anne Winstanley – [anne.winstanley@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:anne.winstanley@bishopstokepc.org)

Anne is on the Finance and Assets Committees, and is also on the Communications Working Group, the Glebe Meadow Working Group, the Climate Working Group and the Carnival Group.

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## Other News

### New Allotments

For some time now the Parish Council has been waiting for two new allotment sites being provided as part of the developments by the Cemetery and off Bow Lake Gardens. We hope that Bow Lake Gardens could be with us by this Autumn and as soon as we have confirmation we will contact everyone on the waiting list to let them know. Progress has been slower at the Sewall Drive site, but we are hoping for good news soon.

### Travel Tokens

If you, or someone you know, doesn't have access to a family car, and struggles to use the bus service (either because they can't get on the bus or simply because the bus stop is too far away) you might be eligible for Travel Tokens. Each token is worth £1 towards the cost of a ride with One Community's Dial-a-ride, the Bishopstoke and Fair Oak Good Neighbours, and some local taxi firms. To apply, please contact the Clerk on 02380 643428 or send an email to [tokens@bishopstokepc.org](mailto:tokens@bishopstokepc.org).

# A New Village Hall

Exciting plans are taking shape for a new village hall that will come to fruition over the coming years, and your councillors have been busy looking at various options concerning layout and orientation. The Borough Council has agreed to contribute well over £1m towards this and we are working hard to get grants for the balance needed.

The current Memorial Hall is in very poor shape, and is uninsurable. Reluctantly, the decision has therefore been taken to demolish the existing hall to make way for the new one. This does mean however that the Council will be able to look afresh at the whole Glebe Meadow area and offer a range of facilities for the village that residents can be really proud of.

In addition to the planned new Memorial Hall, Glebe Meadow will see a number of other changes in the next few years. These include a new toddler play area, a new skate park, moving the War Memorial, a new sensory garden and a new entrance at Portal Road.

With the creation of the Glebe Meadow Working Group, Bishopstoke Parish Council has brought together the various projects that are planned for the Meadow under one banner. It is an exciting time for the Meadow and we are looking forward to providing a space that can be enjoyed by all members of our local community. More information will follow here, on the website and on Facebook. Watch this space!

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## Local Plan

Eastleigh Borough Council has recently consulted on its proposed local plan modifications following the Government Inspector's inquiry. The modifications include the removal of the policies and text referring to the building of two new settlements north of Bishopstoke and Fair Oak, which is in line with the Parish Councils' objection to this part of the plan. There is likely to be an early review of the plan to address any shortfall in housing delivery. Keep an eye on the Borough Council website, [www.eastleigh.gov.uk](http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk), for the consultation results.

### **BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Parish Council and its Committees are currently taking place at the Bishopstoke Methodist Church on Sedgwick Road. More details about the meetings can be found on our website, [www.bishopstokepc.org](http://www.bishopstokepc.org).

**FULL COUNCIL: September 14<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**ASSETS COMMITTEE: September 28<sup>th</sup>, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: October 12<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE: October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE: Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.**