

Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish Council – Newsletter from May meetings.

The June ESBG Parish Council meetings took place on 12th June at 7.30pm at Bishops Green Village Hall. There was a full agenda as usual!

One of the first things discussed was the website. Those who look at the website with any regularity will have seen that it is in need of a re-vamp, although we do keep it up to date! We are starting the process of changing and updating the website. This will take a little while, but we are hoping will be worth it as we should end up with a much smarter, user-friendly website. We do need some up-to-date photos of the local area so if you have any you are happy to be published, please do send them to the clerk, Sarah, on clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk. We'd be very grateful!

You may have noticed tree works being carried out behind Ecchinswell Village Hall recently. If you recall, ESBG PC have reported that they are instigating a tree survey and maintenance work to be carried out to ensure all the trees on parish land are safe and healthy. This is the first full stage of these works, which will carry on into the pond area and around the allotments. It's great to know the trees and area around them is being looked after for both environmental concerns and also safety.

The pond continues to have azolla despite the weevils best efforts. We have sought advise and are on the waiting list for more weevils, which will hopefully be delivered later this summer. The weevils should eradicate the azolla this time. The pond is a wonderful part of the parish and we are endeavouring to keep it has healthy as possible.

The potholes throughout the parish continue to be a problem. ESBG PC are planning to carry out a 'pothole audit' over the summer and make a detailed map to send to Hampshire County Council (HCC) with what we propose to be a complete overview of the current situation. If you know of any potholes, please do send their measurements and position to the clerk at the below email. Also, if you have already reported potholes directly to HCC then please can you send the clerk the report number, so we have a detailed list of what has and hasn't already been notified. It will be great and hopefully beneficial to give HCC a very exact map of the problem!

And finally, good news in that Bishops Green Community Association is working hard at the village hall in Bishops Green and we can report there is a new pre-school starting in September, and the Youth Club has restarted. Both very positive steps.

If you have any questions or want further information on any of the items above, please either contact Mark Stamp the Chair (cllrstamp.esbg@outlook.com) or Sarah Jones the Clerk (clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk)

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