



BISHOPTON PARISH NEWS April 2016



BISHOPTON PARISH COUNCIL Annual Litterpick & Village Green Tidy-Up REMINDER

Sunday 24th April 2016 at 10.30am

Meet Outside Village Hall

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

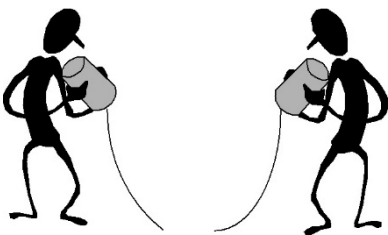
You are invited to the **Annual Parish Meeting** that will be held on **Wednesday 18th May 2016** in **Bishopton Village Hall** at **6.30 pm**. This gives residents the opportunity to raise any issues with Bishopton Parish Council and to hear about the work that has gone on over the last year.

Matters to be covered will include: Proposed Children's Play Area, Update on Traffic Control Monitoring, Parking Issues Community Heating Oil Purchasing Group, Bus Services, Queen's 90th Birthday and DBC's Changes to Grass Cutting.

If there is anything that you would particularly like to be discussed please can you contact the Parish Clerk [contact details below] at least one week before the meeting so that it can be placed on the agenda.

We look forward to seeing you.

COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS..



From time to time there is a need for the Parish Council to communicate information to residents.

Such information can include: Consultation on Parish Council Policy; Consultation on the level of Precept; Notices of working parties such as the annual Village Litterpick and tidy up; Notices regarding other issues such as speeding traffic, parking, dog fouling, wheelie bins, buses etc.; Notices of meetings such as the Annual Parish Meeting and Information from other organisations of general interest to residents.

Traditional communication methods included: Parish Notice Board; The website; Notices in the Parish News & Flyers. However, more recently, a number of residents have agreed to provide email addresses so that the above information can be sent directly to them.

We are now inviting additional residents to supply their **email addresses** to further improve communication. This will allow us to pass on information that may be of interest to them much quicker and in a format that many people are now used to.

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If you wish to be included in email circulars please provide the following information via the email address below to the Parish Clerk [contact details below].

- Your email address
 - your name,
 - your postal address (so that we can remove you from flyer distribution lists)
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Councillor Needed

If you are a resident of Bishopton Parish, would you consider becoming a Parish Councillor?

Main purpose: Representing the views of all residents within your parish.

Secondary purpose:

- As part of a local council you will have responsibility for looking after the Village Green and open areas.
- Deciding on how much to raise through the council tax in order to deliver your council's services.
- Influencing and shaping the long term development policy for the parish, and as part of the planning process, comment on planning applications in the parish.
- Improve the quality of life and the environment in their local area.
- Working to identify issues which are important to the lives of the residents you represent.
- Working to bring about improvements through local projects, lobbying other service providers and working in partnership with other parishes and agencies.

If you are interested, please submit a written application to the Parish Clerk [contact details below]. This can be by email or by posting a letter in the post box to the left of the entrance to the Village Hall. The application must include your name, address, telephone number and email address [if applicable] together with brief details of your personal background and giving reasons why you wish to become a Parish Councillor and what you can bring to the post.



HEATING OIL SUPPLY



The Parish Council has been asked to look into the possibility of setting up a Heating Oil Buying Group with the intention of saving money on such purchases.

Preliminary enquiries have been made and it is clear that such an opportunity exists. In order to establish the amount of interest in such a venture it would be helpful if residents could inform the Parish Clerk of their interest [see contact details below]. It is emphasised that those that take part will always be free to seek out their own alternative supplier at any one time.



CHILDRENS PLAY AREA

BPC are looking into the possibility of leasing an area of land to be used for the children of the parish as a play area. The lack of this facility has been a concern for residents for many years and we hope to have further details for you at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Contact Information for Parish Clerk – David Thorman.

Phone: 07713 193695 or 01740 630309; Email: parishclerk@bishoptonvillage.co.uk, or drop note in Parish letterbox to the left of the Village Hall front door.