



BISHOPTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

December 2024

The Parish Council wishes everyone in the village and surrounding area the very best for Christmas and the Festive Season. A particularly warm welcome to those who have moved into the village during the year.

We hope you all have the happiest of times and a prosperous 2025.

Councillor Norman Melaney,
Chairman of Bishopton Parish Council



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Wednesday 18th December from 6.30pm

Around the Christmas Tree on the Village Green

Accompanied by the Fishburn Brass Band



Complementary mulled wine, mince pies & festive refreshments
will be served in the Village Hall after the event

Everybody welcome!

PARISH PRECEPT

The Parish Council is responsible for the wellbeing of the village and receives a small precept (addition to Council Tax) to meet our obligations. These include:

- Upkeep of the Village Green including leaves, trees, parking, manholes, etc.
- Upkeep of playground and surrounding area
- Formal consultation on planning applications
- Village Events including Remembrance Day & Christmas Carols
- Community defibrillators
- WiFi in the Village Hall
- Speed monitoring through the village
- 12 public Parish Council meetings

To meet these commitments the Parish Council proposes to increase the precept by under 1.5% which is well below the inflation rate and means around £1 increase for most in the Parish.

The detailed increase for the various valuation bands per annum, if approved, will be:

COUNCIL TAX BAND

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
56p	66p	75p	84p	£1.03	£1.23	£1.42	£1.70

The Parish Council is obliged to undertake this review each year in December.

PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

We have found that the issue that concerns residents most is parking. When Parish Councillors receive complaints we ensure they are forwarded to the Police on 101 or more usually Darlington Council Enforcement Team at enforcement@darlington.org.uk, Tel: 01325 406999. Photographic evidence to support your complaints is also used and we try to ensure those causing the problems are aware.

THE VILLAGE GREEN

The Parish Council has responsibility for the use and maintenance of the Village Green. The policy of this is currently being updated to give an accurate map of The Green, parking and footpaths to give clarity.

Ongoing maintenance is a regular agenda item at Parish Council meetings especially how best to use our funds to ensure The Green is maintained to the best possible standard.

The full Village Green Policy will be posted on the website when the update is completed.

BISHOPTON VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is an independent charity run by volunteers. The Hall can be booked through the website where all contact details are available.

Please note:

All are welcome to the monthly Coffee Morning (1st Friday) although this will not be open in January due to refurbishment of the kitchen.

FLOODING

The Parish Council recently had a presentation from The Environment Agency (EA) about flooding. They wanted to be clear that the flooding of roads is the responsibility of Highways Dept. in the local authority and should be reported there – the EA deals with rivers. Full details are posted on the website.

BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

There are currently four Parish Councillors and three vacancies. The commitment is a monthly meeting and a willingness to help sustain Bishopton as a pleasant place to live and work. Parish Councillors care and are prepared to do something about it. Does that sound like you?

Open to all who live in the village and are over 18 years. If interested contact the Chairman, Norman Melaney, or Clerk, Steve Rose

BIG THANKS....

The Parish Council is very grateful to everyone who has helped with the upkeep of the village – sweepers, leaf gatherers and litter pickers we salute you



Contact details:

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