

Bishop's Itchington
ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING
2019



Welcome to the 2019 annual village meeting. This is a chance to look back on the past year, to celebrate our achievements as a community and discuss any current issues. We hope you will take the opportunity to stay for refreshments after the meeting and to chat with your neighbours and local councillors.

**Bishop's Itchington Annual Village Meeting
29 April 2019 at 7.30pm**

AGENDA

1. Harbury e-Wheels - a presentation by Hugh Tottle
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the annual village meeting held on 30 April 2018
4. Parish council annual report for the year ended 31 March 2019
5. Parish council financial report for the year ended 31 March 2019
6. Reports from village organisations
7. Reports from county and district councillors
8. Questions and answers session
9. Close of meeting and refreshments

Minutes of Bishop's Itchington Annual Village Meeting
30 April 2018 at 7.30pm
Bishop's Itchington Memorial Hall

Present

Cllr Dugmore (Chairman of BIPC)	Cllr Wilson	Cllr Christian-Carter
Cllr Holmes	Cllr Heatley	Cllr Kettle
Cllr Warner	Cllr Mann	

County Cllr Stevens
Alison Biddle (Parish Clerk)
26 Members of the public

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Dugmore who welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. Apologies

Pam Reason; Simon Tagg-Wilkinson; Michelle Turena

2. Minutes of the Annual Village Meeting 24 April 2017

It was agreed (proposed by Jane Thomas, seconded by Carolyn Went) to accept the minutes of the annual village meeting held on 24 April 2017 as a true and complete record of that meeting.

3. Bishop's Itchington PC Annual Report Year Ended 31 March 2018

Cllr Dugmore gave a summary of the works and projects completed by the parish council during the last year. There are still some challenges to overcome, e.g. the new surgery has yet to be delivered. The parish council has been very active on planning issues. It objected to the reserved matters application by Bovis Homes for the development in Knightcote Road which was subsequently refused by SDC. The council has also obtained its own planning permission for the new sports pavilion. Thanks were expressed to the very enthusiastic working party. The community speed watch group needs more volunteers and residents were encouraged to get in touch. The community grants fund is available again this year. Over the last 12 months, grants have been paid to the scouts, the memorial hall, the community centre and the transport scheme overseen by Southam TC to attend medical appointments. Cllr Dugmore thanked all councillors and staff, in particular those who manage the cemetery and keep the play area safe and also the parish clerk, Alison Biddle.

4. Parish Council Financial Report 2017/18

Cllr Kettle is the chairman of the parish council's finance group. During the last year, the council has moved to an electronic accounting system and also electronic banking. This has brought the PC into the 21st century and also makes the clerk's life easier. Bishop's Itchington is a large parish and has a lot of responsibilities which includes managing public open space, grounds maintenance of the cemetery and playing field as well as dealing with concerns raised by residents. What does the PC spend £84,000 on? The parish council goes through a detailed budgeting process every year with every expenditure itemised. The budget also includes a grants fund for local organisations and support for the BI Neighbourhood development Plan which is a fundamentally important document for the village. Once the NDP is approved, the parish council

will receive 25% of the community infrastructure levy on all new developments. The council also has reserves to cover any shortfall and include money set aside for the building of a new parish office. If it turns out that this money is no longer needed, it can be diverted to another project. It is important to note that all the money raised from local residents through the parish council rate in the council tax is spent here, in the parish of Bishop's Itchington.

Members of the public raised the following questions:

Whose responsibility is it to remove rubbish/litter on roads in the parish?

This is shared between WCC Highways and SDC depending on whether it is fly tipping or general litter in the village. The PC also has a litter warden who collects litter on and around the shops and parish council land.

5. Reports from Village Organisations

Several organisations had submitted written reports which were included in the printed booklet. Verbal reports were received as follows:

Pavilion Group

Sports activities are really important for everyone, including the younger members of the community. Plans for the new pavilion are on display tonight. The group has been talking to architects and getting some estimates. The project will be carried out in 4 stages as outlined in the written report in the booklet. There is currently £130k towards the £350 to £400k budget and the group is fairly confident of keeping within this amount. Approximately 100 people per week use the current pavilion throughout the football season plus a few tennis people. A new facility would attract more users. Anyone who would like to join the group is welcome.

BIFC

This season has been very successful with 3 league cups being won. The club received a round of applause.

Memorial Hall

The memorial hall is an historic village building but its age means that it eats electricity and has poor insulation. The original design for the building included the facility to show films. Recently a new projector and sound system has been bought and regular film nights are being run. The biggest event last year was the scarecrow trail and this year it is being run again over the same weekend as the produce show. Approximately £80k is needed to refurbish the hall. A recent user group survey has shown that most users want to keep the large space of the main hall but make it more eco –friendly. A new heating system and electrics are needed as well as new men's toilets. Hopefully, these improvements will make the hall cheaper to run and a more pleasant space for hirers. Armistice Day is on a Sunday this year and the committee would like people to provide a display or picture of their idea of armistice in the centenary year of the end of WW1.

BI Community Project

The project is run entirely by volunteers. The youth club is funded at the moment but various fund raising events continue. A pop up post office might be provided by the Post Office in due course.

Football session will be starting again soon. A question was raised re the lease. This is legally very complicated. The head lease between Royal British Legion and Follett expires in 2036.

Scene

The increasing size of the village means that the committee won't be able to continue delivery of the magazine into the future as the costs will be too high. A plea was made for more "news" in the parish council report. A copy of Scene is now available in Harbury Library and a copy of Harbury & Ladbrooke News is available in the surgery.

WI

The group currently has 54 members. This year there have been trips to the BBC, the Houses of Parliament, Bath and a gin distillery. The group helped with the "make and bake" show and ran a bottle stall at last year's carnival. The ukulele group is very successful.

Men's Shed

This group has been going for 6 months. They meet at the old mushroom farm and are open to request for help with any community project but in particular can help with metal work and woodwork. Ladies are welcome to join as well as men!

Carnival

There is no carnival this year but there will still be a remembrance tree at Christmas. A decision needs to be made about the future of the carnival. At least £4,000 is needed to fund the evening events in the centre of the village. There is still some money left in the account and if there are no more carnivals, this will be passed to another organisation to run a fun event in the village. The annual bike ride might continue but funds raised will be donated to a good cause.

Mother & Toddlers

There are about 25 children plus parents and grandparents. The use of the memorial hall is invaluable. Thanks were expressed to the hall committee and the Scene for the regular "slot". The group hopes to organise a photographer nearer to Father's Day.

6. Reports from County & District Councillors

WCC

Cllr Stevens had provided a comprehensive written report which was included in the booklet. However, he highlighted the budget for adult care and the safeguarding of children. He also mentioned the good standing of Southam College.

SDC

Cllr Kettle explained that there are 4,000 electors in his "patch". The district council deals with planning applications, environmental services and housing issues.

Planning is one of the most emotive areas for the village. SDC has produced a local plan which contains 25 policies and the district council needs to make sure that new developments comply with these policies. The recent application to vary the conditions attached to the planning permission for energy storage batteries at the cemetery was refused.

The provision of a new surgery is not going smoothly. The CCG acknowledges that the current surgery is not ideal but their overall aim is to provide health centres in locations serving more people so they are not keen to support a new surgery in Bishop's Itchington.

The long awaited footpath linking the Cala development to the centre of the village has recently been built but to the wrong plans and SDC has asked them to re-build it.

The provision of rural broadband is poor. However, BT has agreed to provide an extra cabinet in this village in approximately 12 months time. SDC had budgeted for a wireless network next year.

7. Question & Answer Session

Parish Council Meetings

It was noted that only matters on the agenda should be raised during the public forum and that only 15 minutes is set aside for this. Can the time be extended? Cllr Dugmore explained that the PC had a lot of business to work through and therefore the public forum had to be time managed. If someone has a question or concern to raise with the parish council they should contact the clerk in the first instance. If this does not resolve the matter, it can be included on the next agenda.

Potholes

What can be done about the condition of the roads? WCC has just received a government grant for pothole repairs.

Parish Boundary Change

Has this progressed and what effect will this have on Sec 106 funds? The boundary change has been approved and will take effect from May 2019. The Sec 106 funding in respect of the cement works site was agreed 2 years ago and therefore it is expected that this will still stand and the majority of the funds will go to Harbury. As part of the agreement, Bishop's Itchington was to be given a new surgery. It can't be helped if the CCG doesn't support the surgery and as a result it does not go ahead.

Affordable Homes

It was noted that the developer is providing fewer affordable homes than the usual policy requirement. This is because it is a brown field site which costs more to develop. The developers had provided a feasibility study to support their case. Cllr Kettle had asked for changes to be made and a long negotiation had followed. SDC has now introduced a new policy whereby such studies are reviewed by professionals in that field and not planning officers.

Outdoor Gym Equipment

Can BISA consider helping to fund this equipment? It is on the next agenda for discussion.

8. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....



Bishop's Itchington Parish Council Chairman's Review of 2018/19

Last year marked the centenary of the armistice, which brought fighting to an end in the First World War. The village's response to this was fantastic, with many events and tributes taking place to the memory of those lost in conflict and, this year especially, those lost during 1914-1918.

So what has the parish council been doing for the last 12 months?

We've now had our traffic calming for a year and everyone has had the chance to adapt their driving habits around it. While not everyone's ideal, it has had a measurable effect on traffic speeds and, late last year, we conducted traffic surveys which show mean speeds reduced at most locations. Things have improved, but the data shows there are still people ignoring the speed limits in the village and driving in an inappropriate manner.

Speaking of our local roads, we've had a couple of closures on Station Road, prompting heavy traffic down Ladbroke Road. With work at the 'Bishop's Hill' development ongoing and further HS2 activity due, we will be keeping an eye on what's happening. Please raise any direct concerns about dangerous driving to the police, but keep us up to date so we can understand the scale of any problems.

The pavilion working group is making progress and now has the services of an experienced project and funding co-ordinator. Please get behind them as they work towards their fundraising targets and ask for your input with pavilion user surveys.

You may have seen that the parish council has now moved its office into the village. Finally, you can drop in with your queries without having to go to Southam! We are really pleased to have the office and Alison in the heart of the village, and hope to see and hear from more of you in the near future.

This year's annual meeting coincides with parish and district council elections. Unfortunately, only six people stood for nomination, which creates some problems for the new council as a whole and may restrict the things it can do. We have four seats to fill by co-option so if you'd like to know more about becoming a parish councillor, please get in touch with Alison.

I would like to round up with a few thank yous:

To all our councillors - those standing for the next term and those who have chosen to step down - thank you for your service over the past and forthcoming few years.

To the staff at the council, Valerie, Christian, Jools and Alison, thank you for your diligent and hard work.

Finally, but in no particular order, thank you to the members of the working parties and community groups who do so much to make Bishop's Itchington the village that it is.

Cllr Adam Dugmore, Chairman

Environment & Properties Group

The 'Environment and Properties Working Group' is responsible for much that many of us take for granted in the village: from the cemetery and churchyard, to the playing field and children's play area (and many points in between) all fall within this working group's remit.

In 2018/2019, three facilities are worthy of mention – the cemetery, litter bins and notice boards:

Cemetery

Val Powell does a brilliant job as the cemetery manager and we are extremely fortunate to have her. Managing the cemetery is no easy task, especially with the ongoing planning appeal to place additional energy storage containers even closer to the cemetery's boundary!

The separate Cemetery Working Group works closely with and supports Val as required. We pay close attention to the cemetery rules and recommend amendments and additions to these to the full parish council for the latter's consideration.



We are also supported by a 'Friends of the Cemetery' group, who undertake many essential jobs for us on a completely voluntary basis, including installing the new notice board at the entrance to the cemetery. We are indebted to this group for giving their time so freely and for all their hard work.

Litter Bins

In order to encourage people to respect their environment, it is essential to have sufficient litter bins placed in appropriate locations.

This past year has seen two inadequate and dilapidated bins replaced with new ones – one in the children’s play area and the other at the junction of Works Lane with Ladbroke Road.

Suitably sized litter bins are not cheap but their cost also includes the district council’s contractors emptying them on a weekly basis.



Notice Boards

When people started putting notices on the windows of the bus shelters, there was a need to find a more suitable alternative and Alison Biddle, our extremely hard-working and dedicated parish clerk, had just the answer – some public notice boards.

Harbury Parish Council has already gone down this route with some considerable success, so we decided to do the same. We used the same company that provided the new notice board in the cemetery, on the basis that they provided the best value for money, installing one at the junction of Ladbroke Road with Rupert Kettle Drive and the other by the post box at the top of Chapel Street where it faces Gaydon Road.



Whilst we encourage everyone to use these notice boards, it is important to point out that they are primarily for use by all village organisations and community groups. They are not for commercial use or private ads and we ask people not to use staple guns in order to preserve their longevity. Anyone ignoring our request, and there is a notice to this effect at the top of each board, will find their notices removed by some eagle-eyed parish councillors!

The Environment & Properties Working Group is always on the look-out for improving our village. So if you have any ideas or spot something that needs our attention, then please do let Alison Biddle or any parish councillor know. We will then see if it’s something we can provide or sort out for you.

Cllr Judith Christian-Carter
Environment & Properties Working Group

County Councillor's Report

Did you know that Coventry and Warwickshire are rated as one of the best economic performers in the country? Our economic output has increased from £17.2bn in 2009 to £26bn in 2017. The productivity has also increased by 25% in the same period and employment by 16.5%. No wonder then that people want to live in the county and that developers are having a field day.

Unfortunately as well as having a beneficial effect on our standard of living there is also the spin off of more housing, insufficient number of health facilities and utility provision as well as transport problems. It is these problems that the county council has been wrestling with over the past year at the same time as having to find savings as a result of government austerity policies.

The whole of last year has also been overshadowed by Brexit and HS2, (especially the associated road disruptions), and financial restraints. People ask me "What effect does Brexit have on local government?" Firstly, many major projects are funded by European money which will have to be found from other sources. This is particularly true of major highway and transport related projects. There is likely to be a shortage of workers to fill jobs in the construction industry, seasonal agricultural employment, care homes and hospitals. Many Bills reforming the way councils operate are being held up in Parliament in particular the adult care provision; the bill for local government funding and devolving of powers to local authorities including parishes. All this interferes with decision making and long term planning. There have been a large number of new houses built in and around the village. These have had a major disruptive effect on our roads and infrastructure and I hope that all presently planned building will be nearing completion by the end of the summer.

I cannot allow a summary of the year to pass without a mention of HS2. The early works contractors are reaching the end of their initial surveys although work is still on going in and around Wormleighton where trial pits are being dug. They are preparing to carry out further works in anticipation of the main contract being confirmed. This is not expected until the end of this year at the earliest. Their official start date for trains is now early 2027 –a year later than originally planned and they haven't started in earnest yet.

As schools vote to become academies so the county council's responsibility for education diminishes. Indeed the council is now only responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient "good" school places within the county for all children and that there is adequate provision of education for those with special educational needs. Over the past year, your primary school became an academy and joined the Stowe Valley Multi Academy Trust. Southam College also became an academy (there are only 2 secondary schools in Warwickshire which aren't) as part of Stowe Valley MAT. They are hoping to have completed a new sports hall by this time next year. Southam College is again oversubscribed and except for siblings of existing students they are not taking any pupils from outside the county.

The county council is also the fire authority and a recent fire service inspection using a revised set of standards found that the fire cover and prevention services were good but that the back office provision should improve. Recently there have been discussions with the West Midlands Fire Service to combine these services. This includes training and the recent proposals to build a

training ground in Southam have been shelved. The police station in Southam has now been sold to a sheltered housing provider and the police are located next to the library in Tithe Lodge. There is now a new, but permanent, police officer for the area.

Unfortunately, the council tax was increased again this year by 4.9% of which 2% was specifically ring-fenced to looking after the elderly. We are living longer and the cost of care continues to increase. The cost of children in care continues to rise as safeguarding standards are tightened. I am reliably informed that the council finances are in good health and we have sufficient unallocated reserves able to meet any envisaged contingencies. Capital spending is mainly on school expansion to meet the growing number of children and transport related projects, mainly road and more parkway type railway stations.

So what of the year ahead in the village? Traffic calming is a problem all over the county but here in Bishop's Itchington the problem is exacerbated by the number of people who either work at JLR or access the motorway. The recent traffic calming measures, mainly funded by developers, have improved the situation but are not universally popular and the mini roundabout at the junction with Plough Lane, although within specification, is not effective. A new head of highways starts soon and I shall be familiarising him with these concerns.

I hope your plans for a new pavilion take shape. It is an ambitious project and needs full support from the village if it is to reach a successful conclusion.

This is a great village to live in and I congratulate your parish council on the way they have supported the village over the past 4 years and I wish the new council every success over the next 4 years.

County Cllr Bob Stevens

District Councillor's Report

This has been a busy year for both the parish and district council.

As your district councillor, I have been heavily involved in the following:

Getting housing association landlords to carry out critical repairs for those living in affordable housing including: leaking roofs, damp, draughts, broken boilers and no hot water or heating, blocked or broken drains. It has been shocking how long some housing associations think it is acceptable for their tenants to wait for repairs.

I have worked directly with Orbit to prevent the sale of any more village centre bungalows. The regional director has agreed to carry out a full review of their disposal program following my intervention.

I have worked with the district council and developers to ensure developers are encouraged to deliver houses that the village need, rather than those they want to build.

I have led the campaign at SDC to get the health authorities (the Oxon CCG) in Oxfordshire to reconsider the closure of the consultant led maternity service at the Horton General Hospital in Banbury. The health minister supported our campaign and instructed the CCG to readdress the issue of consultant led services in Banbury.

We still have an appalling level of hi-speed broadband service in this ward. As a result of issues I have raised, SDC has now approached the government to look at an alternative way of delivering hi-speed broadband in the district. We are the only district in Warwickshire, one of five, who have challenged BDUK as to why our service is so poor in rural areas.

I am continuing to ensure that, when supported by WCC, developers make appropriate financial contributions to improve road safety. This October, as a result of the GLH development at Gaydon, WCC have now been given funds to improve the notoriously dangerous Harbury Lane/ Fosse Way junction.

When developers got permission for a significant development in another part of the ward, the application contained no contribution towards community facilities. Following my intervention, for a small increase in housing, the developer has offered to include a new community building for that village.

Subject to the election, I will continue to campaign for the residents of this ward.

District Cllr Chris Kettle

Reports from Village Organisations

Men's Shed

The Shed is a thriving village organisation, meeting at Brookside Farm every Wednesday and Friday evening from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. We welcome new members (men or women!). We have a newly-signed five-year lease for our Shed.

We have sought, and been awarded, a grant for the proper electrification of the Shed. We have had many donations of tools, paint, varnish, wood and bikes, to name but a few. We have been able to make more work benches, so there is space for everybody. Our members have been engaged on their own projects – mending household items, for example



- but have also been engaged in community projects:

- Repairing and renovating tables and chairs
- Refurbishing clocks, bikes and an old moped
- Making a photo frame from horse shoes
- Making a tea trolley for Ridgeway Special School
- Renovating the WI bench at the memorial hall
- Preparing notice-boards for the Scarecrow Festival
- Making planters out of pallets for Incredible Edible of Leamington, in conjunction with Bridgestone UK
- Assembling a storage shed for the mother and toddler group at the memorial hall
- Completing a model boat for the widow of a former member.

Gervald Frykman

Hon Secretary Bishop's Itchington Men's Shed (BIMS)

<https://menssheds.org.uk/>

Bishops Itchington Football Club

BIFC has been in existence for nearly 100 years. It currently sports three teams – two play on Saturday in the Banbury District & Lord Jersey League, the other team plays in the Leamington Sunday League.

After last season's successes, which included a clean sweep of all the Banbury League competitions, and losing both Saturday team managers, we wondered what this season would hold. However, we've come close again! The first team have won the Premier Division Championship, completing their League fixtures unbeaten. They are in the final of the Lord Jersey Cup and the Coronation Cup; and they are in the semi-final of the Banbury Charity Cup

The Sunday side have won their Division 1 cup beating Khalsa in the final 4-1. They are also in the final of the George Dutton Cup. This season they represent us in the final of the Byfield and Bethel Charity Cup and we hope they will retain that trophy. So hopefully, we will have a good amount of silverware at our end of season presentation evening!

This evening is usually very enjoyable and recognises individual efforts during the season. It reflects the good social side that the club has. Players and opposition usually come back to the Greaves Club after matches for food and a drink or two!

Running a football club is not cheap. We are lucky enough to be sponsored by various businesses – the Greaves Club, Mawsley Machinery, Bishops Fryer & Offie, ACS Scaffolding, Timms & Jones and MKM Building Supplies and BAXI Boilers and our match balls are sponsored by the Butcher's Arms. This sponsorship provides kits for each team, insurance, first aid and fees.

We play down on the playing field and use the pavilion facilities. These are courtesy of the parish council, to whom we are very grateful. We hope that we can help in the project to build a much needed new pavilion.

Our presentation evening this year will be on 1st June at the Hilton and anyone is welcome to join us. Tickets will be on sale soon. Come and support the best teams in the village!

Pam Reason, Secretary BIFC

Bishops Itchington Sports Association (BISA)

The BI Sports Association has been in existence for about twenty years and tries to identify the need for sports and leisure facilities in the village and raises funds to provide them.

Although the courts on the playing field (originally built by BISA) are now the responsibility of the parish council, BISA still run the day to day management of the courts, which are free for all villagers unless anyone or a group wishes to block book the courts or use the floodlights. This means that we can concentrate on helping to set up other sports and leisure facilities in the village.

In the past we have raised funds to set up short mat bowls, which has been very successful and is entirely self sufficient. Another group we were able to help set up was badminton and this group has gone from strength to strength with beginners, improvers and more accomplished players enjoying sessions on Wednesday evenings in the memorial hall. We hope this summer to replace the tape lines for painted ones, marking out the court, and allowing us to slightly increase the size of the court so that we could possibly play in a league or host matches against other clubs.

A project for the future to think about – outdoor gym equipment and/or a trim trail to be put in place on the playing field. A more immediate project with which we are involved is helping the pavilion group with raising funds to make the dream of a new pavilion into a reality.

Pam Reason, Secretary BISA

Friends of the Yellow Land & BING

This group meets up every other Sunday morning for a couple of hours to manage two natural areas in the village – the Yellow Land and the mini orchard in the corner of the playing field.

The Yellow Land is situated a short way down Works Lane and leads on to the old cement works spoil heaps. It was given to the village in the 1990s and was the subject of a joint project involving the parish council and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. It is an area of limestone grassland and wildflowers, which supports a colony of small blue butterflies – a rarity in Warwickshire.

The group works to maintain the area and prevent too much scrub regeneration, which would block out the sunlight required to allow the flowers and grasses to grow, supporting the butterflies and lots of other insects and bugs. There is a surfaced, circular path for people to walk round and enjoy the area. Several family events and guided walks are organised during the year – look for posters and information on the Facebook community page and in the school newsletter.

Several years ago the group were given permission from the parish council to clear an untidy and used corner of the playing field to turn into a small community orchard area. Nothing of great interest was found as the area was cleared and a small number of apple, pear and cherry trees were planted. In the last few years these have blossomed and borne fruit, which is available for people to pick and try when ripe.

This small, friendly group meets every other Sunday morning at 10.30am and finishes around 12.30pm. Tools and refreshments are supplied. Interested? Contact Pam on 613300 for more information or to find out where the next meeting will be.

Pam Reason, BING co-ordinator

Bishops Itchington Pavilion Project

If you have visited the playing field, you will see why we need a new pavilion. If you have ever seen inside the existing building, you will realise how desperately we need a new pavilion!

This project has been spluttering along for several years now but recent events mean that significant progress has been made. The pavilion group have been working with the parish council and planning permission was granted for a new pavilion, which would include changing facilities and showers for a variety of sports, together with a social area, which could be used for small group activities.

A huge leap forward was made recently when the parish council appointed Andrew Maliphant to oversee the fundraising and tendering process. This work is quite specialist and Andrew has plenty of experience in this field. Another step in the right direction was the setting up of a crowdfunding site. This enables anyone in the village or from elsewhere to donate money

towards the project. This fund is growing steadily. A large proportion of the total money needed will come from some of the new developments that are happening around the village.

Many funding bodies require proof of the necessity for new facilities, so the pavilion group is currently organising a survey, both paper and online, so that **everyone** can have their say about what is needed. The existing pavilion has been there for fifty years! We hope this new one will last as long so we need to get it right, so please help to do this by filling in the survey. We want the new pavilion to provide for as many different sports and leisure activities as possible.

Pam Reason, Pavilion Working Party

Memorial Hall

The memorial hall has had another busy year!

We continue to host a wide range of users groups covering the very broadest of ages using the hall for a variety of activities: bowls, badminton, dancing, yoga, W.I., Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts not to mention Crafty Cuppa and Darby and Joan. We thank all of our user groups for their continued support.

The hall is in need of refurbishment. The cost of doing what we would like to do from front to back of the hall is around £80k. That is a lot of money but when you consider the place in the history of the village that the hall has it should be looked at as an investment for the growing community of Bishops Itchington.

I write a report every year for the annual meeting and I tend to just look at the hall activities for fundraising. This year I am going to focus on the events that have been very community focussed and have enhanced community cohesion.

The scarecrow trail and make, bake and grow were combined in 2018. This was a great success. Working in partnership with the W.I. we hosted the event. The hall was filled with entries for the make, bake and grow. It was great to see so many people had taken the time to be part of the day in the hall and again fabulous to see so many people walking around the village following the scarecrow trail; thank you for all of those who took part or made time to walk around and see the amount of time and effort that had been made. This day was truly a village day.

Film nights are continuing to be a great success. We have our regular group of film goers and then others who join us for the films they fancy. When the building was constructed 1922 it was as a place for the community to gather and had equipment to show films.

The hall needs the support of the community to raise the funds required to modernise it. As a growing community we need to find ways to ensure that the people who are new to our village know what we have to offer and indeed how they can help us. We have tried really hard with our fund raising just £55k to go.

If you do have knowledge / expertise or just plain time to join us and help please put the 24th of June in your diary. It is our AGM and we are looking for new committee members.

Carolyn Went
Chair of Memorial Hall Committee



Record of Councillors' Attendance 2018/19

There were a total of 14 parish council meetings during the council year May 2018 to April 2019. These included 11 scheduled meetings of which 10 were ordinary meetings and 1 was the annual meeting of the parish council. There were 3 extraordinary meetings.

Councillor	Number of Scheduled Meetings Attended	Number of Extraordinary Meetings Attended	Total Number of Meetings Attended	Overall Percentage Attended
Cllr Adam Dugmore Chairman	11/11	3/3	14/14	100%
Cllr Judith Christian-Carter	11/11	3/3	14/14	100%
Cllr Alan Heatley, Vice-chairman	8/11	3/3	11/14	79%
Cllr Peter Holmes	9/11	1/3	10/14	71%
Cllr Chris Kettle	11/11	3/3	14/14	100%
Cllr Michael Mann	10/11	3/3	13/14	93%
Cllr Robert Parker	11/11	1/3	12/14	86%
Cllr David Warner	9/11	2/3	11/14	79%
Cllr Sue Wilson	6/11	2/3	8/14	57%

Bishop's Itchington Parish Council
Financial Report Year Ended 31 March 2019
(Subject to audit)

The following information is an extract from the council's annual financial report. A full copy will be published in due course on the council's website and can also be requested from the parish council office.

Receipts & Payments Account							
Year Ended 31st March 2018 £'s						Year Ended 31st March 2019 £'s	
	RECEIPTS						
84,000.00	Precept					85,000.00	
1,930.00	Council Tax Support Grant					1,190.00	
-	Grants - General					-	
3,005.00	Burial Ground Fees					3,660.00	
1,271.90	Sec 136 reimbursements					1,302.93	
199.72	Misc					564.03	
401.12	Interest on Investments					499.96	
37.97	Pavilion/Playing Field					863.33	
4,800.46	VAT Refund					8,811.22	
0.01	Pavilion Fund Contributions					-	
-						-	
-						-	
95,646.18	TOTAL RECEIPTS					101,891.47	
	PAYMENTS						
30,890.83	Salaries and Expenses					31,522.41	
20,453.23	Grasscutting & Trees & Other Grounds Maintenance					24,102.70	
7,515.37	General Administration					7,621.63	
1,504.00	Village Equipment & Street Furniture					-	
2,202.39	Burial Ground					2,143.15	
3,681.90	Parish Office					8,613.31	
5,207.30	Community Grants					6,328.14	
3,986.93	Pavilion/Playing Field					3,161.52	
452.94	Neighbourhood Plan					86.79	
14,756.36	Other Expenditure					854.85	
-	S.137 Payments					-	
-	Pavilion Project					99.00	
2,856.25	Yellow Land					-	
6,422.08	VAT					6,294.76	
-						-	
-						-	
-						-	
99,929.58	TOTAL EXPENDITURE					90,828.26	
- 4,283.40	Surplus /deficit					11,063.21	

Statement of Funds at 31 March 2019

Brought Forward as at 31st March 2018		Carried forward as at 31st March 2019	
£'s		£'s	
47,000.00	National Income Bond b/f	47,000.00	
-	Transfer to NS Income Bonds	-	
47,000.00	National Income Bond c/f	47,000.00	
125,493.45	Current Account b/f	121,210.05	
95,646.18	Receipts	101,891.47	
(99,929.58)	Expenditure	(90,828.26)	
(4,283.40)	Net movement in year	11,063.21	
121,210.05	Current Account c/f	132,273.26	
	Pavilion Fund c/f		
168,210.05	Net funds c/f	179,273.26	

Grants Paid

Grants Paid		
Payee		
BI Community Project (games equipment)		400.00
BI Scout Group (contribution to new minibus)		2,292.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal		75.00
Crafty Cuppa (hire of hall)		216.00
Memorial Hall (improved access)		1,300.00
Baby & Toddler Group		992.36
Refreshments at WW1 Centenary Event		70.78
Harbury e-Wheels (community transport scheme)		500.00
Southam Town Council (community transport scheme)		482.00
	Total	6,328.14