

## **BISHOPSTONE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

*Councillors are summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held  
on  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm at the New Bridge Community Centre,  
Bridge Sollars*

### **Agenda**

1. To receive apologies for absence -
2. To receive declarations of interest or written requests for dispensations
3. To receive a report from the local Police Officer/Newsletter
4. Ward Councillor Steve Williams report
  - (4.1) Update on proposed Fire and Police services merger
5. Chairman's report:
  - (5.1) Open Session for local residents present at meeting and for matters raised between meetings.
  - (5.2) Community Governance Review – John Coleman
  - (5.3) A Bishopstone parish litter picking group and Tree Warden  
(please see attached supportive emails)
  - (5.4) Close Open session
6. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017
7. Highways report and Environmental Matters/Lengthsman
  - (7.1) Discuss lengthsman and P3 worksheet for January/February

8. Finance: Up-to-date accounts sheet/schedule of payment sheet circulated.
  - (8.1) Agree payment of outstanding invoices
  - (8.2) Data Protection Officer update
  - (8.3) Confirm new Bank signatories
9. 'Safeguarding Children and Adults for Parish Councils' (LH)
10. Planning matters
  - (10.1) To receive Neighbourhood Development Plan update
  - (10.2) 174480 - Greylands, Swainshill, Hereford, Herefordshire
11. Correspondence
12. Provisional date of next meeting - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Signed: *Lesley Hay* – Parish Clerk

Dear parish council clerk

Further to our discussion at the council meeting last night, please find below a copy of the message i received in response to my submission on 10th September via the Bishopstone group parish website.

As you will see, I had hoped the matters raised might have been considered by council last night. However, I would be delighted if the 2 suggestions could consider further at the forthcoming meeting in January.

I look forward to discussing these proposals in more detail soon.

With many thanks

Lewis Goldwater

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On 10 Sep 2017 5:22 pm, "Bishopstone Group Parish Council" <[clerk@bishopstonegrouppc-herefordshire.co.uk](mailto:clerk@bishopstonegrouppc-herefordshire.co.uk)> wrote:

**Thank you for your email see below for a record of the information you submitted.**

**From:** Lewis Goldwater

**Subject:** A Bishopstone parish litter picking group and Tree Warden

**Message:** Dear Parish Clerk/Council members

Since moving to Mansell Gamage from Kington, over a year ago, I have taken it upon myself to do an approximately bi monthly litter pick along the B4230 road verges between my property (Pear bough Barn Hr47LE) and the A438. My suspicion through observation is that the problem is being caused by just a few regular road users, with a taste for take-away food, energy beverages and smoking habits.

I did this not out of a wish for reward or recognition but in response to the increasing problem of litter clearly being thrown out from passing car windows along this minor B road. I also believe it is the simplest way people can improve the environment of their local neighbourhood.

Thankfully (or sadly) , I have recovered 10 black bags of rubbish, now properly disposed of. Over this time, the amount of rubbish recovered seems to have has decreased which I hope is a response to people seeing me walking up and down the road in hi-viz making an effort to

keep the area clean. I also believe that the sight of litter on the ground breeds further littering.

As a keen walker and cyclist in the area I can see that the problem is not unique to my road. I know that volunteers from other parishes (including Weobley and Kington) have come together to make keeping their areas tidy into a group and presumably enjoyable social activity. This is also supported by Balfour Beatty with their 'Stop the Drop' campaign, providing bags, litter pickers, gloves, road signage and hi-viz PPE for participants. It would be fantastic to think that there might be like-minded people in our parishes I would be happy with council support, to help organise a parish litter pickers group for our area.

Please therefore may I ask please a) whether such an initiative exists in our area or has been tried before? b) if not, then would the council support me (through its communication channels to the local community and links to HCC/Balfour Beatty), in organising a group to help address this increasing problem that is blighting our neighbourhoods and countryside? On a separate matter, for some time, I have been involved in the Herefordshire Tree Warden Network, which at one time was overseen by HCC but is now an entirely volunteer-led initiative. Its aims are to promote the Tree Warden scheme in the county so that every parish or parish group might take on a Tree Warden. The tree warden network is supported nationally by the Tree Council.

The role of a tree warden is to be active in promoting wider awareness of trees, organising planting initiatives, local tree surveys and education events in their local parish now, liaising with the parish council and even landowners. This is becoming more prevalent with issues around tree diseases such as Ash dieback and Oak decline which will have significant impacts on our road-side hedgerows, woods and the wider landscape.

I would be delighted to discuss at a future Parish council meeting, the possibility of the council adopting me as a tree warden and what would be involved. I had hoped to attend the September meeting anyway, as a member of the public but am happy to await a future meeting so that it could be included as a formal agenda item.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely  
Lewis Goldwater  
Pear Bough Barn  
Mansell Gamage  
HR47LE