

Bishop's Waltham

Forward Plan 2019 - 2023



Bishop's Waltham Parish Council is responsible for improving the local community and represents the whole electorate within the parish. It delivers services to meet local needs and strives to improve the quality of life for its residents.

The Parish Council has the power to spend money on community transport, traffic calming, crime prevention, youth projects, tourism activities, leisure facilities, community centres, car parks, recreation grounds, entertainment, street furniture, street cleaning, allotments, bus shelters and land.

It comments on planning applications and can be represented at public inquiries. It is likely to be granted more powers to negotiate with the local principal authorities and take on additional responsibilities.

VISION STATEMENT

'To sustain Bishop's Waltham as an attractive and prosperous place in which to live and work, and to enhance quality and affordable services to meet the needs and aspirations of the local community.'

The Parish Council, in partnership with others, will aspire to the vision through the Strategic Objectives.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Managing Sustainable Development
- ▶ Supporting the Local Economy
- ▶ Improving Travel and Parking
- ▶ Improving the Parish
- ▶ Supporting Sports and Recreation
- ▶ Managing Community Buildings
- ▶ Providing Information and Advice
- ▶ Supporting Services for the Community
- ▶ Striving for Parish Council Excellence

THE PROJECTS

The contents of this Plan derive from past surveys, continuing projects from the last Plan, and the results of a major survey of residents conducted in 2018.

DELIVERY

The Parish Council will break down each project into actions, allocated to committees with a schedule and a budget, where necessary.

Progress will be publicised in an annual report.

ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS

The Parish Council is committed to:

- ▶ Listening to concerns, suggestions and providing feedback.
- ▶ Ensuring that actions reflect the community's requirements.
- ▶ Looking to the public for advice, innovations and assistance.

In particular, the Parish Council will welcome direct involvement from committed residents in progressing some of the projects.

Anyone wishing to help should initially contact the Council's Executive Officer on: **01489 892323** or via the contact details on the Council's website.



PROJECT LIST

These Projects are current as of March 2019. They will be continually reviewed and updated.

MANAGING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ Recommend traffic management solutions to mitigate impact of developments
- ▶ Encourage appropriate development of Malt Lane site
- ▶ Implement and review Winchester City Council Local Plans
- ▶ Liaise with Planning Authorities on planning applications

SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

- ▶ Compile a traffic management plan for town centre
- ▶ Encourage provision of additional bed and breakfast accommodation
- ▶ Identify and lobby for local business sites

IMPROVING TRAVEL AND PARKING

- ▶ Provide additional car parking spaces
- ▶ Provide and promote cycling within Bishop's Waltham Parish
- ▶ Propose and manage improvement to the town centre approaches
- ▶ Promote reporting schemes for Highways maintenance
- ▶ Lobby for additional pedestrian crossing points
- ▶ Support the provision of a cycling path on town approaches

IMPROVING THE PARISH

- ▶ Clear litter outside town centre
- ▶ Provide more public seating
- ▶ Take over grass cutting management
- ▶ Promote Community Speedwatch and the use of speed indicator devices
- ▶ Replace bus shelter in St George's Square
- ▶ Ensure the provision of speed gates on all approach roads to Bishop's Waltham
- ▶ Encourage improvements in the appearance of all buildings
- ▶ Support additional tree planting
- ▶ Support additional flower planting
- ▶ Lobby for additional / extended pavements

SUPPORTING SPORTS AND RECREATION

- ▶ Provide additional play area facilities
- ▶ Provide two additional tennis courts
- ▶ Provide a running / walking track
- ▶ Provide a dog walking area
- ▶ Install a natural wood play area
- ▶ Install a MUGA
- ▶ Provide vehicle access to Priory Meadow
- ▶ Provide a botanical park with staging
- ▶ Consider the provision of a water play area
- ▶ Provide a barbecue area
- ▶ Provide a leisure centre for indoor sports / activities
- ▶ Provision of fencing at allotments
- ▶ Provide a new play area in the Langton Road / Pondsides area
- ▶ Replace safety surfaces in all play areas
- ▶ Improve and develop public rights of way
- ▶ Extend railway path to parish boundary for walkers / cyclists
- ▶ Participate in the Bishop's Waltham to Botley bridleway project
- ▶ Transfer South Pond into community ownership

MANAGING COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

- ▶ Sustain the current facilities and consider the long term future of Hoe Road pavilion
- ▶ Upgrade the extension to the car park at Hoe Road Recreation Ground
- ▶ Consider the extension of the estates building
- ▶ Provide additional car parking at Priory Park
- ▶ Continue the renovation of the Priory Park clubhouse
- ▶ Redesign the lower floor layout of the Jubilee Hall
- ▶ Continue renovations of the Jubilee Hall
- ▶ Increase facilities for young people
- ▶ Increase evening entertainment opportunities
- ▶ Provide additional indoor sports facilities
- ▶ Plan to incorporate a wider range of interests
- ▶ Investigate renewable energy supplies at Parish Council halls

PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ADVICE

- ▶ Publicise Bishop's Waltham outside the parish to increase footfall
- ▶ Further improve Parish Council communications with the community
- ▶ Support Bishop's Waltham as a transport hub for surrounding communities
- ▶ Continue to improve the Parish Council website

SUPPORTING SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY

- ▶ Support and encourage the expansion of the Bishop's Waltham Surgery
- ▶ Support and encourage local events / attractions
- ▶ Promote community transport services
- ▶ Lobby to improve the provision of public transport services
- ▶ Support and encourage community organisations
- ▶ Promote activities for school age children in the holiday periods
- ▶ Lobby to retain and provide additional public services
- ▶ Lobby to improve mobile telephone and internet connectivity

STRIVING FOR PARISH COUNCIL EXCELLENCE

- ▶ Consider providing a new community building
- ▶ Maintain Parish Council quality council status
- ▶ Consider the status of the Parish Council





HOW THE PARISH COUNCIL WORKS

The Parish Council comprises fourteen Councillors who are elected every four years. They are unpaid and are governed by a mandatory code of conduct which includes obligations to act in an appropriate manner. Each Councillor serves on at least two or more Committees, as well as attending the monthly Parish Council meetings.

The Council has a Chair, who is one of the elected Councillors.

Councillors have three main components to their work:

- ▶ Decision making on money spent, services delivered and policies implemented
- ▶ Monitoring the efficiency and effectiveness of services
- ▶ Local involvement in the wider community and local organisations.

COUNCIL EMPLOYEES

The Council's Executive Officer is the principal advisor to the Council, being required to give clear guidance to Councillors before decisions are reached.

The other employees are the Deputy Executive Officer, the Responsible Finance Officer, the Administration Assistant, Halls Manager, Senior Groundsman, Groundstaff, Lengthsman, Caretakers and the Accredited Community Safety Officer.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

All members of the Bishop's Waltham community are welcome at the monthly Parish Council or Committee meetings held in the Jubilee Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Finance, Policy and Resources Committee	1st Tuesday
Parish Council	2nd Tuesday
Halls and Grounds Committee	3rd Tuesday
Planning, Environment and Highways Committee	4th Tuesday
Community Development Committee	4th Monday

Please note there are no meetings in August

A period of thirty minutes is set aside at the beginning of every meeting for questions or comments from members of the public.



Information about the Parish Council can be found on the website

www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council Office in the Jubilee Hall is open Tuesday to Friday, 10.00am - 2.00pm

Telephone: **01489 892323**