

The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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Chairman's REPORT

Introduction

I would like to start with the same introduction as last year, with a tribute to all members of the Parish Council. I would like to extend my personal thanks to all members for the time expended, and for their attendance and input to our discussions over the last 12 months; the work is voluntary and we all live increasingly busy lives. I would particularly like to thank our Clerk, Lesley Drewett, who has been in post since September 1999; her experience and knowledge is crucial to us - and also Andrew Bennett, our Ward Councillor for his advice and intercessions with Swindon Borough Council (SBC) on our behalf. I very much hope that we will continue to work together for another year, notwithstanding that the Parish Council faces elections in May.

The Parish Council undertakes its business on behalf of all of you - the parishioners of Bishopstone, Hinton Parva and Russley Park - and we can only do this effectively if you tell us of your concerns and problems; there is more on the theme of communications later.

How did we do against the "action plan" for the past year?

I identified six points for the following year in my report in March 2011:

- Keep expenditure under control; decide on further traffic calming measures
- Do our best to ensure the roads are properly maintained
- Work closely with SBC on all planning matters, including the True Heart
- Monitor the Swindon Core Strategy for its effect on the Parish
- Understand the Big Society and the Localism Bill
- Keep in touch with residents of the Parish

Finance

The precept for 2011/12 was £13,480; we have been able to reduce this to £12,805 for 2012/13 - a further reduction of 5%. We judged this to be in the best interests of parishioners at a difficult time financially, but we accept that these are not large sums of money; we have little flexibility or spare cash. No guarantees can be given at this time about future years.

It was decided, on advice from Swindon Borough Council (SBC), that there were no grounds for further traffic calming measures in the Parish, and the installation of a Horse Rider sign in Hinton Parva did not proceed as the proposed cost did not offer good value for money. We believe that there will be sufficient volunteers for the Parish to be able to participate in a new Community Speed Watch initiative. After training on the speed detection equipment provided, speeding offences are notified back to the Police and a warning letter can be issued to the motorist.

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Diamond Jubilee

We understand that all households in Russley Park received a notice from Baydon Parish Council saying that all children under 16 would receive a gift of a souvenir mug from Baydon on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. For the avoidance of any doubt, Baydon Parish Council have clarified that whilst they will be unable to provide free souvenirs to Russley Park children, anybody who would like one is welcome to approach Baydon Parish Council. Russley Park will of course be included in Bishopstone Parish Council's souvenir offer, as stated elsewhere in this Parish Times.

GET CYCLING IN SWINDON

There is a new initiative extolling the virtues of cycling from Swindon Borough Council who have produced a comprehensive guide and cycle map for the Borough.

The website is www.cycleswindon.org.uk.

The magazine was written and compiled by Get Cycling, a Community Interest Company and the local edition. This follows on from the announcement in 2011 that a £6million grant was given to boost cycle use in the town. This began a four year project.

According to SBC transport studies show that 20% of town centre workers live in West Swindon. Some 2,500 people make the average short daily journey, half of them in cars. The project aims to entice a significant proportion onto bikes, buses or on foot.

For more information please go to the Cycle Swindon Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cycleswindon.

Cycles may be left safely at the covered Brunel Cycle Park in the heart of Swindon Town Centre. It is free, open 24hours a day, has racks for 100 cycles, is swipe card only access and is CCTV monitored. To gain a swope card you must first register. To do this visit www.swindon.gov.uk/cycling website. Registration forms are also available from Bike shops in the Borough.

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Road maintenance

SBC provide a working party twice per year to deal with minor road maintenance issues; more significant problems are reported to SBC as soon as they are brought to the attention of the Parish Council. By and large, given cutbacks to funding, it is thought that our roads are in reasonable condition. New problems should always be promptly reported to the Clerk.

Planning matters

The True Heart. Parishioners will be well aware of the final result of the two planning applications for redevelopment of the True Heart. At the time of writing, the Parish Council remains concerned about the long term future of the site and would welcome a discussion with the owners about their intentions.

Solar Panels. At about this time last year, we noticed a number of solar panel installations being installed in both Bishopstone and Hinton Parva. We were concerned at this on account of our responsibilities for the maintenance of the conservation area, and sought advice from SBC. After a pause, it was established that under the Government's General Permitted Development Order the installation of solar panels on 'roof slopes' in conservation areas does not require planning permission, whereas the installation of solar panels on a principal wall would require it. This sounds a bit illogical but nonetheless that is the position. We have to share the Government's commitment to reducing our dependence on fossil fuels but we still feel that solar panel arrays are not conducive to maintaining, let alone enhancing, the conservation area status which we are fortunate to enjoy and, as a council, we are charged to maintain.

More generally, we have appreciated discussions with parishioners about their planning intentions prior to submission of a formal application to SBC, and are grateful to those who have listened to our comments at an early stage. We are however concerned at the way in which our

comments, particularly where they relate to the impact of a development on the conservation area, appear to have been ignored on a number of occasions by SBC. We have discussed this with planning officials.

Swindon Core Strategy

SBC are currently consulting with a working group from Wanborough Parish Council, on which the Parish Council is represented, over their proposals for their forthcoming Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the Eastern Villages. SBC is keen to ensure that their new Draft Core Strategy, of which this SPD will be a part, will be acceptable and deliverable - both were lacking from the previous draft which was abandoned. The new concept is for three "village centres", of about 7,500 homes in total, with schools, shopping centres and some employment sites, mainly in the north of the area between the A 419 and A 420 trunk roads. Whilst this is on a considerably smaller scale than the previous version, we are considering the need for a "buffer zone" between the development area and the northern extremity of the Parish, preventing increased "rat-running" in the future through the rural villages and working to identify areas at risk from flooding. We would like your comments on these plans.

Pond & Island

Sadly, there was a further, minor, outbreak in July 2011 in Bishopstone of the low level yobb-ish behaviour which caused some distress in the previous summer, and we organised a public meeting on 12 September 2011 to address the issues which arose from this. It is worth spending a little time on this, as it was a very useful meeting. It was well attended and some very interesting suggestions were made for improving the quality of life for all age groups in the Parish. These were summarised in the follow - up article in the Parish Times as:

Youth activities

- Consider with Village Hall committees (both villages) how more use may be made of the village halls and other appropriate

locations to provide some youth activities

- Funding to be sought through the precept, by approaching SBC, and/or other sources for grants
- Involve parishioners, parents, children and Bishopstone School in the discussions
- Use the web site, newsletter and social media for consultation purposes

Pond and Island

- The Pond/Island Management Plan of 2007 should be brought forward and reviewed
- The Island should be locked at night
- Increasing vegetation on the Island should be cut back
- Provision for further allotments should be made on the Island

Other

- Re-introduce a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- Closer liaison with Wanborough
- Progress Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Plan (different things)

The article sought interest from parishioners in organising these activities but to our disappointment (and a little surprise, given the attendance at the meeting) none has to date been forthcoming. It is not too late; we would be pleased to hear from anybody living or working in the Parish.

In the meanwhile the Parish Council has agreed a new management plan for the Pond & Island (available on the Parish Council website), although we did not agree that there should be further allotments on the Island, or that it should be locked at night. Very recently, we have done some work to the trees and vegetation on the Island, in accordance with recommendations made by SBC, and we are awaiting some clarification from the Church Commissioners, from whom the Parish Council bought the Pond & Island in 2004, as to responsibility for maintenance of certain areas of the pond. We are also, as can be seen above, working more closely with Wanborough Parish Council.

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Parish Plan / Neighbourhood Planning.

At our October 2011 meeting, we received a presentation from Community First about Parish Plans. A Parish Plan allows a community to put forward in a formal document its wishes and aspirations for the future, after consultation within the Parish and with other external parties. Thus there is a plan in place to assist the Parish in advancing or refusing good or bad causes in the future. We were advised that a Steering Group of c10 people was needed for the process of putting a Parish Plan together - drafting is well advanced in Wanborough and Liddington. Despite two major articles in successive issues of the Parish Times, no expressions of interest were received and the project has been shelved.

Going forward, the Localism Bill offers the following:

- The community right to build.
- The community right to buy.
- Community Right to Challenge - the right to take over certain services from the Borough

As part of the Localism strategy, it may be that Neighbourhood Planning will be more appropriate; we are currently investigating the advantages and difficulties of drafting a Neighbourhood Plan.

Boundary Review

Central Government's review of electoral boundaries was duly completed, and after a last minute intervention, the Ridgeway Ward will remain as currently structured - the rural parishes of SBC area being represented on SBC by one Councillor for Ridgeway Ward.

Village Clean-up

As stated last year, we live in a beautiful part of the country and many people will be disgusted by the quantity of bottles, cans and far worse discarded in the hedge rows. In October 2011, we actually did something about this with a successful clean-up day; over 30 bags of rubbish and assorted bits of motor cars and

television sets were collected; many thanks to those who helped. The timing was not brilliant in that it coincided with the final of the Rugby World Cup, but the England team was no longer in contention anyway! Rubbish is still being discarded and another clean-up day will be organised for the autumn, if there is support. In the meantime, you could try taking a shopping bag with you when you are walking and clean up as you go.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Parish Council is grateful to those who have taken on the organisation of a street party in Bishopstone on Sunday 3 June and a beacon on Monday 4 June, and we look forward to celebrating the Queen's sixty years on the throne. She has been an anchor point of stability and continuity for so long that few people can remember life without her.

The Parish Council will be offering a commemorative coin to all children in the Parish in full time education as at September 2012.

Communications

We can only operate effectively as your Parish Council if you, the residents of the Parish, tell us of your concerns and problems. You can do that in a number of ways:

- Speak or write to a member of the Parish Council
- Use the web site
- Attend our monthly meetings. This is the best way to communicate your concerns to the Parish Council as a whole; we have to follow government procedures, but we will make it as easy and non-confrontational as possible to have an open and frank discussion.

There has actually been an increase in parishioners attending the "Public Question Time" item on the monthly agenda in recent months and we welcome this trend.

However, we have been a little disappointed by the lack of interest shown in the aftermath of the public meeting on 12 September 2011, and

in the consultation about developing a Parish Plan. I doubt that this actually means that everybody is satisfied with the work of the Parish Council - that would be complacent. However, if parishioners are not satisfied or have any concerns or worries - you need to tell us.

Action Plan for 2012 / 2013

Any thoughts for the future must of course be tempered by the fact of elections in May, after which the Parish Council may look different. Given that, I suggest the following:

- Keep expenditure under control
- Work closely with SBC on all planning matters
- Monitor the developing new Swindon Core Strategy for its effect on the Parish
- Progress any relevant "Localism" matters
- Work with and for all residents of the Parish

Dogs

All parishioners will appreciate the efforts made by most people to clear up and remove dog waste from roads, tracks, footpaths etc. However please do not leave the plastic bags in the hedge or hanging on trees; they last much longer than the original problem! Please always dispose of pooper bags in an appropriate place.



seen a draft copy dated Spring 2008. Usage by the School The Parish Council is content that the School should enjoy usage of the fenced-off area, including the allotment beds and their shed for storage of tools and equipment, subject to:

1. Continuation of the current high standards of cultivation and appearance
2. An annual statement of intent to be given to the Parish Council that the School wishes the current arrangements to continue
3. Acceptance of the maintenance and notice arrangements as detailed below
4. Formal review by the Parish Council every three years

Maintenance responsibilities

1. The School. As the allotment beds within the fenced-off area are intended for the cultivation of flowers and vegetables, the Parish Council requires that this area and the shed be maintained to a high standard appropriate for such purposes and in recognition of the overall use of the Island by residents of the Parish. Should there be a falling off of these standards, this will be brought to the attention of the School, if appropriate in writing, by the Parish Council, and a reasonable timescale agreed for correction. If the standards of maintenance continue to decline and following a written reminder, notice to quit may be served by the Parish Council.
2. Parish Council. The Pond & the remainder of the Island will be maintained by the Parish Council to a standard that is commensurate with it being an amenity for parishioners to enjoy and a safe area and habitat for as much wildlife as possible. Grass will be left long and cut to a height about 6 inches in July (after any wild flowers have set seed) and September, with the mowings raked off and composted. Tree maintenance will be carried out from time to time, with the approval of the Arboricultural Officer of Swindon Borough Council and further guidance will be sought as necessary from relevant countryside organisations.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Parish Council cannot take any responsibility for the shed, any contents, the allotment beds or the surrounding fence; these items are not covered by the Parish Council's insurance policies.

Notice Arrangements

It is possible that the Parish Council may at some time in the future require the space occupied by the allotment beds and the shed for other purposes. Equally, it is possible that the enthusiasm and current high standards of cultivation and maintenance displayed by the School may reduce to the extent that it may wish these arrangements to end. Having regard to the above, at least six months' formal notice to quit may be given by the Parish Council. If notice to quit is given, both parties will enter into discussions about the future ownership, maintenance and

Quite possibly, whereas the reality is quite different. Since the Pond and Island Management Committee was disbanded the Parish Council have done a considerable amount of work to enhance this jewel at the centre of the Parish and have developed a comprehensive Management plan.

Bishopstone Pond & Island Management Plan

Introduction

Bishopstone Pond and Island is held in the legal ownership of Bishopstone Parish Council, for the benefit of all residents of the Parish. As with much of the village of Bishopstone, the Pond & Island enjoy conservation area status. When ownership of the Pond & Island was transferred from the Church Commissioners to the Parish Council in 2004, the Parish Council delegated management responsibility for the area to the Pond & Island Committee; that responsibility was handed back to the Parish Council in July 2008. It is therefore the responsibility of the Parish Council to ensure that:

1. The Pond & Island are properly maintained as a peaceful and attractive village amenity, for the benefit of all residents of the Parish
2. The natural biodiversity and heritage of the Pond & Island are maintained
3. Arrangements are in place to ensure an appropriate degree of safety, including insurance cover.

The shed on the Island is the property of Bishopstone School ("the School"), who also installed the raised allotment beds and the surrounding fence; other areas of the Island are used from time to time by the School for educational purposes. These arrangements are not covered by any documentation, and are therefore currently at the discretion of the Parish Council. It is therefore intended, to regularise the position, in the best interests of all parties, including residents of the Parish.

Aim

The aim of this document is to introduce a management plan for the Pond & Island, to ensure that the above responsibilities are met. It will replace the Bishopstone Pond & Island Handbook, of which the Parish Council has

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Diamond Jubilee

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, Bishopstone Parish Council will be offering a commemorative coin to all children in the Parish who are in full time education up to the September term of 2012.

In order that the Parish Council orders the correct number of coins we would ask all parents who would like their children to receive one of these unique coins then please email the clerk on:

lesley@tynash.com

If you do not have access to email then please complete the slip below and post it to:

*The Clerk (Commemorative Jubilee Coin)
2 Downs Close
Eastbury
Hungerford
RG17 7JW.*

The deadline for this is the end of April 2012.

In the email can you please provide the Child's name, date of birth and address.

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Jubilee Coin (please complete and send to the address above)

Name:
Age:
Address:

Name:
Age:
Address:

Name:
Age:
Address:

Name:
Age:
Address:

Pond and Island Management Plan continued.

use of the shed and allotment beds, with a spirit of goodwill.

Funding

The Parish Council will endeavour to set aside sufficient funds each year through the precept for its responsibilities, and to maintain adequate reserve funds to deal with unforeseen contingencies.

Safety

A risk assessment will be carried out by the Parish Council in conjunction with the School, (whilst they remain in occupancy) and reviewed annually or in the event of an incident. The level of public access will be determined by the Parish Council in light of the risk assessment and the available insurance cover.

Insurance Cover

It is the responsibility of the Parish Council to ensure that appropriate insurance cover is in place, including third party/public liability insurance cover, with an indemnity limit recommended by insurers and agreed by the Parish Council.

Review

This management plan will be reviewed annually, on the anniversary of its adoption, or as required.

**Swindon Borough Council
Supplementary Planning Document
(SPD) - Eastern Villages**

Parishioners will recall that the draft Core Strategy being proposed some four years ago by Swindon Borough Council envisaged a development of 12,500 new homes in a triangular shaped area of farmland between the A 419 and A 420 main roads, stretching in a southerly direction as far as Wanborough and the northern edge of Bishopstone Parish boundary. That area became known as the Eastern Development Area (EDA). The initiative collapsed in 2008 / 2009 as it was unaffordable, undeliverable and unnecessary following the "credit crunch".

SBC are now consulting on a new "Eastern Villages" SPD, to be included in the emerging Swindon Core Strategy, for

about 7,500 new homes in a system of "Village Centres", to be located in much the same area as before. Two of them would be north of the A 420 in South Marston area and five others, including a "District Centre" and "Learning Campus", would be south of the A 420. Three village centres would be in Wanborough Parish and one of these would be very close to the western boundary of Bishopstone Parish. The proposals include an "Employment Zone" in an area bounded on the west by the A 419 and on the east by Wanborough Road (Lower Wanborough to Covingham).

We are working with SBC and Wanborough Parish Council to forestall and/or mitigate the problems which this expansion may bring to the rural areas. Maps showing the current proposals are held by all members of the Parish Council and we would particularly like your views on the following:

- How to minimise "rat-running" on rural roads and lanes caused by the increased traffic
- The flooding risk to existing settlements
- Should an "Employment Zone" be sited east of the A 419
- The need for "rural buffers" between existing settlements and the new village centres.

Space precludes this article going into much detail on these proposals. The Parish Council will be considering these proposals in coming months and would like to hear the views of parishioners on a development which will have much impact on local areas. Please attend a Parish Council meeting if you wish to be involved, or speak to a member of the Parish Council.

If you thought cycling was only for young people then think again. The free of charge Over 50's Cycling Courses in Swindon have been so well received that courses are fully booked months in advance and more dates have had to be added to cope with demand. Many people have continued cycling in their learning groups many months after their courses finish, which has created a growing cycling scene for older people in the area.

£25 charge per course. Time: Saturdays 10am-12pm. Location: County Ground Athletics Track, Swindon. Next available course start date - 28th April 2012.

Jubilee Coin Offer

Post this slip to:

The Clerk (Commemorative Jubilee Coin)

2 Downs Close

Eastbury

Hungerford

RG17 7JW

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Welcome

The Parish Council always extends a warm welcome to all new and prospective residents of the Parish. We are very pleased that you've chosen to live in our community.

The Parish contains two conservation areas and everything south of the Icknield Way is also in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Many houses are also listed.

Naturally this brings with it all sorts of problems when it comes to tree felling, house alterations, etc. There are also other regulations aimed at preserving the character

and beauty of the parish. If in doubt, please check, we are only a phone call away.

The Parish Council is therefore always available to answer any questions you may have on any particular aspect of living in a conservation area, the area of outstanding natural beauty or in listed buildings. Please do not hesitate to contact either the Clerk, the Chair or any member of the council - the numbers appear on the next page.

We do hope you will be very happy here.

Parish Documents

The Parish has an archive room in the village hall in Bishopstone. This is not accessible to members of the public, however, with advanced warning any document stored there may be viewed by contacting a member of the council.

Documents of particular importance are also stored on

the parish website and may be viewed by anyone with a PC. Members of the parish without a PC can ask the clerk to provide them with a hard copy.

Documents on the website include the precept, the accounts, standing orders, annual Returns, etc.

Parish Parking

The Parish has many narrow lanes and these need to be accessible to residents, utility and emergency vehicles at all times. Cars are now being parked along some of the narrowest sections of road (e.g. Cues Lane in Bishopstone, High Street, Bishopstone, etc.) often blocking these routes to even small vehicles. Please remember that emergency vehicles need to be able to move freely down all the roads and lanes of the parish at all times. Could we therefore ask that owners of vehicles park them responsibly and avoid the narrowest sections.

THE Village Hall car park in Bishopstone is a private space available only for those using the village hall. It is not somewhere for parishioners to park on a long term basis; whatever the circumstances might be. This is

clearly signed on the wall of the hall. Cars parked here make it very difficult for legitimate car park users to find space for their vehicles. It is also incredibly inconvenient for those users having to load and unload items, or for the infirm or disabled who wish to make use of the hall.

Provided the hall is not in use, loading and unloading of vehicles is permitted, as is visitor parking for short periods. By prior arrangement with the committee the siting of skips can also be accommodated.

The committee very much regret that it cannot offer parking for those in need, however, hall users must come first and from the complaints received these are frequently finding it difficult to park.

Protected Trees

Trees are vital to the quality of our lives for a number of reasons:-

- They help make our two villages more pleasant and attractive places in which to live and work.
- They are often a familiar and cherished feature and so provide a sense of place.
- They provide a valuable habitat for wildlife.

They are often older than many of the buildings amongst which they stand and so contribute to our local history. Because they are so important to our environment all trees within a Conservation Area are protected by law*. The **whole** of Bishopstone is within a Conservation Area. The **whole** of Hinton Parva centred around the church is also within a Conservation Area.

Anyone planning to cut down or carry out work to a tree here must give the Borough Council six weeks written notice of their intention to do so.

*Whilst there are one or two exemptions, such as trees with a diameter of less than 3 inches (measured 1.5m from the ground) or when a tree is in a dangerous condition, you are strongly advised to check first with the Council's Tree Officer since any unauthorised works can be a criminal offence which could lead to prosecution and heavy fines of up to £20,000. Better to be safe than sorry!

The Council's Tree Officer can be contacted on 01793 466318.

Individual trees or groups of trees that make a particularly important contribution to either of our villages may be worthy of special protection by way of a Tree Preservation Order. If you know of any such trees then please do not hesitate to contact any Member of the Parish Council or the Borough Council's Tree Officer who will be happy to make an inspection.

Outside Lights

One of the things that makes the Parish so unique and wonderful is the lack of street lighting to blight the villages. Sadly more and more people are now erecting high wattage outside lights and leaving them on permanently. Please consider your neighbours who may not wish their rooms lit throughout the night especially bedrooms where sleep can be seriously disturbed.

Emma Marrington, CPRE's Rural Policy Campaigner said:

'Many lives are affected by light pollution. It can disturb sleep, disfigure the countryside and make the stars at night invisible to huge numbers of people.'

Discrete and considerate outside lighting that only comes on when needed is the best type to mount if lighting is considered necessary.

Everyone is becoming more aware how energy wastage is resulting in the earth's resources being diminished. Every light that is on when no one needs to use the light it casts is adding to this wastage.

So please look at your lighting needs and think of your neighbours as well as the planet and only light when needed.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111
(Call anonymously with information about crime)

Domestic Violence 24hr National Helpline:
0808 2000 247

FRANK: 0800 77 66 00
(drug related)

Anti Social Behaviour: 01793 445500

Noise Nuisance: 01793 445500

NHS Direct: 0845 4647

Swindon Community Safety Partnership: 01793 466506

Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust 01225 794652 provides home security services to people aged 60+ or with special needs. (NB: the WBVT is a charity - donations are welcome).

Beat the Burglar

If you see anyone acting suspiciously, take their description and vehicle registration details and call the police on: 0845 408 7000. In an emergency call 999.

For a free home security pack and information about offers on home security call the Home Office:

0800 456 1213

(Packs are subject to availability).

Police search website.

<http://www.police.uk/>

Parish Website:

parish.bishopstone.net (no www in front)

Meetings for the year

9th April 2012 Hinton Parva Village Hall
14th May 2012 Bishopstone Village Hall (AGM)

All meetings begin at 7.30pm and members of the public are always welcome. Late changes are shown on the website <http://parish.bishopstone.net> and on the notice boards in Hinton Parva and Bishopstone.

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Mr Doug Stevens

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Orchard Cottage, Bishopstone, Wilts. SN6 8PL. 790658.

Mr Ian Thomas

Littlecot, High Street, Bishopstone, Wilts. SN6 8PH. 790106.

Mr Ian Thompson

Snowberry House, Hinton Parva. SN4 0DW. 790970.

Useful Information

**101 new non Emergency
Police Number**

Police Headquarters
0845 408 7000
24hrs, 7 days a week

**SBC Reception Premier
House**

01793 465055/465056

Civic Offices

01793 463668

Wat Tyler House

01793 463725

Borough Councillor

Andrew Bennett 01793 790563

**Fly Tipping and other
similar problems**

Swindon Commercial Services
01793 463463

Keeping Swindon Safe

SBC 01793 445500
Police 0845 408 7000

**Foxhill Motocross
2012 Calendar**

May 6th
May 7th
May 12
May 13th
June 30th
July 1st
July 7th
July 8th
August 4th
August 5th

Racing will take place on all the above days.

**Refurbiz - the Domestic
Appliance Re-cycling Charity.**
**Refurbished appliances at
affordable prices with warranty**

Replacing your washing machine, dryer, fridge or electric cooker? Please donate your old machines to us so we can refurbish them for families in need.

Wiltshire-wide collection and delivery service.
Call us on (01380) 720200,
Or visit our showroom at Hopton Park, Devizes
www.refurbiz.org
Registered Charity Number 1107150

Planning Update

All planning applications, their history and all supporting documents can now be viewed online by visiting:
www.swindon.gov.uk/planning.

Planning issues are discussed at the monthly Parish Council meetings. All plans for that month are laid out on display prior to the meetings and councilors and members of the public are invited to take a look. Public representations are heard prior to the start of the meeting.

Parish Council meetings alternate between Hinton Parva Village Hall and Bishopstone Village Hall.

Members of the public are always welcome.

Planning:

APPLICATIONS

1/2/12 S/LBC/12/0106ROBI Internal renovations and the installation of a new roof - Vorty Stables, The City, Bishopstone R Billington - 01793 466365 Before 22/2/12.

Conservation Area – Section 211 Notices:

NONE

GRANTED

REFUSED

NONE

Don't forget that all important information is

displayed on the notice-boards in both villages and on the website at <http://parish.bishopstone.net>.

The Parish Times will always be available on the website. It is added there as soon as it is ready to go to the printers.

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