

Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council

Your Village - Your Voice

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Merry Christmas!



The Parish Office closes on Friday 22nd December 2017 and re-opens on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Office opening hours are:
9.00a.m. - 3.00p.m Mon-Thurs
10.00.a.m. - 3.00p.m Fri

Full Council Meetings 2018:

**Thursday 11th January
Thursday 1st February
Thursday 1st March**

Meetings start at 7.30p.m.

Visit our website for details of
all committee meetings
www.bcpc.btck.co.uk

2018 AWARDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Do you know of a young person who deserves an award?

The Parish Council has just launched an annual Young Persons Award to highlight the achievements of young people in Bishop's Cleeve. The Council recognises that many younger people in the community make a valuable contribution and wishes to mark this with an award. Examples of behaviour, which would be considered for the award, include fundraising, being a carer, volunteering, overcoming a barrier including illness or disability, helping others.

There are two age categories: 6-12 years and 13-19 years. Each winner will receive a £100 voucher of their choice and there will be a £50 voucher for each runner-up, as well as medals and framed certificates for all four. Both winners will have their names engraved on a cup which they will hold for a year and they will also be invited to open the Bishop's Cleeve Street Fair next June.

If you know of anyone who deserves the award, please complete a nomination form which is available on the Council's website or by contacting the Parish Office or emailing clerk@bishopsclleevepc.org. All nominees must live within the parish at the time of their nomination. The closing date for nominations is the 1st March 2018 and the awards will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th April 2018.

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WAR MEMORIAL RESTORATION



Works to restore the village war memorial will take place early next year in readiness for the centenary marking the end of World War One. The memorial was damaged over thirty five years ago when it was moved to its current location in Church Road and restoration works will include providing a new shaft to return the memorial to its original height. The stone cross, which has eroded will be replaced and both the memorial and paved area around it, will be cleaned.

Are there names to be added to the memorial? The Parish Council will consider requests to add names to commemorate service personnel who lost their lives in either of the two world wars or in conflicts since then. Criteria include the person having been a local resident (Bishop's Cleeve, Southam, Woodmancote or Cleeve Hill); their death must be supported by military records and formal documentation and they must not be recorded on another memorial. For more information, please contact assistantclerk@bishopscleevepc.org

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN PLANNING?



Good news! Parish Council awarded costs

Following Gladman Developments Ltd abrupt withdrawal of their appeal, in March this year, against Tewkesbury Borough Council's decision to refuse planning permission for the erection of up to 265 dwellings at Stoke Road (TBC ref: 15/00166/OUT), the Parish Council put in an application for an award of costs against Gladman Developments Ltd. A decision has recently been made, by The Planning Inspectorate, which is to award partial costs to the Parish Council on the grounds of "unreasonable" behaviour resulting in wasted or unnecessary expense. The Parish Council will now submit details of the costs incurred in this matter.



Neighbourhood Planning

The Neighbourhood Planning steering group held its first meeting in September and is holding another as we go to press. The group has identified issues of concern within the village and plans to circulate questionnaires to residents and businesses, for their input, in the new year.

CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL TEAM

Residents are welcome to drop in to a monthly **Council Surgery** to discuss local issues of concern. Council surgeries are held on the **first Friday of every month 12.30pm - 2.30pm** in the Parish Council Office.

Alternatively you can contact your local councillor through the Parish Office or by phone - numbers below:

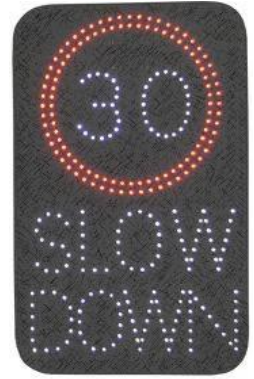
<u>Cleeve St Michaels Ward</u>	<u>Cleeve Grange Ward</u>	<u>Cleeve West Ward</u>
Cllr Peter Badham: 516779	Cllr Wendy Hopkins (Chair): 697028	Cllr Tony Mackinnon (Vice Chair): 672534
Cllr Fraser Boyd: via Parish Office*	Cllr Val Perry: 672094	Cllr Olivia Kent: via Parish Office*
Cllr David Foulger: via Parish Office*	Cllr James Wyatt: via Parish Office*	Cllr Peter Richmond: via Parish Office*
Cllr Sylvia Hughes: 673788		Cllr Karen Roberts: via Parish Office*
Cllr David Lewis: 702573		Cllr Robert Stayt: 677961
Cllr Alan Robinson: 674601	*Parish Office: 674440	

Would you like to join the Council?

We currently have vacancies for councillors. Decisions are made by the Council to formulate what will happen in the future for the village and you could help ensure that residents' needs are taken into consideration. To find out how to join us please look at our website www.bcpco.btck.co.uk or call into the Parish Office for more details.

TRAFFIC SPEEDS - New signs coming soon!

Many residents have raised concerns about the volume and speed of traffic in Bishop's Cleeve. To try to improve driver awareness of speed restrictions, the Parish Council, in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council Highways Department, will be purchasing Vehicle Activated Signs to be used in prominent locations across the village. The Vehicle Activated Signs will be mounted on poles and moved from one location to another at determined intervals. The signs will display either the speed of the oncoming vehicle or the set speed restriction of the highway. The signs will also have data-logging facilities to allow the collation of data on each road over a period time. It is anticipated that the signs will be in place early in the new year.



DOG FOULING



Dog fouling continues to be a problem in the village. Whilst the majority of dog owners are responsible and 'pick-up' after their dogs, there are incidents of fouling particularly along grass verges and pathways in areas such as Finlay Way and Gotherington Lane to

Millham Road Playing Field at the rear of Wagtail Grove. It is an offence not to clear up after your dog.

Dog waste bags are available from the Parish Office: 50 bags cost £1.00.

VIEWS ON STREET LIGHTING

Since the installation of LED lighting, the Parish Council has received some queries from residents about lighting adequacy and adjustments. Street lighting is the responsibility of Gloucestershire County Council and you can find more information about LED lighting and **also give your views** through a survey on their website:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-rights-of-way/major-projects/led-street-lighting/>

To report specific street lighting problems online, follow the link on the website, or email: gloucester.streetlighting@skanska.co.uk

KEEP FIT IN BISHOP'S CLEEVE

New gym equipment has recently been installed at Pecked Lane playing field thanks to an initiative from Cleeve School pupils who have worked in partnership with Cleeve Vale Rotary Club to raise money in contribution to its funding. Equipment is also available for public use in Sunrise Avenue playing field and the sportsfield on Cheltenham Road.

Users of the Cheltenham Road sportsfield will also have noticed that the Council has now installed more security cameras to help reduce the amount of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in this area. When using the sportsfield please be aware that the gates to the entrance are locked at 9.00p.m.



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SAFETY ON PAVEMENTS

Look out for each other!

Residents have expressed concern about the use of powered wheelchairs and scooters in the village. Whilst the majority of users give due regard to pedestrians there are occasions when the speed at which they are being driven has led to near misses.

Powered wheelchairs and scooters **MUST NOT** travel faster than 4 mph (6 km/h) on pavements or in pedestrian areas. Users should show consideration for other pavement users, particularly those with a hearing or visual impairment who may not be aware, and where pedestrians cannot move out of the way quickly enough or where the pavement is too narrow.

* **Reference:** Use of Invalid Carriages on Highways Regulations (UICHR) and Department of Transport guidance for users 2015



FOODBANK DONATIONS

North Cotswold Foodbank supports local people in crisis.

A donations box is available in the Parish Office and the Bishop's Cleeve foodbank outlet is based at St. Michael's Centre in School Road. Donations are always welcome and if you would like to find out what's currently most useful, you can check the list on the donations box or on the foodbank's website.

Further details about getting help, donating money or volunteering can be found on the web at <http://northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk> Alternatively call in any weekday morning at St. Michael's Centre to find out more and pick up application forms.

RECYCLING CENTRE, BISHOP'S CLEEVE

Wingmoor Farm Household Recycling Centre is open to the public, but **please note the entrance on Stoke Road is first left after the railway bridge** (when approaching from Bishop's Cleeve). This is not to be confused with the entrance to Grundon Waste Management, the commercial operator, which is also located on Stoke Road. This is a private site and the company has experienced problems with cars entering their premises, by mistake. This is potentially dangerous as it brings drivers into a restricted traffic system where heavy vehicles are manoeuvring on site. The public recycling centre is open every day from 9:00am to 6:15pm (except Christmas Day and New Year's Day). For more information on recycling visit <http://www.recycleforgloucestershire.com/household-recycling-centres-hrcs/your-nearest-recycling-centre/wingmoor-farm-hrc-bishops-cleeve/>

Christmas Carol and Church Services December 2017

St Michael's Church			   		
17th	3.30pm	Christingle (followed by refreshments)			
17th	6.30pm	Carols and Candles			
24th	2.30pm	Nativity 1			
24th	4.00pm	Nativity 2			
24th	11.30pm	Candlelit Midnight Communion			
25th	9.00am	Celebration (said) HC			
25th	10.30am	Celebration with music group & Communion			
31st	9.30am	United Benefice Communion			
Methodist Church			Woodmancote Church		
24th	4.00pm	Carol and Nativity Service	14th	6.30pm	Carol Service
25th	10.00am	All Age Christmas Day Service	20th	8.00pm	Carols at The Apple Tree
Roman Catholic Church			24th	10.30am	A Christmas Eve Morning Service
24th	6.30pm	Carols and readings followed by Christmas Vigil Mass at St Michael's	25th	10.30am	A Celebration of Christmas morning
25th	11.00am	Christmas Mass at St Nicholas Winchcombe	Anglican Churches in the Villages		
			3rd	4.00pm	Christingle, Oxenton
			17th	4.00p.m	Village Carols, Gotherington Village Hall
			17th	6.30pm	Carol Service, Southam
			24th	9.30am	Parish Communion, Woolstone
			24th	4.00pm	Crib Service, Woolstone
			24th	11.30pm	Midnight Communion, Oxenton
			25th	9.30am	Christmas Communion, Southam
			25th	11.15am	Christmas Communion, Woolstone