



# Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council

## Your Village - Your Voice

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### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion Club may have closed, but the Branch is still working. Meetings are held every two months at Newlands Social Club (the old Smith's clubhouse). The Legion exists to support the welfare needs of serving and ex-service personnel and their families and may be contacted on 0808 802 8080 for advice and assistance.



Locally, the Parish Council plans to restore the village War Memorial, nearer to its original height, and to include a section on the Memorial to commemorate those from Bishop's Cleeve, Southam, Woodmancote and Cleeve Hill who have died in conflict since the end of the Second World War. If you know of any person who should be included, please contact the Branch Secretary, **Gerard Prendergast on 01242 673016**. It is hoped that the Bishop of Gloucester will re-dedicate the restored memorial next year.

The Branch hopes to hold a Poppy Ball on Saturday 4th November this year at Newlands Social Club. Details are being finalised but please put the date in your diary and look out for posters nearer the time for further information. Remembrance Sunday will be held as normal at the War Memorial on Sunday 12th November, with a shortened Service on Armistice Day on Saturday 11th November.

Remember, if you are a serving or ex-serving member of the Armed Forces or an immediate family member and require assistance or advice, the Royal British Legion is here to help. Contact 0808 802 8080.



### RANT AND RAVE

#### Have your say!!

- What facilities do you want included in the new Community Centres, when they come online, which could benefit all sections and age groups of the village?
- What essential retail facilities do you think are lacking in the village?
- Do you think that the elderly residents in the village are well catered for?
- Are the needs of young people in the village being met?
- Should more provision be made for employment?

**Let us have your views:  
contact the Newsletter Team**

via [assistantclerk@bishopsclleevepc.org](mailto:assistantclerk@bishopsclleevepc.org)  
or write to us at the address below.

### PUBLIC MEETING

#### Bishop's Cleeve Planning Where Next?



**Find out how you can get involved in  
shaping a Neighbourhood Development  
Plan for Bishop's Cleeve.**

**Come along to a meeting on:**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 10.30-11.30a.m.**

**or**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 6.30-7.30p.m.**

**in the Community Building  
(next to the library)**

**Read more about Neighbourhood Planning overleaf....**

## Bishop's Cleeve Planning: Where Next?

**We need your input:** The Parish Council wants to create a Neighbourhood Development Plan. This will be shaped by the community to reflect local views and priorities about housing and infrastructure and will become a powerful tool enabling the Parish to exercise greater influence over future development within its boundary.

**Please come along to a meeting.**



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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Joint Core Strategy (JCS) is the emerging Development Plan covering the joint areas of Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Gloucester. It is currently in the final stages of examination and should be adopted in late 2017. When the JCS is adopted, Tewkesbury Borough will have an up-to-date Development Plan which will put them in a relatively strong planning policy position. This is therefore an optimum time for local communities to prepare their own Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP). A NDP forms part of the Development Plan and carries weight in the planning process. Unless outweighed by other material considerations, developments proposed in planning applications and appeals should accord with development plan policies.

### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

Neighbourhood planning was introduced in 2011 through the Localism Act to enable local communities to be more proactive and to influence decisions over development in their area.

A Neighbourhood Plan enables **communities to develop a shared vision for their area and can be whatever a community wants it to be** - it can focus on a single issue or a range of issues that are important to that community.

#### A plan must:

- ✓ be **related to land use planning** and be deliverable through the planning system
- ✓ promote sustainable development and **be consistent with the policies of the adopted local plan and national planning policy**
- ✓ be inclusive and **involve engagement** rather than consultation
- ✓ be **evidence based** - i.e. it must be justified

#### Matters that may be included in a plan are:

- designation of land for specific uses e.g. housing, employment and the expansion of local facilities, such as schools
- designation of Local Green Spaces
- protection and enhancement of local footpaths and cycle networks and their wider connectivity
- identification of important local buildings that are not otherwise protected
- identification of important local settings that contribute to the character of an area
- designation or inclusion of allotments and community orchards etc. in future development proposals
- detailed policies that deal with more specific issues, such as infill development

A Neighbourhood Plan does not have to allocate land for housing but it cannot de-allocate land that has already been allocated. It can however, if the community so wishes, allocate additional land for development.

Once adopted or "made", a Neighbourhood Plan becomes part of the statutory Development Plan which essentially means that it should be considered in the determination of planning applications and appeals.

Parishes with an adopted Neighbourhood Plan will receive 25% of any community infrastructure levy (CIL) arising from developments in their area compared to parishes without a Plan, which will receive only 15%.

## STOKE ROAD HOUSING - GLADMAN'S APPEAL WITHDRAWN!

The planning application for up to **265 dwellings at Stoke Road** by Gladman Developments Ltd (15/00166/OUT) was refused by Tewkesbury Borough Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Gladman Developments Ltd appealed against this decision to the Secretary of State and a Public Inquiry was listed to take place in February and March 2017 to consider this matter. As part of the appeal process Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council were granted 'Rule 6' status to take part in the appeal proceedings.

### The Parish Council's view:

The amount of new residential development, over a relatively short period since 2011, is having a significant adverse impact on Bishop's Cleeve. The number of new dwellings, and unparalleled rate of delivery, extinguishes the existing community's ability to absorb the new population at a sustainable pace without substantial harm to the existing community and local service and facilities.

### The context:

The Joint Core Strategy (the emerging Development Plan covering the areas of Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Gloucester) requires Bishop's Cleeve and Winchcombe jointly to deliver 1,860 new dwellings over the plan period 2011 to 2031. As of January 2017 1,812 or 97% of the new dwellings required have already been either completed (constructed) or committed (planning permission secured). Therefore, **only a further 48 dwellings over the next 14 years** need to be provided in both settlements combined to achieve the required level of delivery! For this reason, Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council will not support further large scale housing developments.

**The Parish Council is pleased to report that the Stoke Road appeal ended abruptly on the second day of the Inquiry when the appellant, Gladman Developments Ltd, withdrew the appeal.**

It is the view of the Parish Council and their legal representatives that the appellant had not thoroughly assessed its own case before lodging appeal proceedings since it became clearly apparent that the appellant's own expert had recommended, in the 'Environmental Statement' which was prepared and submitted by Gladman in support of the proposed development, that an acoustic barrier would be required along the Stoke Road frontage. This acoustic barrier constitutes 'development' and, as such, necessitates proper public consultation required for an amendment to the description of development and furthermore, requires consideration of the potential for landscape or visual harm. Neither of these took place as part of the planning application process.

An application for a full award of costs has therefore been made on behalf of the Parish Council, on the basis that Gladman acted unreasonably in pursuing the appeal and, as a result, the Parish Council has incurred the unnecessary or wasted costs of engaging in the appeal process. The Parish Council awaits the outcome of the costs application and will provide an update in due course.



### Want to Hire a Meeting Room?

The Parish Council room hire rates for 2017 - 2018 have been adjusted, with discounts for those who live within the village and those who make block bookings.

For further information on room hire costs and availability, please email [admin@bishopsclleevepc.org](mailto:admin@bishopsclleevepc.org) or telephone the office on 01242 674440.

### CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL TEAM

#### Cleeve St Michaels Ward

Cllr Peter Badham: 516779  
Cllr Fraser Boyd: via Parish Office  
Cllr David Foulger: 679956  
Cllr Olivia Holden: via Parish Office  
Cllr Sylvia Hughes: 673788  
Cllr David Lewis: 702573  
Cllr Alan Robinson: 674601

#### Cleeve Grange Ward

Cllr Wendy Hopkins (Vice Chair): 697028  
Cllr Val Perry: 672094  
Cllr James Wyatt: 677947

#### Cleeve West Ward

Cllr Tony Mackinnon (Chair): 672534  
Cllr Olivia Kent: 07725 880977  
Cllr Robert Stayt: 677961  
Cllr Peter Richmond: 678271

### We currently have vacancies on the Council.

To find out how to join us please look at our website [www.bcp.c.btk.co.uk](http://www.bcp.c.btk.co.uk) or call into the Parish Office. 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.

## **STREET FAIR: SUNDAY 11th June 2017**

### **WANTED!**

Do you have any photographs taken during the floods in 2007 or do you have any personal memories you would like to share? If so, the organisers of the Street Fair would like to include them in a public display. If you have contributions these can be handed in to the Parish Office, Badham's Pharmacy or George Lewis Footwear.

**Please ensure that any contributions are in a sealed envelope, with your contact details, so that they can be returned to you.**

## **CLEEVE COMMON**

*(A special place on our doorstep)*

The Parish Council Community Committee and Cleeve Common Board of Conservators would like to thank everyone who came to the talk at the Community Centre.

## **CLEEVE HARMONY**

Cleeve Harmony was formed in January 2013 by Donna Whitehouse. Since then we have gone from strength to strength and have performed at many concerts. We have also won cups at the Worcester and Cheltenham Festivals. The choir will be singing again at this year's Street Fair, which we are really looking forward to. We are also really pleased to announce that we are hosting a joint concert with Rhythm Strings on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at the Tithe Barn.

The choir meets for rehearsals every Wednesday at the Tithe Barn at 7.30 p.m. We sing a huge variety of songs, in four parts, from ballads to rock songs. We really do have a lot of fun so if you enjoy singing, and you fancy joining us why not give our Chair, Julie a call on 01242 676669 / Email: [md@cleeve-harmony.org.uk](mailto:md@cleeve-harmony.org.uk). You don't even have to be able to read music!"

Website: [www.cleeve-harmony.org.uk](http://www.cleeve-harmony.org.uk) / [www.facebook.com/cleeveharmony](https://www.facebook.com/cleeveharmony)

## **WOODMANCOTE CRICKET CLUB**

Woodmancote Cricket Club runs 3 junior cricket teams for U11, U13 and U15 players. We have a weekly practice night at Cleeve School cricket nets from 5:30-7pm and the first session for any new players is FREE. We have qualified coaches and all equipment is provided. Sessions are £2:50 per week. Matches are played in the local league on Sunday mornings (U11 and U13 teams) and Monday evenings (U15 team). New players are welcome; please register your interest at: [woodmancotecricketclub@outlook.com](mailto:woodmancotecricketclub@outlook.com) or contact Paul Goring on: 07948094905.

Excitingly we are also launching a Girls' Cricket section this season. The girls' team practises on Thursday evenings at the same venue from 5:30pm; again new players get their first session for FREE. We are very keen to hear from new players as this is our first season and attracting new players is key to the team being a success. We will only play soft ball cricket until the skills of our team develop so nothing to be worried about – it's a great game for the Summer! Anyone over 14 please contact us – same contact details as above.

## **PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE PLAY RANGERS**

The Play Rangers will be available in the village playing fields at the following times:

- Pecked Lane - Longlands Park:  
Tuesday 5pm – 7pm
- Sunrise Avenue Park:  
Wednesday 6pm – 8pm
- Finlay Way Park:  
Thursday 6pm – 8pm

**SESSIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE**

## **WASTE BINS / DOG BINS**



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BLACK WASTE BINS  
IN THE VILLAGE CAN NOW BE USED FOR BOTH  
DOG WASTE AND GENERAL LITTER.**