



Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council

Your Village Your Voice

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Did you know.....

- The Parish Council is there to make decisions around spending your Council Tax.
- The Parish Council put forward their views around Local Planning to Tewkesbury Borough Planning; they do not make decisions on Planning.
- To be a Parish Councillor you need to be either Elected or Co-opted. The criteria are that you are over 18 years of age and a British or Irish Republic Citizen. Also you need to have resided within 3 miles of the area or have it as your main place of work or own premises there for a period of 12 months or more. It is an unpaid position and the parish council also ask that you have experience of voluntary work or aspirations to do so.
- The Parish Council ask that you serve on at least one committee and can attend weekly Thursday evening meetings.
- It's unpaid so you volunteer.
- You can receive training.

So if you are interested look at our website : <http://www.bishopscleevepc.org>

And when a vacancy arises come and join us and have a say in your community.

Rant or Rave ?

Have your say.....



We want to hear your views, what you like, what you don't and what you want to keep our Village a GREAT place to live.

We want to hear about what's going on in the village so that we can share this with everyone; to help those that need it and to let people know how they can get involved.

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Subscribe to our newsletter and updates here: <http://www.tinyletter.com/BCPC>

Or email: newsletterteam@bishopscleevepc.org

Write to us at : The Newsletter Team.

C/O BC Parish Council Offices

Church Rd, Bishop's Cleeve, GL52 8LR

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IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE. When you write or email please state that you are happy for us to share your details within the Parish Council, we will not pass on your details to outside organisations. If you give us permission then we can write back to you. We will not share your views unless you give us permission to do so.



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What's Happening Now in Our village



St. Michael's Centre

A Bishop's Cleeve focused registered charity set up to serve the local community. The charity grew out of the old Bishop's Cleeve School Trust (which founded the original village school in 1846) and is based in St Michael's Hall on School Road, opposite St Michael's Church. **We assist those in need of extra support**, especially children and families and the elderly. Services include a Friday Lunch Club for the elderly; provision for children and families; Cleeve Carers Group for full time Carers and a Bereavement Support Group. **We host many activities delivered by St Michael's Church** which offers a whole range of Christian provision for children and young people as well as courses for adults. **We offer a low cost well equipped venue for use by the community.** We hire the premises for all sorts of community activities and try to support grass root groups who might find it difficult to find a suitable venue. The Centre itself stages lots of community social events, most recently a Quiz Night, a Pudding Evening and a Big Breakfast. The charity has to raise funds to maintain and improve its building, St Michael's Hall, which desperately needs to be expanded to enable the charity to extend its work and host more local groups. For more information or to find out how you could help please contact **Jacqui Dyer on 01242 691639**

In our next issue we could promote the work of your organisation in the village. Email us details newsletterteam@bishopsclleevepc.org and we will endeavour to place you in print as soon as we can. Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council plans to produce 4 newsletters a year.



The Tithe Barn

The Village Hall is open for all. The Tithe Barn has undergone extensive refurbishment and has been extended to provide facilities for a range of activities for Bishop's Cleeve Residents.

To find out all activities taking place look at the website: www.cleevetithebarn.org.uk

Or come inside and look at the notice board or the one outside. Tel enquiries: 07542 101705

The Tithe Barn is a registered charity run by volunteer Trustees. New Volunteers and Trustees are always welcome so if you want to become involved email: ad-

min@cleevetithebarn.org.uk

Or alternatively write to:

There is also an allotment site at the rear of the building. The Tithe Barn is also used as a wedding venue and a live music venue. The Trustees work hard to maintain the building and grounds and keep hire costs down

The Tithe Barn
Cheltenham
Bishop's Cleeve
GL52 8LU

Bishop's Cleeve Street Fair:

In June we had a lovely day where the sun shone and the annual event took place. The village showcased a family event where fun and entertainment was enjoyed by all ages. This event raised funding for a Defibrillator to be placed in the middle of the village, funds for St. Michael's hall and for the Christmas lights for December. The street fair is run by volunteers and if you want to be involved in next years event, email:

pss.badham@badhampharmacy.co.uk

The Clerks Section

The Clerk: Belinda Holder - clerk@bishopscleevepc.org

Deputy Clerk: Cheryl Puttick - deputy@bishopscleevepc.org

Are you a Local Company?

The Parish Council are developing a data base of Local Council Contractors. Contractors are invited to submit an Expression of Interest for future local council contracts by emailing the clerk@bishopscleevepc.org. The Council are especially interested in contractors with experience in grass cutting, grounds maintenance, play areas and play equipment maintenance, tree works, general building maintenance, IT and caretaking and cleaning. Future specifications will be emailed to those that have registered an expression of interest. Contracts are expected to run for a period of 4 years and Contractors will be expected to provide evidence of competency, experience, membership of trade organisations, HSE certificates, references and Public Liability Insurance certificates.

Recent Developments

In July the Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council voted to purchase the [Kayte Lane Field](#) from Gloucestershire County Council so that this informal green open space can be retained in its current use, as a well-used community asset. The Council are pleased to report that the sale of the Field is well underway and should be finalised by the end of this year.



Contact The Team

Cleeve Grange Ward

- Cllr Paul Holliday 678496
- Cllr Wendy Hopkins (Vice Chair) 697028
- Cllr Val Perry 672094
- Cllr Paul Benfield 674440

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- Cllr Terence Cairns 703185
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- Cllr Alan Shakespeare 674440
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- Cllr Tony Mackinnon (Chair) 672534
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- Cllr Mary Reddicliffe 698193
- Cllr Peter Richmond 678271
- Cllr Christine Benfield 674440

Local Developments in the planning stage. See our website for more details on ...

- Cleevelands
- Homelands
- Gladmans
- Woodmancote –Butts Lane
- Mitchells

Explore online at:

www.tewkesbury.gov.uk

<http://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=1682>

You can make your comments online or write to:

Tewkesbury Planning, Council offices,
Gloucester Rd, Tewkesbury, Glos.
GL20 5TT.

Or call: 01684 272364 Or email enquiries@tewkesbury.gov.uk

Issues raised by village residents

These are issues which have been brought to our attention, and causing great concern to everyone, especially the elderly, and we should not have to tolerate them.

Anti-social behaviour is not pleasant and the cost to the parish council causes concern. The cost of replacing the large litter bins that can be seen in the playgrounds and around the village is approx. £250 plus installation, and we have had some bins which have been deliberately damaged by fire. Reporting incidents to the police using 101 does not always mean that the local police will be able to respond because they may be dealing with other serious emergencies, but please be assured that by leaving a message does mean that it becomes a statistic on their files. These statistics help the police to identify priorities, and hopefully more police on the beat. If there are police patrolling in the area they will attend but please do help the police and the council by using 101 to report crime.

Lack of weed-control and gutter clearance has been the source of many complaints both to councillors and on the Internet about this problem. Gloucestershire County Council no longer carry out routine weed spraying, and have not done so for a number of years. This whole issue is being looked into by the Parish Council. In the meantime, please could we ask for your co-operation in checking that the boundary hedges to your property do not protrude and obstruct the public pavement. There are instances where some shrubs/trees have become dangerous for pedestrians by over-hanging branches. The narrow concrete strip between your property and the footpath show the boundary. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to those householders who voluntarily maintain the areas around their property and members of the public who do a litter pick-up in playgrounds and other areas around the village.

Projects we would like your views on

Volunteers. What are your views on using volunteers to help with weed-control and litter picking ?

Traffic speed. This is an ongoing issue that the Parish Council have targets to address, and we wish to work with residents to improve these.

Gotherington Lane/Station Road. This junction is a very busy area especially during peak times and when children have to use this junction to get to school. Please could drivers take extra precaution to avoid any serious accident? Traffic along Station Road has increased considerably over recent years.

Finlay Way. Residents in this area have raised issues about the speed and volume of traffic using this road. This matter will be discussed with the Community Engagement/Police Liaison Committee to see how this can be resolved.

Sunrise Avenue. This is another area where the speed of traffic is paramount, and is a busy area for children who use the playing field. Please do slow down when approaching the play areas.

Vehicle Activated Signs. These activated signs can be used to warn drivers about speed limits. Please let us know what your views are on this?

Sportsfield Dogs:

The council are pleased that members of the public enjoy the sports field on Cheltenham Road for walking and jogging. They would like to ask that the perimeter of the sports field is used to protect the sports pitches. However we stress that **dogs are not permitted in the sports field** due to the potential damage to the health of those young people and adults using the field for sports.

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