

Parish Update

Bishops Cleeve Parish Council Newsletter

Winter 2009

Information from Gloucestershire Constabulary.

We have been asked to share the following information with you:

The new operational accommodation and custody suite planned for Bishop's Cleeve will be designed, built, financed and operated by a Private Finance Initiative. Private companies form groups called Consortia. The plan now is that one of the Consortia will win the bid to design, build, finance and operate the new buildings.

The Bishops Cleeve site will consist of operational accommodation for officers and staff, "fallback" control room and Information technology (IT) and a custody centre (Custody Centre North) consisting of 30 cells.

As part of the bidding process, we have met with Parish Councils at Bishops Cleeve and Southam and have held public meetings at Bishops Cleeve on 26th March 2009 and more recently on 12 November. We fully intend to engage with local residents in the Bishops Cleeve area at key stages of the project, to provide information for you and to address any concerns that you may have.

By-Election called to fill Parish Councillor Vacancy

If a vacancy arises during the 4 year term of the Council, a by-election is only called if 10 or more electors request one in writing. Following the recent resignation of Cllr Stephens, 10 written requests were duly received and a by-election called for early January. Unfortunately, no nominations were forthcoming. Further calls for nominations will be made in the New Year until such time as one or more valid nominations are received. The Council needs members who have an interest in the community and are prepared to spend a few evenings a month on council business. If you are interested in standing, please contact the Clerk or Tewkesbury Borough Council for further information.

Useful contacts:

Glos Highways 08000 514 514 for reporting street lighting, pathways and pot hole problems

Tewkesbury Borough Council
01684 295010

Police
0845 0901 1234

Your Parish Councillors are:

**Peter Lightfoot, 676682
Vera Ayres, 696671
Peter Badham, 516779
Mark Cooper, 07751311157
James Habgood, 673052
Geoffrey Jackson, 674146
Clive Lawrence, 676409
Ann Lightfoot, 676682
Anthony Mackinnon, 672534
John Peake, 677315
Kate Peake, 677315
Patrick Rawlings, 673931
Peter Richmond, 678271
Philip Taylor, 677193**

Farewell to Jerry our Caretaker

Jerry Gurney who joined the Parish Council as caretaker to the Community Building when it opened 10 years ago has retired. Jerry was a valued and caring member of staff who was always well liked and respected by the users of the building as well as colleagues and Councillors.



We wish him well in the future.

Parish Office– one year on.

The Parish Office has welcomed more than 4335 visitors since it opened in January 2009. There has been many different organisations using the rooms including Drama groups, Transition Cleeve, Police liaison meetings, Chamber of Commerce, National Childbirth-Trust, Womens Institute, SWARD, Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust and Bishop's Cleeve Children's Centre, who deliver services such as speech and language therapy from the Parish Office.

The building has also been able to accommodate several exhibitions including the recent Joint Core Strategy. This enables local people to access information without having to travel to Tewkesbury.

The Parish Council is able to hold its monthly meetings and weekly committee meetings in the fully accessible Parish Office.



1st Woodmancote Scout Group have been busy planting daffodil bulbs to brighten up the parish offices next Spring.