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Grants

Bishopstoke Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has approved a grant of £2,000 to Bishopstoke Evangelical Church towards the costs of improving fire safety within the building. The Parish Council has also granted £1,120 to Bishopstoke Methodist Church towards the costs of decorating the main room.

Vouchers for free school meal children

Bishopstoke Parish Council successfully provided around 130 Sainsbury vouchers worth £60 each to free school meal children in Bishopstoke schools in time for Christmas. In addition, Sainsbury themselves donated 130 bags of chocolate coins to accompany the vouchers. We hope that this gesture helped people in these difficult times.

Budget for 2021-22

The Parish Council has approved the budget for 2021-22. It will shortly be published on the Parish Council website.

Bishopstoke Parish Council Tax

Bishopstoke Parish Council voted to have a 0% increase in its share of the Council Tax bill this year. Whilst we cannot control what other authorities do the Parish Council wanted to play its part in helping those struggling financially in these unprecedented times.

Christmas Tree Trail

Bishopstoke Parish Council was pleased to support the Christmas Tree Trail organised by the local churches. We look forward to any future events they may have planned.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 7.30pm online. For all other meeting details and information please visit the Parish website.

For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk: David Wheal by email: <u>clerk@bishopstokepc.org</u> or visit the Parish website at: <u>www.bishopstokepc.org</u>