

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



February 2020

Top plotter's plaque presentation



Allotment plot holder John Pirie attended the January meeting of the Parish Council to receive an award for the Best Kept Allotment 2019 from the Chairman, Cllr Paul Williams.

Also present were teaching assistants Mrs Jane Jordan and Mrs Dawn Richings, who run Burbage Infant CE School's after-school gardening club, whose young members designed one side of the winner's commemorative plaque, and eight-year-old Lottie Withers, a pupil at Burbage Junior School, whose design features on the other side of the award.

Mr Pirie was given one plaque to take home and another has been put on display on his winning plot, 57B, at the Council's Woodland Avenue site.

Colts Close play schemes go public

Parishioners who live near to and use Colts Close Recreation Ground are being invited to tell the Council which of two potential play and fitness schemes they would like to see developed on the community green space.

Five play providers submitted plans for the site, following a public consultation exercise to find out what new facilities people would like to see there and, of those, two have been shortlisted for further public feedback.

Each of the potential schemes includes a multi-play unit for 5 to 12 year olds, a set of family-friendly gym equipment, a basketball hoop, new seating and picnic provision, plus a new tarmac path which will allow people to cross the space without having to walk through the existing children's play area.

In addition, each scheme will turn the paths into a mini scooter and bike track, with 'road' markings for added interest, and each will also include a revamp

of the existing well-used and much-loved pre-school play equipment.

The new facilities will be paid for with S106 developer contributions made available as a result of new homes being built around Sunloch Close.

Plans for each scheme can be viewed online at www.burbage-council.co.uk and will be put on display at Burbage Millennium Hall until Saturday February 29.

People are invited to tell the Council which scheme they like best, either by emailing info@burbage-council.co.uk or by voting at Millennium Hall.

Feedback will be considered by the Council's Open Spaces Development Working Party, which will make a recommendation for a preferred contractor to be considered by the Council's F&GP committee in March.

Tax freeze for all parishioners

Households in Burbage will not be asked to pay a penny more than last year towards the Parish Council share of their Council Tax bills during the financial year 2020/21.

Councillors have approved a zero-increase precept which would see households of Band D properties continue to pay £71.11 for the year – exactly the same amount that they were charged during 2019/20.

Households of all other bands will also continue to pay the same as last year.

The parish precept will generate £429,113.30 towards the cost of facilities and services provided by the parish council, which include community buildings, public open spaces, recreation grounds and sports pitches.

Fees charged by the parish council for use of its facilities and services, including Millennium Hall hire, burial ground provision and allotments, will see a modest increase from April 1.

The parish requirement forms just one part of the Council Tax bill sent to every household, which also includes charges from Leicestershire County Council, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service and Leicestershire Police.

Parish Council Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the Council's Finance & General Purposes Committee, Cllr Richard Flemming, said: "We are very happy to be able to freeze our rates for the coming financial year."

Tributes are paid to first Chairman

Parish Councillors and Council staff have been deeply saddened by the death, in January, of Parish Councillor Peter Hall.

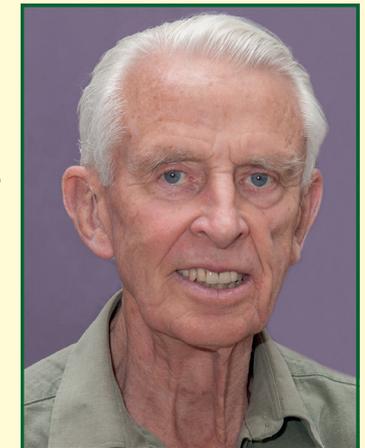
The Liberal Democrat Member was most recently elected in May 2019 and had been serving as one of three Parish representatives on St Catherine's ward, while also sitting on the Council's Finance & General Purposes Committee and its Open Spaces Development Working Party.

However, Cllr Hall's connection with the Council dates back to the 1980s, when the parish authority was re-established, in its current format, in 1986, and he was elected its inaugural Chairman.

Serving on the Parish Council until 2009, he was also elected to represent Burbage on Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council from 1995 to 1999 and again from 2007 to 2015.

Cllr Hall's wife, Ann, is also a serving Parish Councillor, representing Lash Hill ward.

Parish Council chairman Cllr Paul Williams said: "It is so sad to lose Peter's input to the Parish after a 35-year connection, and our thoughts are with Ann and their family at this time."



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Meetings for the month ahead Council and committee meetings are held on Mondays in Burbage Millennium Hall, usually starting at 7pm, and are open to any parishioners wishing to attend.

Forthcoming meetings are as follows: Parish Council, February 3 at 7pm & March 2 at 7.30pm; Planning Committee February 10 & February 24; Finance & General Purposes Committee, February 17; Annual Parish Meeting, March 2.