

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



March 2020

Plan for Burbage goes public

An independent examiner is to hold a hearing into the emerging Burbage Neighbourhood Plan at Hinckley Hub on Tuesday, March 3, starting at 10am, which members of the public may attend, as part of the formal plan approval process.

A link to all information relating to the Plan can be found on a header slide on the Parish Council's website www.burbage-council.co.uk

Hard copies may be viewed at Hinckley Hub and Burbage Community Library.

If the examination proves positive, moves to put the plan to a public referendum will be made as soon as possible.



Ward Councillor vacancy for St Catherine's

Burbage Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor to represent St Catherine's Ward, following the death of former Councillor Peter Hall.

An official notice has been published by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.

If, by March 3, a request for an election to be held to fill the vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the Borough Council by at least 10 electors for the ward, an election will be held to fill the vacancy, not later than May 11 this year.

If fewer than 10 electors make written requests for an election, the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Colts Close vote closes

A second public consultation exercise to help Councillors choose a new play and fitness scheme to be developed at Colts Close Recreation Ground closed at the end of February.

Based on feedback from initial consultation last year, two schemes were shortlisted to go to a public vote.

Members of the Council's Open Spaces Development Working Party will meet to consider votes cast and comments made on the two sets of proposals before making a recommendation to the Council's Finance & General Purposes Committee as to which contractor to appoint.

The chosen scheme will be revealed by the end of this month.

Doggie dos and don'ts

Dog walkers making the most of the lengthening days are reminded to pick up after their pets when exercising on Council green spaces, out of consideration for fellow park users.

Poo bags can be disposed of in any public rubbish bins – not just designated poo bag bins.

Anyone spotted not picking up after their pooches faces a fine of up to £1,000.

**BAG THAT POO
ANY BIN WILL DO!**



Please use **any litter bin** to dispose of **bagged dog mess**

Maximum fine for dog fouling: £1000



Parish pledges support for Armed Forces

Burbage Parish Council has signed an Armed Forces Covenant to show its commitment to supporting the local Armed Forces community.

The Covenant acknowledges the contribution to the parish of serving forces personnel, as well as veterans' and military families.

It underlines the Council's on-going support of Armed Forces events and activities, such as Poppy Appeal collections and Remembrance commemorations, and cements its partnership with Burbage branch of the Royal British Legion as well as its support of local Sea and Air Cadet Units.

A link to the Veterans Gateway can now be found on the Council's website by clicking on the Community tab on the menu and selecting Useful Links.

In addition, Cllr Danny Findlay, who is a leader with Hinckley Air Cadets, has been appointed an Armed Forces Champion, to raise awareness of the Covenant and to signpost any member of the Armed Forces Community in need of advice.

VE Day bank holiday celebrations

Members of the Council's Remembrance Working Party have been meeting to discuss ways of marking the 75th anniversary of VE Day, in conjunction with other parish groups and organisations.

The Council has agreed to the use of The Horsepool as part of Burbage Scarecrow Festival and to the free use of Millennium Hall facilities by BCAF, both during the special May bank holiday weekend.

Chairman's Award for Gardening Club volunteer

The Parish Council Chairman's Community Award for 2020 is to be presented to Burbage Gardening Club show manager Bob Gwynn. At the Annual Parish Meeting on March 2, Council Chairman Cllr Paul Williams will present Mr Gwynn with the John Moore community vase to hold for a year.

The award is made annually to an individual whose voluntary efforts have made a positive difference within the parish.

Last year's recipient was BCAF member and former chairman Laurence Wilkins.

New stalls at Farmers' Market

The next Burbage Farmers' Market will be held on Saturday March 7, from 9am until midday, in the car park of Burbage Methodist Church on Windsor Street, with some new stall-holders due to attend.

Contact us...

Burbage Parish Council can be contacted by emailing info@burbage-council.co.uk or by calling the parish office, which opens to the public Monday to Friday 9am to midday on **01455 637533**

More information about council services and facilities can be found on our website www.burbage-council.co.uk

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: Annual Parish Meeting, March 2 at 7pm; Parish Council, March 2 at 7.30pm; Planning Committee, March 9 and March 30; Finance & General Purposes Committee, March 16; Parish Council, April 6.