

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



August 2020

Councillors to concentrate on Covid safety

The Parish Council is pleased to have welcomed back Britannia Fields Playgroup to Millennium Hall and is looking forward to accommodating other regular users as soon as it can be safely arranged, in line with the Government's Covid-19 advice.

A dedicated Coronavirus sub committee is overseeing risk assessments and the implementation of preventive measures in both Council buildings and open spaces around the parish.



Church serves Farmers' Market

Burbage Farmers' Market will next be held on the car park at Burbage Methodist Church, Windsor Street, on Saturday September 5, starting at 9am and running until about 12.30pm, with an outdoor hot drinks stall to be run by Church members.

A queuing system will ensure that social distancing is observed, and hand sanitiser will be available.

Contact us...

The Parish Office at Millennium Hall is now open between 9am and midday, or you can call **01455 637533** or use the post box inside the main sliding doors from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. Post will be collected and messages picked up daily during the week. The best way to get in touch is by emailing info@burbage-council.co.uk

Parish projects to benefit from Borough grants

The Parish Council has been offered grant funding for two parish enhancement projects from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.

Nearly £5,000 has been offered from the Borough's **Parish & Community Initiative Fund (PCIF)** towards a biodiversity project, which will include wildflower seed sowing, tree and hedge planting, the expansion of managed biodiversity strips and the installation of bat and bird boxes across four Parish Council managed open spaces: *Britannia Road recreation ground, Far Lash green space, Sketchley Hill Farm (Tilton Park) recreation ground and the Courting Stiles*. The award follows the offer of a £3,000 County Council SHIRE Grant towards the hedge-planting element of the project.

In addition, more than £4,000 has been offered from the Borough's **Environmental Improvement Programme (EIP)** towards the creation of a VE Day memorial garden outside Millennium Hall, which will feature commemorative plaques marking both the 50th and this year's 75th anniversary of peace in Europe at the end of World War II.



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Rec. revamp puts focus on fun and fitness

An exciting new play and fitness scheme has been completed at Colts Close recreation ground.

Installed by Cannock-based JP Landscapes, the new facilities were funded by developer contributions given to support new homes built around Sunloch Close.

They include an adventure play unit for children aged 12 and over, family-friendly gym equipment and a basketball hoop, plus inclusive seating and eating places.

Prompted by comments made during public consultation, a new path has been laid across the green space, avoiding the need for people to pass through the existing pre-school play area, which has been given a cheery revamp as part of the site make-over.

Both the new and existing paths have been given a facelift with mini 'road' markings, making them the perfect play track for youngsters with trikes, bikes and scooters.

A dedicated recycling bin has been added for drinks cans, sandwich cartons and the like.

Dog-walkers are kindly reminded to continue to put poo bags in the open rubbish bin near the car park.

PLAY SAFE SUPERVISION ESSENTIAL STAY SAFE

Play areas and gym equipment across the parish have all been re-opened in line with Government guidance and new signs produced to encourage their safe use.

Users are asked to follow personal hygiene and social distancing measures and to ensure that children are supervised at all times.

Festive funding offer from Lands Charity

Burbage Parish Lands Charity, from which the Parish Council leases some land at Colts Close, is inviting nominations of individuals and organisations whose work within the parish would benefit from a funding boost.

Each December, the charity makes donations to community causes at a presentation evening which beneficiaries are invited to attend. A total of £1,700 was given out last year alone.

Nominations for recipients in 2020 must be received no later than 31st October.

To find out more, please contact the charity's Secretary by emailing grdavis@ntlworld.com

Terms and conditions apply.



Meetings Council meetings are currently being held via Zoom video and conference calls on Monday evenings. Joining instructions will be published together with the agenda three working days ahead of the meeting date on www.burbage-council.co.uk and posted on the council noticeboard at the front of Millennium Hall.

At the time of printing, the following meetings were scheduled: Parish Council, September 7 at 6.30pm; Planning Committee, September 14 at 7pm & September 28 at 6.30pm; Finance & General Purposes Committee, September 21 at 6.30pm.