

Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



February 2021

Dog walkers - don't fall foul of the law

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



Please use any litter bin to dispose of bagged dog mess

Maximum fine for dog fouling: £1000



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Dog walkers are reminded to pick up after their pets when exercising on Council green spaces and public footpaths.

Dog mess is not just unpleasant but a real health hazard and many recent complaints relate to the Rugby Road area and access routes to Sketchley Hill Primary School, where very young children are particularly likely to be affected.

Burbage recreation grounds have also become hot-spots for irresponsible dog owners.

Burbage PCSO Darren Stretton says:

"It is an offence to allow your dog to foul in any public place and not clean it up. It is not a defence to claim that you had nothing with you to clean up the mess."

Bagged dog poo can be disposed of in any public rubbish bin – not just designated poo bag bins – so there is no excuse for leaving it.

Fixed Penalty Notices of £100 can be issued to any dog owner falling foul of the law – and fines of up to £1,000 imposed if the matter ends up in court.

Anyone wishing to report dog fouling or any other street problem is encouraged to use the free online service FixMyStreet at www.fixmystreet.com/?pwa which ensures that reports are forwarded to the correct local authority.

A link to FixMyStreet can be found on the Parish Council website www.burbage-council.co.uk to the left of each page.

Farmers' Market planned

Organisers hope to hold a Farmers' Market in Burbage on Saturday 6th March. At the time of printing, a location had yet to be confirmed, so please keep an eye on our website www.burbage-council.co.uk for any update.

Signing up to cut speed

The Parish Council has successfully applied to Leicestershire County Council's Highways Parish & Community Fund for funding for three Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) to be used around the village, in addition to a single device currently in operation.

Nine host posts are also to be provided, allowing the devices to be put up at different locations across the parish, following consultation with residents who would be affected by any proposed siting.

The funding provision forms part of a £10,000 support package from the County Council which has also included hedge maintenance work along some village footpaths, to allow for easier social distancing during the Coronavirus pandemic.



**STAY ALERT
CHECK YOUR SPEED**

Contact us: The Parish Office remains open for business but is temporarily closed to visitors, in line with National Lockdown restrictions. If you need to get in touch, you can call **01455 637533** or use the post box inside the front sliding door between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday. The best way to make contact is to email info@burbage-council.co.uk

Meetings for the month ahead

Council meetings are continuing to be held via Zoom on Monday evenings. Joining instructions and confirmed timings will be published together with the agenda on www.burbage-council.co.uk

At the time of printing, meetings were scheduled as follows:

- Finance & General Purposes Committee, 15 February, 6.30pm
- Planning Committee, 22 February, 6.30pm
- Annual Parish Meeting, 1 March, 6.30pm
- Parish Council, 1 March, 7pm
- Planning Committee, 8 March, 6.30pm
- Finance & General Purposes Committee, 15 March, 6.30pm

War Memorial marks Centenary



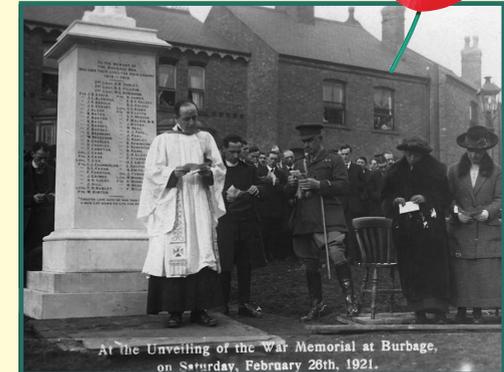
100 years ago, Burbage was in the process of lifting itself from the consequences of war and the ensuing flu pandemic.

Through public subscription, villagers had raised funds to commemorate the lives of those lost during what was then known as The Great War with a memorial - and there were very strong views that it should be placed in the centre of the village, on what was then the village green, opposite Tong Lodge on Church Street.

The Leicester Daily Post records that the memorial – now a Grade II listed monument - was unveiled on Saturday 26th February 1921 by Lieutenant-Colonel C H Jones CMG TD, a respected Colonel of 1/5th Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment, under whom some of the Burbage men listed on the memorial had served. A service of dedication was led by Rev R D H Pughe, Rector of Burbage.

The paper reported: **"The memorial is a strikingly beautiful one, and consists of a massive pedestal, placed on a heavy base of Bishopsgate stone, and surmounted by a life-size figure of a British Tommy, with arms reversed, cut in Carrara Marble."**

"A more exquisite piece of work than the figure is probably not to be found in the whole of Leicestershire."



At the Unveiling of the War Memorial at Burbage, on Saturday, February 26th, 1921.

To commemorate the centenary, at 11am on Friday 26th February this year, a filmed tribute and short service, produced in partnership with Burbage Heritage Group, will be streamed online.

For more details, please check the Parish Council website closer to the time.

Photographs from the period are on display at Co-Op Funeralcare, opposite the war memorial, and will be available online at www.burbageheritage.co.uk together with more background on the memorial's history.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is chance for residents to find out about the work of the Parish Council during the past year.

To be held via Zoom on Monday 1st March at 6.30pm, Chairman of the Council, Cllr Richard Fleming will present a report outlining issues addressed and projects carried out by the council in the past 12 months, after which there will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions and make comments.

A Chairman's Award, traditionally presented at this meeting, will be announced at a later date.

Joining instructions and an agenda will be made available on the Council website www.burbage-council.co.uk three working days ahead of the meeting.

For more news, updates and links to useful sites, please visit our website www.burbage-council.co.uk

Parish Councillor vacancy

A casual vacancy has arisen for a Councillor to represent Lash Hill Ward on Burbage Parish Council.

If by 23 February 2021 a request for an election to fill the vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below by ten electors for Lash Hill Ward, an election will be held to fill the vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

If an election is called, it will be held on 6th May 2021, together with an election already called for a casual vacancy in St Catherine's Ward, if Government restrictions allow.

Requests for an election should be made in writing to Bill Cullen, Returning Officer, Hinckley Hub, Rugby Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 0FR or online via www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/contactelectoralservices