

# Burbage Parish Council Newsletter



June 2021

## 'Do what you like' at Burbage Carnival

If the Government's roadmap to re-opening continues as planned, Burbage Carnival will be back on the streets on Sunday July 18.

The Parish Council is supporting the parade by paying for a County Council-approved schedule of rolling road closures, to allow the procession to proceed safely.

It is also to make a £500 donation to the volunteer Carnival Committee which organises the ever-popular community event.

Floats and other entries are being encouraged, with entrants invited to 'do what you like' rather than follow a set theme.

Full information, including entry forms, a route map and timings, can be found at [www.burbagecarnival.co.uk](http://www.burbagecarnival.co.uk)

## Sketchley Fields saved



Photograph Cllr Barry Walker.

A swathe of Burbage countryside has been protected from development following a public inquiry at which Parish Councillors spoke out against proposals by Barwood Development Securities Ltd for 140 homes and up to 30,000 sq m of warehousing on land off Sketchley Lane, which had been refused by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council in May 2020.

In May this year, it was announced that the developer's appeal against the decision had also been dismissed,

following a nine-day public hearing held in March.

Parish Councillors Richard Flemming, who is chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan group, Cllr Mike Hall and Cllr Barry Walker all gave evidence to the Inquiry, highlighting the harm they feared the development would cause to Burbage and its residents.

Their opposition was mounted in a co-ordinated effort which also involved all five Burbage Borough Councillors.

**Contact us:** The Parish Office remains open for business but is temporarily closed to visitors, in line with current Coronavirus restrictions. The best way to make contact is to email [info@burbage-council.co.uk](mailto:info@burbage-council.co.uk) Alternatively, call **01455 637533** between 9am and midday Monday to Friday, or use the post box inside the front sliding door between 9am and 4pm on weekdays.

## Neighbourhood Plan is 'made'

Burbage Neighbourhood Plan, which went to referendum on Election Day in May, secured a positive majority vote of 85% and, as a result, has now been officially 'made'.

Councillors are delighted with the result and thanks have been expressed to all who have been involved in bringing the Plan to this point.

Policies contained within the Plan will be used to add weight to Council comments on future planning applications and were successfully cited in evidence and referred to by the Inspector at the Sketchley Fields public inquiry.

## New Chairman for Parish Council

Liberal Democrat Councillor Keith Lynch has been elected Chairman of Burbage Parish Council.

The Member for Tilton ward was voted-in at the council's annual meeting on Monday May 24, which was the first in-person meeting of the full council to have been held since the first national lockdown came into force in March 2020.

Following a recent election and co-option, the council now comprises 16 Liberal Democrats, two Conservative and two independent members.

Outgoing chairman, Lash Hill ward councillor Richard Flemming said:

***"I would like to thank all Council Members for their support and steadfastness throughout the pandemic, which has put untold pressure on us all to keep the business of the Parish Council running when we have not been able to meet face-to-face."***



He paid special thanks to the Council's Principal Officer, Hazel Thomasson, and commended the staff team responsible for the Council's financial management, service administration, grounds work and caretaking.

In a socially-distanced hand-over of office, he said: ***"I wish our new Chairman all the best for taking on this privileged role representing the Parish Council."***

Cllr Lynch has been a parish councillor for more than 20 years, having represented Lash Hill and Stretton wards before becoming a Member for Tilton ward in 2019, and this will be his third term of office as Chairman.

He is one of eight parish councillors also serving on Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, where he has represented Clarendon ward for almost 40 years and is currently Executive Member for Finance.

Residents may remember him as Mayor in 2007-2008.

Cllr Lynch also served on the County Council for eight years, until 2015, representing Burbage Castle ward.

He said he was looking forward to another year of positive progress at Burbage Parish Council.



## Meetings for the month ahead

Council meetings are being held at Burbage Millennium Hall on Britannia Road, with strict procedures in place to ensure Covid safety. An agenda confirming date and start time will be published 3 working days ahead of each meeting on [www.burbage-council.co.uk](http://www.burbage-council.co.uk)

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

- Planning Committee – **June 7 & 28**
- Finance & General Purposes Committee – **June 21**
- Parish Council – **July 5**

## New councillor for St Catherine's ward

Shirley Iliffe has been elected to the Council as one of three representatives of St Catherine's ward, where a vacancy had arisen. Cllr Mrs Iliffe, who lives in Beechwood Avenue, was voted-in on Election Day, May 6.

## Farmers' Market

The next Farmers' Market is due to be held on July 3 on the Methodist Church car park on Windsor Street, in accordance with Government guidance at the time.

The next Parish Council newsletter is due out on July 5.

For more news, updates, and links to useful sites, please visit our website [www.burbage-council.co.uk](http://www.burbage-council.co.uk)