



Burbage Parish Council Newsletter

August 2023

Meetings for the month ahead

Council meetings are usually held on Mondays at Burbage Millennium Hall. Agendas are published three working days ahead of each meeting and can be viewed on the Council website.

At the time of printing, the following meetings, all set to start at 6.30pm, were scheduled:

- **Parish Council**
September 11
- **Planning Committee**
August 21 & September 4
- **Environment Committee**
None scheduled
- **Administration & Finance Committee**
August 14

Contact us ...

The parish office is usually open from 9am to midday, Monday to Friday but **will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday, August 28.**

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Arriva bus service changes

Campaigning Burbage Councillors have helped to secure improvements to Arriva bus services in the parish. Councillors Dawn Glenville, Richard Flemming and Stuart Bray lobbied the bus company to return services to Far Lash. As a result, Arriva has made changes to Service 8 and to Services 6, 6A, 6B & 7 (now to be numbered either 7 or 7A), which can be read in full by following links on the Council's website. Head of Commercial for Arriva Midlands, Toby France, said the members had **"been instrumental in delivering these improvements for residents"**.

Burbage Gardening Club show

The Parish Council is a sponsor of Burbage Gardening Club's 75th annual open show, which is to be held at Hastings High School on **Saturday August 19.** Admission is free to members of the public from 4.30pm, with donations invited towards the club's chosen charity, Canine Partners, which trains assistance dogs for people with disabilities. The Council's £200 donation will support the Floral Art categories.

Burbage Parish Lands Charity grant nominations open

Burbage Parish Lands Charity is inviting nominations of individuals and organisations within the Parish who would benefit from a grant this Christmas. Last year, it made donations totalling more than £2,000. To find out more or to make a nomination before October 31, either email grdavis@ntlworld.com or write to The Secretary, Burbage Parish Lands Charity, c/o 14 Norfolk Close, Burbage, LE10 2LE. Beneficiaries will be invited to a presentation evening at Millennium Hall on December 5. BPLC is a registered charity and terms and conditions apply. Please ask a nominee's permission before submitting.

Helping Hands pop-up shop

Burbage Helping Hands will next be at Millennium Hall on **Wednesday August 16, from 2pm.** To donate food or funds, please call Teresa on 07785 246086.

Mobile volunteering hub

Hinckley & Bosworth's Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) mobile hub will be at Millennium Hall on **Wednesday September 6 between 1pm and 3pm.**

Council takes on new open spaces

After years of negotiations with the developer of the historic Sketchley Dye Works site surrounding Rugby Road, the sports ground and park, along with a small community space and early years playground at Amber Way, have now been successfully transferred to Burbage Parish Council.

Following the initial landscaping plan carried out by the developer on the park, issues were identified with areas not being laid out in accordance with the plans, including unsatisfactory drainage and lack of grounds management, allowing the uncontrolled spread of weeds. This resulted in the park becoming an unattractive, uninviting space for much needed leisure and recreation - a far cry from its heyday as the Sketchley Works sports field. An agreed sum has been provided by the developer to enable the Parish Council to start immediately on bringing the grassed areas back up to a good standard, by weeding and re-seeding, followed by rolling to even out the surface.

The Parish Council also plans to upgrade and refurbish the existing play equipment at Rugby Road to improve the play experience for youngsters.

New signage to be installed at Rugby Road park and Amber Way community space and playground will welcome visitors to what is hoped will become a much valued and well-used park once again.

The Parish Council is very grateful to the Borough Council's planning team who ensured that these provisions were secured as part of the original planning consent, and to Borough officer Lesley Keal in particular for her perseverance in ensuring the developer's planning conditions were fulfilled and the transfers successfully completed.

Parish Council Chairman, Cllr David Bill said: **"The completion of the transfer of the Rugby Road site to the Parish Council is testament to the co-operation and persistence over many years by the Borough Council and the Parish Council. The hard work and patience by all concerned has at last paid off. The Amber Way transfer is another most welcome move."**

Photo: Borough Council officer Lesley Keal, left, and Parish Council Principal Officer Juliet Perry, right, hold a copy of the design for a sign to be put up at the newly-acquired Rugby Road park, with, from left, Parish Councillors Rob Mayne, Paul Williams, Noel Robinson, Chairman David Bill and Celia Inman.



Farmers' Market

The next Farmers' Market will be held on **Saturday September 2** on Burbage Methodist Church car park on Windsor Street