



# Burbage Parish Council Newsletter

June 2024

## Meetings for the month ahead

**Council meetings** are usually held on Mondays at Burbage Millennium Hall and members of the public are welcome to attend. 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, starting at 6.30pm unless otherwise indicated, were scheduled:

- **Parish Council**  
July 1
- **Planning Committee**  
June 10 & 24, July 8
- **Environment**  
June 17

## Contact us ...

The parish office is usually open from 9am to midday, Monday to Friday.

The best way to make contact is to email [info@burbage-council.co.uk](mailto:info@burbage-council.co.uk) or to call **01455 637533**.

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## Council helps to Save Our Spire

The Parish Council is to make a **£10,000** donation towards an appeal to help pay for essential repair works to the spire of Burbage's parish church, St Catherine's. Church leaders are inviting parishioners to add their support by fundraising through the year.

## Policing updates online

Parish policing updates compiled by Burbage PCSO Darren Stretton can now be found on a dedicated page on the Council's website. To find them, click the **Community** link in the menu box on the left of the homepage then click **Parish policing updates**. Copies of The Beat newsletters can also be read by following a link in the Community section.



## Crime prevention event

Burbage PCSO Darren Stretton will be hosting a summer holiday crime prevention event at Millennium Hall on **Saturday July 6 between midday and 4pm**.

## Charity seeks new trustee

Burbage Parish Land Charity, which leases Colts Close recreation ground to the Parish Council, is looking to co-opt a new trustee. Applications close **Wednesday June 12**. Contact [grdavis@ntlworld.com](mailto:grdavis@ntlworld.com) to find out more.

## A Helping Hand

Burbage Helping Hand pop-up shop will next be at Millennium Hall on **Wednesday June 19 from 2pm**. To donate food or funds, please call Teresa on **07785 246086**.

## Farmers' Market

The next Burbage Farmers' Market will be held on **Saturday July 6**, on Burbage Methodist Church car park on Windsor Street.

# Burbage 3G sports facility

## What's been happening ....

Last September the Parish Council held a **consultation event** to share information and gather views on the possibility of securing a 3G artificial grass pitch at Britannia Road Recreation Ground, alongside a **public survey** which ran until October 13 last year. The consultation event was well attended, and the survey **feedback was very positive**, with 236 responses received.

Full survey data can be viewed on the Council's website by clicking **About the Council** on the home page menu and then clicking **Public Consultations**.

**The Britannia Road proposal was put on hold** when a potential alternative site at Hastings High School was put forward in the autumn but after exhaustive efforts, it was concluded in January this year that **the school was not a viable option**.

With Britannia Road remaining the only potential site in Burbage, the Parish Council sought a **pre-application planning opinion** from the local planning authority. The response from the Borough's planners indicated that a **formal application would be looked upon favourably** if the details were to meet the Borough and Sport England's policies and recommendations. A copy of the pre-application response can also be viewed on the Parish Council's website as above.

## .... What happens next

At a meeting on May 13, encouraged by the positive survey feedback and favourable pre-application planning response, Burbage Parish Council endorsed moving forward, together with local community partner FC Burbage, to a **formal application to the Football Foundation** for funding of a 3G artificial grass pitch at Britannia Road Recreation Ground.

Despite some delays in the scoping phases, a dedicated group of Councillors, members of FC Burbage and other stakeholders is now working closely with the Football Foundation to progress through the formal framework with the **aim of delivering a much-needed 3G pitch for Burbage in Spring/Summer 2026**.



During the coming months there will be further community engagement, opportunity to comment and to support vital fundraising efforts as the project develops. Look out for further updates in future newsletters or keep up to date with progress by contacting us or following us via the options listed on the opposite page.

