



# Burbage Parish Council Newsletter September 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**  
September 2
- **Planning Committee**  
September 9 & 23
- **Environment Committee**  
September 16

## 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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## 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 [michellefrances@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:michellefrances@hotmail.co.uk) or write to The Chair, Burbage Parish Lands Charity, c/o 11 Lysander Close, Burbage, LE10 2GF. Beneficiaries will be invited to a presentation evening at Millennium Hall on **Tuesday December 10**. BPLC is a registered charity, and terms and conditions apply. Please ask a nominee's permission before submitting.

## Rugby Road revamp

The second phase of development work on Rugby Road recreation ground is now well under way and will include the creation of a new grass sports pitch. Look out for further updates in future newsletters.

## Mobile community hub

A mobile community hub, run by the Rural Community Council and offering advice on topics including finances, housing, schooling, employment, health and wellbeing, will be at Burbage Community Library on Church Street on **Wednesday September 18 from 10.30am until midday**.

## A Helping Hand

Burbage Helping Hand pop-up shop will next be at Millennium Hall on **Wednesday September 18 from 1.45pm**. To donate food or funds, please call Teresa on **07785 246086**. The Parish Council has agreed to provide free facilities for the scheme for a further six months.

## Farmers' Market

The next Burbage Farmers' Market will be held on **Saturday September 7** on Burbage Methodist Church car park on Windsor Street.

## Neighbourhood Plan open day invite

Burbage residents are being invited to help review and update the Neighbourhood Plan which sets out the community vision for the protection, enhancement and development of the built and natural environment across the parish until 2026.

The document, which was officially 'made' in 2021, following months of community consultation and involvement, is used, among other things, to add weight to Council comments on planning applications which could impact areas listed as being of special community value.

It was successfully cited in evidence and referred to by the Inspector at a public inquiry into a proposed development on Sketchley Fields, which saved a swathe of countryside off Sketchley Lane from being built on with housing and warehousing.

Now, the document needs to be updated so that it remains relevant and effective for the period from 2026 to 2041.

Members of the Burbage Neighbourhood Plan Group, which reports to and is supported by the Parish Council, are inviting people to find out more, share their views and, if interested, volunteer to join the group to help shape the plan for the future, over a cup of tea or coffee at an open day later this month.

- **The open day will be held at Millennium Hall on Britannia Road on Saturday September 21 from 1pm to 5pm**

Group chairman, Parish Councillor Richard Flemming, said: *"This plan reflects community aspirations to make Burbage a better place in which to live and work."*

*"We consulted residents through theme groups, workshops, open events and surveys to engender a positive attitude towards future change and emphasise the importance of retaining our heritage, culture, identity and sense of place."*

*"It is now time to update it, and your opinions matter."*



## Community Pet Foodbank pop-up

A Community Pet Foodbank which supplies emergency provisions for individuals, area foodbanks and community fridges is being offered free use of Millennium Hall to hold quarterly pop-up sessions over the next 12 months, starting on **Wednesday September 11 from 2pm to 4pm**. People wishing to collect food will be asked to donate £1 to help replenish stock. Donations, including opened dry food, can also be made. To find out more or to donate food or funds please call **07526 083947**.

