

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday May 23rd 2023 at 7pm

Main Hall, The Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: *Burton Joyce Parish Council*: Cllrs Laurence King (Chair) Paul Hyde (Vice Chair) Richard Fife, Hazel Chadbourne-Doyle, Yvonne Greenfield, Georgina Hadjigeorgiou (from 7:30pm) Jeanette Johnson and Terry Hazard. Jessica Sherrin (Clerk) Jayne Savage (Deputy Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr David Yates.

BJ Bowls Club and U3A Pétanque: Dil Vowles, ***Burton Joyce & Bulcote Local History Society / Burton Joyce Bridge Club:*** Steve Wright, ***BJ Football Club:*** Kate Hardisty, ***BJ & District U3A:*** Alan Comerie and Judith Wright, ***BJ Village Hall:*** Mel Roberts and Paul Smith, ***BJ Village Society:*** Richard Fife, ***BJ Women's Institute:*** Katherine Forster and Marcia Hyde, ***Trent Valley Singers / Burton Joyce Choral Society:*** Carol Walls and Ruth Strong, ***BJ Scouts:*** Paul Smith, ***Garden Holders' Association:*** Jeanette Glover and Sharon Holler, ***BJ Brownies:*** Clare Leggett. 1 member of the public.

Apologies: ***The Magazine:*** Steve Swann, ***BJ Players:*** Kathy Matthews, ***Community Market:*** Karen Taylor, ***Trent Valley Singers:*** Heather Fox and ***Burton Joyce Choral Society:*** Mary Spencer.

1. Welcome by Chair, Burton Joyce Parish Council

Cllr Laurence King welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided the following address:

Welcome everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting which gives us the opportunity to report and look back on the past year from a wider parish perspective - from the Parish Council's report and from your club, society or business perspective. It is a great opportunity to share contributions, particularly because you all play such an important part in the wellbeing of the village and the local community.

It has been an increasingly busy, and at times intense, year. We went from the sublime to the ridiculous having come out of covid lock-downs and restrictions. It is heartening to see so much effort being put in by the clubs, societies, businesses and individuals to re-establish, be successful and grow.

There are plenty of challenges and pressures out there as well, changing times, such as all the development of the west of the village as well as within it, plus economic pressures.

The Parish Council seeks to support and strengthen the village in any way it can, through the provision of its facilities, community support and by working collaboratively and collectively with all the great contributors in our community. We try to have a vision for a vibrant and attractive village beneficial to residents, clubs, societies and businesses, notably hospitality and retail, in this challenging time.

I have to thank the small team of Parish Council staff, led by the Parish Clerk, Jessica Sherrin, and the Grounds & Amenities Manager, David List, who put in an incredible shift every day. I'm sure that it is equally reflected in all your groups and activities, so may thanks to all those contributors.

We have begun to highlight the importance volunteering plays in the village and I hope we get more of an opportunity to say 'thank you' through the year.

2. Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting – 10th May 2022

Approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

3. Burton Joyce Parish Council Annual Report

Cllr King presented the Annual Report, highlighting some of the key issues from the year. The full report can be found on the Parish Council's Website.

<https://www.burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Annual-Report-2023-FINAL.pdf> and will be available in hard copy in shops and cafes shortly.

4. Community Groups

BJ Bowls – Dil Vowles

Since last May our membership has numbered between 50-60. Which we regard as quite healthy. Given the age group obviously we lose members as they age or die, but we always manage to recruit more and over the past 3 years we have done that quite successfully through Open Afternoons and Taster Days. This year we had 8 prospectives turn up for open afternoon. This coming Sunday sees another Taster Afternoon which we also use to coach some of our newer players.

Over the last year David List has worked tirelessly on our green due to the battle with Leatherjackets. This time last year the grass looked in a very sorry state but it is looking impressive now even though there are still some little monsters present..

We play in 3 leagues and also organise many friendly matches throughout the season. The friendlies prove a good introduction to match play for newer members. This means that we, as a club, frequently are playing matches 5 days in a week.

As well as these matches we run internal competitions with a finals weekend at the beginning of September, Rob Ringham joined us last year to present the awards. Some members also partake in the LCBC (League of County Bowling Clubs) competitions.

Our pavilion, now 5 years old continues to impress visitors and has been a tremendous asset to our club enabling a more social vibe for the members. Huge thanks to David, his team and to the Parish Council for their support of our amazing facility.

U3a Pétanque – Dil Vowles

As well as being Secretary to the Bowls Club I am also joint Group coordinator for the U3a Pétanque Group- I like throwing things! Our pétanque group has been going now for 8 years and after many years of saying we would like more pistes we have over the last 8 months done something about it! We have raised funds for 2 more to be built, which started last week. As part of the fundraising we were asked to encourage more to play and we have also achieved that. The extra pistes will also enable us to invite other clubs to play at our base, we already play at various venues around the county and beyond.

We have 2 slots identified in the week, 12 people (our present limit) played last Friday but more wanted to, we use a WhatsApp group to limit the numbers turning up so people are not disappointed. Sometimes 2 sessions happen in one day. The pistes will enable 16 of us or even 24 to play at any one time. Our membership now numbers 30. Other sessions in the week are used on a more adhoc basis. We have 8 new players which also as it happens means that u3a have 5 new members! We really appreciate the work that will go into the new pistes over the coming weeks and as always thank the Parish Council for their significant help with our project.

Burton Joyce Football Club – Kate Hardisty

BJFC continues to play a key part in the BJ community in 2023 and are regular users of the Poplars Sports Ground. The club is going through a period of transition, and will see handover of key chairperson, secretary and child welfare roles in the BJFC AGM in June. The new committee look forward to working with the Parish Council, continuing to partner with them as we provide local footballing opportunities for the BJ community.

In 2023 the club team population will reduce from 33 to 24. This is reflective of club's commitment to ensuring we are right sized for the facilities we have access to.

BJFC are required by the FA to have a 3-year plan in place, and we are intending to have this reviewed in Q3 2023. Work in updating an Agreement with the Parish Council will be helpful in the creation and implementation of this plan.

The discussion regarding valuing, representing and showcasing voluntary opportunities across the village is fantastic and something we would like to contribute to as a club – please keep us updated.

Burton Joyce Bridge Club – Steve Wright

The Club continues to enjoy the facilities at The Poplars Sports Ground on Tuesday afternoons. Just two weeks have been missed in the past year, one for the Club's annual bridge weekend, this year in Buxton, and one for New Year. Membership has increased to 30. The Club appreciates the help of the ground staff.

Burton Joyce & Bulcote Local History Society – Steve Wright

It is with regret that the Society has had to close the Centre for Local History at the Carnarvon Room after twenty three years, having been given six months' notice to vacate the premises by the Church Authorities. The document and photographic archives have been transferred to the Nottinghamshire County Archive. The collection of artefacts and equipment has been dispersed to the following locations:

- Burton Joyce Primary School
- Stoke Bardolph Village Hall
- Burton Joyce Parish Council
- Ruddington Framework Knitting Museum
- Bilsthorpe Museum
- Tuxford Walks Of Life Museum

We are particularly pleased that the Village School has supported the Society for the last two years and has shown a great interest in receiving some of our artefacts for display and use at the school for the benefit of local children.

The Society currently has 58 members. In addition to holding monthly talks by visiting speakers two outings take place each year in the summer. Last summer's trips were a canal boat outing on the Grantham Canal and a visit to Holme Pierrepont Church and Hall. A tour of Bulcote Farm by tractor and trailer was also organised with John Jackson of Severn Trent prior to its' handover to developers.

As from September 13th our monthly meetings will be held in the newly refurbished village library. The Society will continue to provide a service to give information regarding family or local history to enquirers, with details on our website, blblhs.uk

BJ & District U3A – Alan Comerie

u3a is a UK-wide network of over 1,000 charities that provide the opportunity for retired or semi-retired people to come together, socialise, and learn for fun. National membership is currently over 430,000.

Burton Joyce & District u3a was founded in 2008 and currently has 360 members. We receive no subsidies of any kind from any source. All our activities are financed through members' annual

subscriptions and any additional charges levied by individual Interest Groups to cover their own incidental expenses. We receive no support, financial or otherwise, from any commercial or business organisation. Membership costs just £18 per annum for an individual or £33 for two members at the same address.

We hold a monthly Speaker Meeting in Burton Joyce & Bulcote Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:45 p.m., regularly attended by around 80 members, and we currently have over 60 individual interest groups, run by members for members.

Interest Groups provide a wide range of social and learning activities, some of the most popular being; Aerobics, Bridge and Canasta, Dining Out (3 groups), Walking and Rambling, Gardening (4 groups), Jiving, Languages (French, Italian, and Spanish), Table Tennis, Petanque, Ukulele, and Wine Tasting. We also have relationships with both Nottingham Universities, to which visits are arranged to enable members to learn about the latest advances in technology. Trips and outings are also scheduled during the year.

I believe this wide range of Interest Groups fosters a spirit of community in Burton Joyce, helps to keep retired people active, make lasting friendships, and is good for our mental health. Our website is at <https://bju3a.co.uk> and we are also on Facebook.

BJ Village Hall – Paul Smith

This report covers from November 2022 when 2 new postholders took up their positions - Paul Smith as Chairman and Hazel Chadbourne Doyle as Booking Secretary. As the year has progressed we have appointed a Treasurer - Mel Roberts and a Secretary Robina Varley. The legal side of the Village Hall has had to be updated. We have had to revert back to the latest agreed Scheme with the Charity Commission which was dated 1968. This scheme took 7 years to go from being required to being approved. We are hopeful that any changes we make take less time than this.

We had a very full and varied Coronation Weekend. Quiz Night, a showing of the Coronation to villagers, a Children's Disco, an Adult's Disco, a singing concert by local artistes Benny and Noelle and a volunteer event. Many thanks to Karen Highfield Taylor who headed the Committee but also to the BJ Players who kindly lent equipment and paid for the Disco.

The current heating system is nearly 40 years old and in need of attention. Nowadays it is not enough to sort out the heating as there is an associated insulation matter to sort as well. Often this leads to a need to look at the electrics and therefore a complete overhaul is probably needed. Our next task is to look at a vision for the Village Hall. We will ask for feedback and ideas from the community.

We are looking forward to the Centenary of the Village Hall in 2025 and are hoping to showcase as many village organisations as possible throughout the year.

From Thursday we will be working with the Nottingham Business School with an aspiration to work more effectively. The project looks as if it will look at other village halls around and see what and how we can improve what we currently do.

BJ Village Society – Richard Fife

The Village Centre and Jubilee Clock fund was set up by Martin Roe as a formal charity, to raise funds for the restoration of the clock on the Old School Building. The plaque to commemorate this was unveiled at the Coronation Celebrations in May. Provision of Train services is a key concern to the Society, to allay concerns regarding crossing closures and pressure for better services. The group actively opposed the reduction of green belt in Stoke Lane housing development and liaised with the Climate Action Group in their sapling planting project. A 'village opinions' survey has been set up and communication with members is now via 'The Magazine'. The AGM will be held on 21st June.

BJ Women's Institute Katherine Forster and Marcia Hyde

Like many organisations we had our set backs in Lock down and we lost members and our finances were reduced. Over the last year we feel we are now on track with new members joining and finances gaining strength as we go. We now have over 50 members.

Thank you so much to the Parish council for inviting us to do cakes at the Jubilee and Coronation celebrations. We really enjoyed being part of the those events. At first we may have been a little concerned about providing those cakes as the WI has such a reputation for cake making - however we were pleased with our efforts and feel it was a success.

Yes, there is a bit of a trend of thinking that the WI is all about making cakes and although we do make them occasionally the WI is about so much more besides. The motto of the National WI is "Inspiring Women" and to this end we have had inspiring women come and talk to us - both women who live and work in our village Community and from further afield - women who have fought in life against incredible difficulties, women who have worked hard to make a change and make difference in our society.

Our own members also share their life experiences and often teach us new skills like flower arranging, crafts and even country dancing!

As a part of the National organisation this year we have supported the campaign for "no more violence against women" and the resolution to clean up our rivers.

Besides our meetings we have a "Craft Club" for learning new skills and supporting worthwhile causes, a "Walking Group" which has taken us on sooo many buses to explore the history, geography and nature of this wonderful county and a "Walking Netball Group" that meets every Monday down at the Poplars. Yes we do occasionally gets some strange looks from dog walkers at all these women in their 60s and 70s playing netball, but we really enjoy it and we're very grateful for the super facilities to do this.

Next month we celebrate our 59th birthday with a glass of something, a cream scone, a few rounds of bingo and some country dancing. We always enjoy a bit of fun !

So maybe next time you hear the WI mentioned, think a little less of "Jam and Jerusalem" and a bit more "inspiring Women".

Trent Valley Singers– Carol Walls

Report provided by Heather Fox, co-director and accompanist of TVSSs, presented by Carol Walls. It has been a very successful year for Trent Valley singers. Since recommencing after the pandemic with our new MD Tina Hewitt, the membership has steadily increased and now we have 50 members. This includes 11 men, which is great but we could do with more, so if any of you men would like to join us on a Thursday afternoon you would be made very welcome! We sing an eclectic mix of music and the rehearsals are always fun.

We have sung in several concerts during the past year. These have included an informal concert for family and friends last July; a Christmas concert when £1,035 was raised for the British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal; a concert at All Hallows Church in Gedling raised £650 for church funds; and at the Spring concert this April £850 was raised for the Richard Whitehead Foundation.

The choir also sang at BJ Primary School's Christmas Fair and the Christmas Lights switch-on event in the village, when mercifully although it was cold, it was not as wet as on the previous occasion! Our term ends on 6th July with an informal concert and refreshments. Everyone is welcome. After the Summer break the new term starts again on Thursday September 7th when we look forward to another joyful year of music making.

Burton Joyce Choral Society – Carol Walls

Report provided by Mary Spencer, Chairperson, presented by Carol Walls. Burton Joyce Choral Society was founded in 1966 by a group of village people who wanted to sing together. It is still going today. We enjoy singing a varied repertoire, generally in 4-part harmony, to a good standard, led by our musical director, Nick Milburn, and more than ably assisted by Heather Fox...who has accompanied the choir for many years...!! We also value the friendliness and team spirit engendered by the choir. We love being associated with this village.

The pandemic led to the suspension of any singing together...it was classed as very risky..almost more than anything else! We finally returned to singing together in person in September 2021. Since then we have performed concerts locally, and at Christmas events in the village....and we are looking forward to our upcoming concert on June 24th in the Village Hall.

We are however, and in common with many smaller local amateur choirs, struggling to maintain numbers. This seems to be a theme with many traditional musical organisations, but it is hard to know what the answer is, or if there is one....But we remain hopeful. So much so that we are joining with Southwell Choral Society and Ryton Choral society from Worksop to perform the Verdi Requiem in Southwell Minster in November.

We frequently make donations to charity, and at Christmas we collect two boxes of food for the Netherfield food bank. We have a trophy in our name which has been presented at the Nottingham Young Musician of the Year competition which is biennial and is happening this year. Finally, we would really like to hear from anybody who thinks they would like to give us a try...we would love to welcome more folk to our ranks on a Monday evening! There are actually very few people who really cannot sing!

GHA – Jeanette Glover and Sharon Holler

The committee is newly formed and will report more fully at the next meeting. They are confident that the Association will have plenty to offer its members in the coming year.

Scouts – Paul Smith

As with many organisations in the Village there have been many changes. Our Group Scout Leader Kathy Wells is now our Group Chair and we have a new Group Scout Leader Rachel Bowser. We have 17 Cub Scouts and 17 Beavers. We are desperate for a new Scout Leader as we have cubs ready to move up into scouts which will allow Beavers to move into cubs and allow us to take more Beavers. If anyone knows of a suitable person we would really like to know.

The Magazine – Written report from Steve Swann

Over the past 12 months we have seen a very respectable growth to both our magazine subscribers and online visits. There are new advertisers joining us each month which increases our range of professional subscribers offering their services in the area.

We are pleased that Burton Joyce Parish Council and the Village Society have taken regular pages to keep the village updated and along with the Primary School and Carlton-le-Willows Academy keep many in the villages well informed. Whilst Facebook and other chat sources are followed by many there are numerous residents wary of such media and the magazine enables this information to be shared by all. Having said that we do now have a Facebook presence! Our thanks to Alan Comerie for his stalwart work in organising the distribution, and of course those who are kind enough to do the delivering.

Costs are our main concern this year. Whilst we wish to maintain a free magazine the printing cost has increased in part to our own success as we now have an 88 page magazine, up from 84 in January. It's pleasing to see that the Coop have introduced a donation box for those taking a copy of the mag.

We are currently running a dog photo competition which will be judged in October and the prize is a Pets at Home gift card and the dog's photo printed on our front cover.

BJ Players – Written Report from Kathy Matthews

We have had a very successful full year after COVID . The Ghost train in September, Rapunzel in January and Hoovering on the Edge in April. We are thrilled to get our audiences back and that the reviews have been so positive. We have had some offers of help with costumes, backstage and on stage which is great, but still need more, especially members interested in sound and lighting.

We gave support to the Coronation events in the Village Hall and £300 towards the Village hall fundraising. We also happily loaned our lighting equipment for one event.

We are still looking for alternative storage for our scenery and large props which have been in a Barn at Bulcote Farm for many years, but now have to move out.

Girlguiding in Burton Joyce – Clare Leggett

Covid presented Girlguiding in the village with many challenges. We managed to continue Guiding in a number of different ways, providing activity packs for the girls, meetings on zoom, having virtual sleepovers and campfires. We even did baking together but apart.

Getting back to face to face was a little more challenging as we had to move out of the venues we were previously utilising. Burton Joyce Scouting offered us space and from that moment we have teamed up to get the building back into use. Cleaning and clearing out the hall and the grounds. Fitting a new kitchen and planning lots of exciting developments to make the most of the space and keep it maintained for the groups.

We currently have three groups that all run back to back on a Monday, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

We are getting back taking the girls away and have adventure outings planned for all groups, a sleepover for Brownies and the Guides are going to MegaMix in Staffordshire, a festival style event for Guides and Rangers filled with adventurous activities and challenges.

Burton Joyce Brass – Written Report Received

This report was received after the meeting so was not read out, but has been included for information.

It has been a busy and eventful year at Burton Joyce Community Brass. Things are now back to normal after the pandemic and we are as busy as ever supporting the local community and wider events.

Our beginners programme has recommenced and we are busy training a number of youngsters who are learning with the band. Two of our youngsters are performing in a special concert alongside Carlton Brass in a couple of weeks showcasing young talent which is great to see.

As a band, we are as busy as ever with a wide range of jobs that are booked throughout the year. We were at Hoveringham Tractor rally this weekend, and are pretty booked up throughout the summer season. The Coronation Celebrations in Burton Joyce went really well (despite the weather) and it was great to be a part of the community coming together to celebrate this special event. Our next event in Burton Joyce will be the opening of the refurbished library, and then our usual slot at picnic in the park in September which we always look forward to.

In addition to the many jobs we are doing, we also won a contest in Matlock where we came first in the category of Unregistered Band. We were thrilled to be recognised for all our hard work. We are also working alongside the Co-op in Burton Joyce where we are one of their Local Community Fund Charities. We hope this will prove fruitful to our fundraising efforts for the band.

[Interlude for group photo]

5. Public Session – open to members of the public to raise questions or concerns

A request was made to enlighten those present on the dispute between the Parish Council and the Old School Trust, which is being widely discussed on Facebook and within the village. There was concern that it is dividing the community. It was noted that in response to questions being raised by residents that a Public Meeting is being held at Burton Joyce Primary School on Tuesday June 20th at 7:30pm to provide information on this subject. Also that an update has been included in the latest edition of 'The Magazine' which is available online now. It was proposed that within the format of the public meeting that there should be a forum for those who are unable to attend to make comment, which was supported as an idea.

The suggestion of the Parish Council playing a co-ordination role in bringing together volunteers was made. This was supported with the idea of having a central place to advertise any volunteer vacancies. A further suggestion was for voluntary organisations to make short, scripted podcasts to be posted onto the internet. Noted that the Parish Council is designing a new website and these suggestions could be taken on board.

All participants were thanked for their contributions to this meeting and to the wider community.

Meeting closed 8:20pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Burton Joyce Parish Council

Date: _____