



## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7:00pm**

**Main Pavilion, The Poplars Sports Ground, Station Road, Burton Joyce**

**Present: *Burton Joyce Parish Council*:** Cllrs Paul Hyde (Chair) Robin Ringham (Vice-Chair) Richard Fife, Yvonne Greenfield, Jeanette Johnson, Laurence King, Nick Orders, John Richardson, David Wright and David Yates. Jessica Sherrin (Clerk) and Jayne Savage (Deputy Clerk) ***Gedling Borough Council*:** Cllr Sam Smith; ***BJ Archery Club*:** Chris Joyce; ***BJ Brass*:** David Sheath; ***The Community Market*:** Karen Taylor; ***Friends of Lowdham and Burton Joyce Stations*:** Lynette Helmore; ***Neighbourhood Watch*:** John Harrison; ***BJ Players*:** Kathy Matthews; ***BJ Tennis Club*:** Ally Porter; ***BJ and District U3A*:** Keith Bowker and ***The Village Hall*:** Claire Orlando-Fantini.

### DRAFT MINUTES

- 1. Welcome by Chair, Burton Joyce Parish Council** – Cllr Paul Hyde welcomed all those present to the Annual Meeting and was delighted to see so many clubs and societies represented.
- 2. Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019** – Approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.
- 3. Burton Joyce Parish Council Annual Report** – Cllr P Hyde presented the Parish Council's 'Annual Report' which this year covers a 2-year period due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the cancellation of the May 2020 Annual Meeting. The report is available on the Website and printed copies will shortly be available around the village.
- 4. Community Groups** – Community Groups were invited to present to the meeting an update on their activities over the past year:

#### **BJ Archery Club - Chris Joyce**

The Archery Club has been run from the Poplars Sports Ground for 23 years and has around 40 members. The range is located in the far corner of ground and is one of the few venues able to host Olympic and Team GB level shooting because of the size of the shooting range. The Club shoots most days from 1pm onwards and in the winter is usually located at Nottingham Academy. This year has been very difficult with the lockdowns and sizeable loss of time to shoot, coupled with cancellation of competitions. All the necessary Covid-19 systems have been put in place and regulations followed to enable shooting to recommence whenever it has been possible. Most recently shooting recommenced on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021, following the change in government restrictions and the Club is back to around 50% capacity, but lost members due to the restrictions. Beginners course are being run to encourage new membership. The Poplars Grounds Staff were thanked for all their help over the year in keeping things running. Further details of the Club can be found on their Website: <https://www.burtonjoycearchers.org.uk/>

### **Community Market - Karen Taylor**

The Community Market has been closed during the Covid-19 pandemic, but is being re-launched on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Thanks were given to the Parish Council staff for their help in printing and displaying posters and to the Trent Valley Councillors for their support. When the market closed in March 2020 it was not anticipated how long it would be before it could re-open again and this has taken its toll on volunteers finding the drive to re-launch it. It needs a strong team of people to make it work and a call for new volunteers has been posted on Facebook. As well as running the event at the Village Hall there is a lot of admin that takes place in the background, so help in advertising, admin, setting up the front of the hall is much needed. All community groups and charities are welcome to attend and have stalls. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Karen Taylor directly via the Community Market Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1645981512341289/about/>. Karen requested use of the Parish Council's noticeboard by the bus stop for the Community Market.

### **Friends of Lowdham and Burton Joyce Stations – Lynette Helmore**

A new, enthusiastic (group has been formed) and (another member of East Midlands Railway has taken over as Community Ambassador for the area). She has been massively helpful in supporting the group. Their aim is to enhance the stations, publicise the village and improve the facilities. One of the objectives is to get more timetabled stops at Burton Joyce Station. Local businesses are being encouraged to sponsor the group. August 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the line opening. For a week there will be a hop-on-and-off ticket available with a list of walks from the stations and between the stations, with places to eat on the way being promoted. Volunteers will be on the trains and at the stations, dressed in costumes representing the decades that the line has been opened. A big tidy-up is planned in the time leading up to the event, including re-painting of the stations. Bunting will also be hung. Information boards are being planned to cover historical facts of the area, for example memories of the 1950s and the sewage system at Stoke Farm. There will also be a big Thomas the Tank Engine planter, made from whiskey barrels and the school is hopefully going to be involved in naming the carriages. The aim is to increase the number of planters at the station in the long term.

### **Neighbourhood Watch - John Harrison**

John is the Lead Co-ordinator of the Burton Joyce Neighbourhood Watch scheme, which was set up in 2018 in response to a spate of burglaries and thefts in the village. The number of these incidents reduced from 47 to 28 in that period. The number of incidents of crime in general during the same period also reduced from 147 to 117. The growing trend is a change in profile from crimes against property to crimes against persons. There are 4 Neighbourhood Watch schemes currently in operation in the village, with no plans to expand them. An assessment is planned over the summer using feedback from stakeholders regarding the future of the scheme. More details of the scheme are on the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/adminatbjnhw/>

### **BJ Players - Kathy Matthews**

BJ Players was first formed in 1926 and then recommenced in the 1950s. Kathy is the longest serving member, having joined in the junior chorus in 1968. Rehearsals had started for a charity play which was halted due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The current plan is to re-start rehearsals for 2 new plays, to be performed at the end of September, and for the annual panto to go ahead in January. There is still a level of uncertainty about seating and restrictions. The Players are always looking for new members and would welcome any enquiries. All contact details are on their Website:

<https://www.burtonjoyceplayers.co.uk/index.html>. The Parish Council was thanked for providing the

storage for the costumes, which has made a massive difference to group. Noted to all groups present that there is a huge supply of costumes if anyone ever needs anything!

### **BJ Tennis Club - Ally Porter**

Ally is the Chair of the Tennis Club and has been a member for 25 years and on the committee for around 5 years. The last 12 months have been spent adapting to the changing Covid-19 guidance from the Notts Lawn Tennis Association. It is one of the few sports that can be played socially distanced. The Clubhouse has been closed for just over a year and the hope is that it will re-open as restrictions are lifted. An open day and quizzes are planned for the latter half of the year and school holiday camps are being considered for the summer. They have recently introduced a trial membership scheme of £25 for 2 months to encourage new people to try out the facilities, which has proved very successful. A new on-line booking system for the courts was introduced during the pandemic and has proved so successful that they will be keeping it in place for the future. It is particularly useful for providing live availability for Club members. The system is available via a link to members.

### **Village Hall - Claire Orlando-Fantini**

Claire is the Chair of the Management Committee for the Village Hall. The Hall is currently coming to the end of its 3<sup>rd</sup> closure in the Covid-19 pandemic. The biggest threat was the loss of income, but through grant applications for government support, the Hall has managed to break even this year. Improvements have been made to the toilets at the front of the building and the 2 paid members of staff have been retained. A couple of regular bookings have been lost, but otherwise all the usual customers are keen to start back again. Groups who have used the facilities on occasions when they have reopened have been extremely good about sticking to the rules and following the guidelines. The Committee is both relieved and grateful to be able to re-open. They are not too far off the centenary, which will be in 2025, and are keen to get open again. <https://bjvillagehall.org.uk/>

### **BJ and District U3A - Keith Bowker**

Keith is the Publicity Manager for the Burton Joyce and District U3A, which currently has around 350 members for over 70 interest groups. They have managed to keep going during the pandemic thanks to the use of Zoom and phone calls mostly, with much depending on the group leaders to organise activities. Some of the on-line activities will continue post-Covid-19 due to their success and will become a key part of the membership offer in the future. Members are being encouraged to get involved and do things for the village. Details of the groups can be found at <https://u3asites.org.uk/burton-joyce/home>

### **Burton Joyce Community Brass – David Sheath**

Burton Joyce Community Brass became so named in 2017 with support from the Parish Council when they moved to their new base in the Old School Building. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays in the Carnarvon Rooms and Fridays in the Main Hall of the Old School Building. Between 2 lockdowns they managed to have some rehearsals in the Village Hall and have been playing 6 at a time in their back gardens! They hope to get back to full practice from 21<sup>st</sup> June. Planned events are the 'Picnic in the Park' – the annual event at The Grove Park (at the top of Willow Wong) on 17<sup>th</sup> July, in collaboration with the Parish Council, an October concert in the Village Hall, the Christmas Light Switch on and a Christmas performance at the Church. The band has been well supported by their excellent musical director, who has been writing music and sending backing tracks to the members to keep the band going. The Band always welcomes both experienced and new players to join and visits schools to encourage new members.

### **BJ Community Church - Hilary Sentence (written report provided as unable to attend)**

The building has been closed, but the congregation have continued to worship in their own homes. Some of us have used technology to access other churches who have provided services on various computer platforms. The rest of us have received a weekly printed service, delivered to our homes thanks to the dedication and the hard work of the stewards and pastoral leaders. Land- line phone calls and when possible, visits on doorsteps, have been used to keep all in touch. At Christmas and Easter, cards and tokens of the season were delivered to every member of the congregation. We never imagined last Easter that church would still be closed this year, but we are hopeful that with the easing of lockdown, we will be able to reopen for some form of worship in the near future. We have tried to live up to our name, and included for the wider community orders of services and on-line links on our notice boards. The Crib Scene went up on the church tower at Christmas with lit Christmas trees in the grounds. Palm crosses and Easter stones of Hope were left out with invitations for passers-by to take one. The cross on our tower continues to shine down the Main Street as a sign of hope in this strange world.

### **The Magazine – Steve and Anne Swann (written report provided as unable to attend)**

Work began in December 2020 during lockdown to encourage local businesses to advertise in a new magazine. The support received was amazing, enabling a Trades Directory to be produced in January. With outstanding support from Elaine Masters, her team and other volunteers 2000 houses in Burton Joyce, Bulcote, Stoke Bardolph, Burton Pastures and part of Rivendell had a copy delivered. There were also copies available from Delights.

The Spring edition of the Magazine was then collated with articles from The Parish Council and other sources. With lockdown it obviously proved difficult to include 'What's going on in our villages'. We printed 500 copies, with deliveries made around the village and a number sold by Delights. The On-Line version of the Magazine has been available since the beginning of the year and is regularly updated with articles and items of general interest: <https://themagazine.org.uk/> Sadly, at present, little is happening in the village with regard to events – hopefully this will pick up soon as the events section on the website can offer an excellent 'point of contact'.

Our Aim for the Magazine is to be the 'Hub' for where to go for information on village activities. This will only work if local organisations pass this on. Getting the message out there is proving a challenge, but we've only been producing the magazine for 4 months. As always with something new it is going to take time..

Although we're sure it would be appreciated by many, it's not possible to produce a monthly printed magazine at present. It's too much work for one person. Maybe when we've been around longer, people will begin to recognise our existence and offer some help. The excellent support from the Parish Council is appreciated.

### **Garden Holders Association (unable to attend)**

Cllr Paul Hyde provided a brief update on behalf of the GHA who is working closely with the Parish Council on the day to day running of the Allotments off Trent Lane. The allotments have proved to be extremely popular during the pandemic and the waiting list is currently 9 residents and 19 non-residents. We have also received a recent request for a 'community area' on the allotments, which is being investigated.

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

Cllr L King extended his sincere thanks to all the group's leaders and organisers for their hard work, efforts and commitment in such an extraordinary time and noted that events such as this demonstrated the clear community spirit that exists in the village.

**Meeting closed at 7:50pm**