

NEWSLETTER

September 2024

OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

This summer has been a very busy one at the Parish Council, with the redecoration and improvements to the main hall, corridors, toilets and small meeting room taking place during August. The work by local contractor Chris Maltby and his team has been transformative, making a huge difference to the look and feel of the facility. Our sincere thanks are extended to them all for their excellent work. The small meeting room will be available to hire from mid-October from 4pm onwards each day (or any time in school holidays). It seats up to 8 and is ideal for small community groups. If you are interested in hiring it, please contact the Parish Council office on 0115 931 40 84 or email us at admin@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk.



NEW STAFF JOIN THE TEAM

We have also been recruiting new staff over the summer period and will be welcoming Clare Brettell to the team as our Operations Manager and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) in October. Clare will work with our existing Clerk (CEO) Jessica Sherrin in ensuring the smooth running of administration and finances; both roles are part-time. Clare is a qualified and experienced Clerk and RFO and has worked for Blidworth Parish Council for 7 years. We are also welcoming to the staff team our new Office Cleaner, Debbie Leach and Pop-Up Food Fayre Organiser Emily Jephson.

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

The development of the Community Garden fulfils a long-held ambition to provide a 'heart' to the village, with the aim of bringing people together and encouraging a community spirit. We remain grateful to all who participated in the consultation process earlier this year; your input has been extremely valuable and your ideas have been taken on board. The final designs can be found on the Community Garden page. To date we have secured £67,429 of funding for the project, this includes the recent successful application for £5,000 from Gedling's 'High Street Events Fund' for benches and bins,

and have now submitted an application for a further £100,000 to FCC Communities. Unfortunately we now have to wait for the decision in early December and, as part of the application procedure, we cannot make a start on any works until this is made (the funding is only available for *new* projects). Whilst we are waiting however, we will be able to go out to tender for the works with the technical designs we now have, so we are continuing to making progress in the background. It is taking time, but we are getting there...!

POP-UP FOOD FAYRES

The popularity of the Food Fayres on the last Sunday of the month continues - the next 3 will be on **Sunday 29th September, 27th October** and **24th November**. We are always looking for new and unusual suppliers, so if you know of any mobile food vendors who might be interested in booking a slot at these events, please contact Emily Jephson at pop-up@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk. September's stalls include regulars Paddington's Waffle Station, Crispies Bakes and Cloddy's Coffee, with the additions of The Toastie Hunter, Porco, Koala Kitchen, Thia at Home, Chef Stef and Pizzamici with Jack and Gin hopefully joining us too.

CONCERNS CONTINUE REGARDING POSSIBLE RAIL CROSSING CLOSURE

Following our latest update from Network Rail, we understand a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) has been applied for. Despite our repeated requests for research and analysis on the causes of incidents, and how they could be mitigated through well considered solutions, still nothing substantive has been presented. Questions about the effectiveness of basic safety signage have been asked but not been answered. *We remain unconvinced* that acceptance of the closure of a basic right of way is necessarily the best way forward. The Parish Council continues to call for all authorities to work collaboratively on ways that enhance safety on the Nelson crossing and take a wider perspective to protect community access and amenity. We will be looking to take further actions on this vital issue.



VILLAGE CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

We hope that you took the opportunity to have your say in Gelding Borough Council's recent consultation on the £20m 'Greater Carlton Towns Fund' designed to "invest in local people's priorities, over the next ten years". The eligible area includes Burton Joyce and is part of the government's national 'Long Term Plan for Towns' programme. The Parish Council participated in the survey and highlighted the long-term desire to improve the village centre, with the programme's consultants.

Village centre improvement has been an objective of residents and the Parish Council as far back as the publication of The Burton Joyce Village Plan of 2011, reinforced in the Neighbourhood Plan in 2018 and then more recently raised with Notts County Council officers in 2022, from which design options have been created; the Towns Fund could be an opportunity to kick-start this long-held ambition for the village.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We were disappointed to have had to postpone Picnic in the Park due to the rain and are liaising with the Brass Band to arrange an alternative date, so please keep an eye out on social media and our website for further updates.

- Fireworks Night at the Poplars Sports Ground – Friday 1st November
- Christmas Lights Switch-On, Main Street – Saturday 7th December