

# BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## PUBLIC MEETING



A huge thank you to all who attended and participated in our public meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June and to Burton Joyce Primary School for providing the venue for the 150+ attendees. If you missed it, slides of the presentation can be found on our website.

We have received extremely positive feedback, with support for the Old School Building and site to remain and be developed into the heart of our village. There was also a groundswell of support for seeking answers to our questions posed to the Old School Trustees [Vicar and Church Warden] from whom we lease the Old School Building and site, and in establishing a constructive engagement with them. As a result of this event, some progress is being made.

The assets of the Old School Trust continue to be vital to the community and the significant funds held by them also remain crucially important to our village. Having now received a reply to our open letter to them there is an acknowledgement that, despite advertising the availability of grants, there has been little take-up with the objectives as they stand. The need for reform of the trust to widen or change its trusteeship to make it more representative of community interest is clear and has been sought by the Parish Council for several years. Our key aim is to ensure the trust remains within the village with its governance representative of the community of Burton Joyce. Our call upon the Trust, in line with the Charity Commission's own guidance, is that full consultation is undertaken before any reforms to its governance and scope are instigated. Whilst some of our questions to the Trust have been addressed, others remain unanswered and further clarity is required, so this will be followed up.

The Parish Council held a positive and constructive meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July with Assura (the medical facilities provider) and Ivy Medical Group's representatives. In this meeting all parties agreed on a clear public statement being made that the Old School Building and site will remain secure. We now look forward to working with them regarding medical facility provision for our village. Any practical suggestions for alternative sites can be submitted by Tuesday 25 July 2023 and directed to the Parish Council via the Clerk or to Ivy Medical Group's PPG via [tracy.madge@nhs.net](mailto:tracy.madge@nhs.net), these will be passed onto Assura. Requirements for the site, following technical guidance on number of patients served in the community, have identified that at site for a 700-800m<sup>2</sup> building with parking facilities is required, totalling approximately ½ - 1 acre of land, depending on location. It was agreed that the 3 parties – Assura, The Parish Council and Ivy Medical Group representatives would reconvene in August to review the re-assessment of all potential sites.

Ivy Medical Group's representatives have reiterated that they are sorry for any upset or distress caused to Windmill Kindergarten, following the letter issued by Ivy Medical Group on 15 June 2023, as this was not their intention. The nursery has hired the Main Hall and side room in the Old School Building since the Parish Council signed the first lease in 2017. Please be assured that the Windmill Kindergarten's thriving nursery is here to stay and is fully supported by the Parish Council.

### **LIBRARY RE-LAUNCH**

The Parish Council has been delighted to be involved in the consultation process for the re-design of our village library and were pleased to attend the re-launch on 8<sup>th</sup> July. If you haven't already, please call in to see the fantastic transformation and continue to use this incredible facility we are so fortunate to have in our village.



### **BURTON JOYCE OPEN GARDENS**

The Burton Joyce Open Gardens event was held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The sun shone in the village and some incredibly beautiful gardens were opened to the public through the generous support of members of our community. We were pleased to be able to assist with this event at the Old School Building and our thanks go out to Roxanne and Steve Hickling and all the volunteers for the tremendous effort they put into organising such a successful event. We are very grateful that 50% of the proceeds will be invested in the Old School Building's community garden.



## OLD SCHOOL BUILDING COMMUNITY GARDEN

We recently met with design consultants '*Influence*' to produce some visuals and plans, ready for consultation on how the new garden can be developed into a wonderful open space in the centre of the village. In the meantime, to enable this space to be used by the community whilst this process is underway, we have invested in new picnic benches for you to use, due for delivery shortly. Perhaps you can eat your fish and chips, enjoy a take-away drink and cake from one of our fabulous independent coffee shops, or just sit, enjoy the space and meet people!



## PICNIC IN THE PARK

Don't forget the annual 'Picnic in the Park' will be taking place at The Grove off Willow Wong on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September** from 1pm – bring along your own drinks and picnic - more details to follow. We look forward to this opportunity to see Burton Joyce Community Brass play again.



## NEW COUNCILLOR

We welcome Susan Cohen to the Parish Council, who was co-opted at our July meeting. Susan moved to Burton Joyce in 2016 and has a background in Social Care and Further Education. She volunteers at the Nottinghamshire Hospice shop and is an active member of a variety of village groups.