

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday May 7th, 2024, at 6:30pm

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, Yvonne Greenfield, Richard Rolls & David Yates. Jessica Sherrin (Clerk) Jayne Savage (Deputy Clerk).

Apologies: Cllrs Georgina Hadjigeorgiou & Jeanette Johnson.

BJ Bowls Club and U3A Pétanque: Dil Vowles, Roz Tuffrey & Steve Cantrell, ***Burton Joyce & Bulcote Local History Society / Burton Joyce Bridge Club:*** Steve Wright, ***BJ Women's Institute:*** Katherine Forster and Barbara Chapman, ***Trent Valley Singers*** Heather Fox, ***The Magazine:*** Steve Swann, ***BJ Players:*** Deborah Craddock, ***BJ Flood Wardens*** Paul Wilson, ***BJ Archers*** Chris Joyce, ***Climate Action Group*** Bobby Prime ***Apologies: BJTV*** Robert Scothern and ***BJU3A*** Alan Comerie

1. Welcome by Chair, Burton Joyce Parish Council

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

The past year proved challenging and busy for the Parish Council, the provision of our great range of facilities in Burton Joyce, along with the furnishing of amenities, events, and support service to the community at large, remain at the forefront of its work.

I say at every opportunity my thanks must go to the incredibly small team of fantastic staff of the Parish Council, lead by the Parish Clerk Jessica Sherrin and Grounds & Amenities Manager David List, and including Jayne Savage, Jed Riley, and Danny Riley, we are fortunate to have them and their incredible hard work in delivering the services, amenities, and facilities we all enjoy. Thanks also to the dedicated effort of my fellow parish councillors and to all those in our village who put in voluntary time and effort to benefit their community and individual residents, such contribution is amazing and invaluable.

We look forward to and hope to welcoming new volunteers who come forward as councillors for this interesting and highly rewarding role for our community.

Just a few of things we have been doing:

Finance & General-Purpose Committee - Chair Cllr Paul Hyde Our finances continue to look strong thanks to Jessica Sherrin and Paul Hyde. The review of and investment in all our facilities continues and we were pleased to complete renovations of the Old School Building kitchen. We were delighted to launch our new website in March, a significant piece of work created with the technical expertise of Giles Martin (Jigster).

Old School Building Phase II Committee - COMMUNITY GARDEN - Chair Cllr Laurence King the Parish Council has just completed a community consultation exercise on design ideas produced for us, and we will meet shortly with the design firm called 'Influence' to refine the design, and then

commission contractors to begin a phased approach to developing the site. At the same time we will seek additional funding to add other phases and continue to seek routes to now bring about the long-held requirement to develop the village centre. Following receiving an immediate and very positive response, there has now been an unexplained delay and we await a briefing.

Planning Committee - Chair Cllr Hazel Chadbourne-Doyle the Planning Committee is active but very frustrated. Of note, the Parish Council met with our Borough Council representative Cllr Sam Smith and Senior Managers from GBC's Planning Department in March. This was to ascertain the degree to which objections raised by the Parish Council were considered by the Planning Department.

Poplars Sports Ground Committee - Chair Cllr Terry Hazard It has been another very successful year at our amazing facility 'the Poplars'. The Poplars became the setting for a movie production company. We have made improvements to the clubhouse; our annual fireworks display was a huge success.

Football Another very successful year for the clubs.

Cricket The Burton Joyce Cricket Club is thriving once again, and much welcomed by the Poplars Committee.

Archery remains a thriving and well attended Club

Pétanque continues to thrive and expand

Walking Netball team plays regularly

Bowls Club welcomes new members and continues to thrive

Also at the Pavilion **BJ Bridge Club, Yoga and Slimming World**

Amenities Committee - Chair Cllr Paul Hyde Oversees the running of The Old School Building, The Grove, Roberts Recreation Ground, the cemetery, the allotments, the war memorial, and the millennium sundial area. The Grove provides the annual 'Picnic in the Park' event.

Allotments continue to be popular with residents and non-residents our thanks to Deputy Clerk Jayne Savage for managing allocation of plots.

The cemetery is a place of contemplation and reflection, and staff were delighted to receive positive comments recently regarding its high-quality maintenance. We were pleased to receive notification from Balfour Beatty and their subcontractor Hanson in December who were able to complete the retarmacking of the pathways.

Roberts Recreation Ground has become even more popular with families.

Community Engagement Committee - Chair Cllr Yvonne Greenfield the Community Engagement Committee works collaboratively with local groups and societies as well as outside organisations. October 2023 saw the launch and trial run of the first 'Pop-Up Food Fayre' in the grounds of the Old School Building. The 2023 Christmas Fair and Lights Switch-On was once again a fabulous occasion, bringing the community together.

A huge thank you to our dedicated team of staff for making it such a success as well as to the wonderful contributors.

The next 12 months is looking as busy, and we are going to have to do something to manage the workload. But we are looking forward to having a vibrant, thriving, and growing village through all its groups and businesses.

Our sincere thanks to all of you and those who are not here tonight who give their time and energy. The Parish Council have sought to support and promote the vitally important part volunteering plays

in our lives in Burton Joyce. Volunteer Week from 1st to 7th June across the country, I hope we can all give something to make the most of that...

2. **Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting – 23rd May 2023** 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/annual-report-2023-4/> and will be available in hard copy in shops and cafes shortly. Please take time to read.

4. **Community Groups**

Burton Joyce Bowls Club – Steve Cantrell

Our season started on April 20th with 55 x members, which represents a healthy membership for a bowls club as over the past few years a number of clubs in the county have struggled to maintain a viable membership and sadly in ever increasing numbers of clubs are closing.

On the 27th of April we held a new members day when first time bowlers can attend the club to try their hand at bowls with a view to joining the club. We had 9 x people attend the day and some have already joined, and others are considering joining. We also hold "taster" days throughout the season when other potential new players can attend, and experienced bowlers are on hand to explain the game and encourage membership.

The bowling green this year is in superb condition and our thanks and gratitude once again go to David List and his team for their very hard work throughout the year.

We are playing in 4 x leagues this year with each league offering a variation on how matches are played. We also play a number of friendly matches during the season which provides a good opportunity for newer and less experienced players to play matches in a competitive but less serious environment.

In addition to the league matches we play internal club competitions and hold finals weekend on the 1st weekend in September, with the trophy presentations being made by Laurence King last year.

This year for the first time the club is also organising a club tour to Paignton where we play 4 x matches in 4 x days against clubs in the area whilst spending 5 x nights in a hotel in Paignton..

U3a Pétanque – Dil Vowles

Since last years' meeting, I am pleased to say that we now have 2 more playing surfaces, which means that we have a set of 4 pistes. This enables 24 of us to play at any one time. The surfaces differ in their composition so that we gain experience of playing on those similar to other clubs'.

As well as the pistes we have also funded an extension to the wind barrier that was already there, so 12 more conifer treeswhich will take a while to get established and do the job!

We have also acquired a bench from the Parish Council, and we thank them for that.

We have a healthy membership, having recruited quite a few new members over the last 12 months. Now the weather is a bit drier we have seen more people playing on a regular basis.

We have continued to be members of the Mercia pétanque league and have entered teams in many of their competitions. Once again, we had a pair of players entering the International Women's Day competition and we have run a club-based melee competition throughout the Winter/Spring.

We are currently in contact with several other U3a groups, trying to organise friendly games with a more social element, something we would be unable to do without our 2 new pistes.

As always, we thank the ground staff for their assistance in enabling us to enjoy this game.

Burton Joyce Bridge Club – Steve Wright

The Club continues to hold weekly meetings at the Poplars Sports Ground, where we appreciate the use of the facilities and the excellent help given by the staff. We were fortunate in being able to walk to the premises when the road was flooded, and the only week that was missed was due to the Club's Annual outing, this year to York.

Current membership is 32, the same as last year. We have lost a few members but are pleased that new ones have come along to enjoy an afternoon's play in a friendly atmosphere. Some members travel from Newark, as well as from Mapperley, Southwell and Gedling.

Burton Joyce & Bulcote Local History Society – Steve Wright

After 23 years occupying the Carnarvon Room, in May 2023 the Society moved out, having been served notice to vacate the premises. The large archive, which included thousands of documents and photographs, has been transferred to the County Archives. The glass display cases have been donated to various organisations around the County, where they were gratefully accepted.

The loss of the Carnarvon Room as a base for the storage and presentation of artefacts and documents is a great loss to the village and was a valuable amenity for the community.

The Society now holds nine monthly meetings in the village Library, with a break from June to August. At the monthly meetings we are entertained by visiting speakers giving talks on various topics relating to local history.

Membership has reduced somewhat from 53 to 45, mainly due to advancing years and the deaths of three members.

In the summer, two outings were arranged, first to Brackenhurst in June and in July to Bennerley Viaduct, with guided tours around both places.

Burton Joyce Flood Wardens - Paul Wilson

By way of background the inception of the Burton Joyce Flood Signage Wardens Group began during the COVID Lockdown of 2021. Originally led by the Environment Agency, the group that we know today was formed in late 2022, with the fantastic support of Dr Josh Wells of Nottinghamshire County Council's (NCC) Flood Risk Management team, the support of which continues to this day.

It has been a busy past 12 months for the group, which of course is not necessarily a good thing....The wardens were forced into action a number of times; in 2024 thus far alone, we were out of the traps from the outset with Storm Henk, which has been the most problematic over said period (and indeed for a long period of time), with subsequent calls to action in early February and towards the end of said month.

There are currently circa 14 members of the group, which increased notably post Storm Henk, which naturally drew a lot of attention post the issues which were created and faced within the village. We are all trained in terms of putting signage out to direct drivers away from the typical areas which suffer from flooding in the village, which typically starts at the junction of Main Street and Lambley Lane (flash flooding, not helped when the Environment Agency pumping station is apparently not turned on; signs aren't typically in place for long) and Stoke Lane when the River Trent breaches (which typically happens for a longer, sustained period of time).

The Burton Joyce group also liaises with other Groups along the A612 corridor reaching out as far as Kelham Bridge, passing information on the state of flooding across local villages which can then be passed via social media to our residents.

We volunteer our time to assist and are happy to do so. However, it doesn't come without its issues which fellow villagers should be mindful of. Several of the wardens are active on social media to try and make people aware of issues, albeit can receive criticism as a result on occasion, as can indeed be the case when 'on the ground'. There is also sometimes confusion created by messaging/suggested instructions received on occasion, which contravene the agreements in place with NCC's Emergency Planning Team, which informs the training us wardens complete and the policies we adhere to. We therefore ask fellow villagers to be mindful of this as we continue to provide our support; unfortunately, we suspect we'll only get busier in the months and years to come.

Burton Joyce Archers – Chris Joyce

Burton Joyce Archers has existed since the Poplars Sports Ground was established in 1998. We currently have over 40 members ranging from our youngest junior aged 9 to our oldest member who is nearly 80.

We shoot in the Sumer period 6 days a week, the only day we do not shoot being Saturday. In the winter period we still do shoot outside, but we also shoot at our indoor venue at the Joseph Whitaker School in Rainworth.

We regularly hold open competitions during the Sumer, where we invite archers to compete at our registered archery range up to World Record status.

We have in the past hosted County, Regional and National competitions which have featured GB Olympic team members and international archers.

We hold beginners courses each year where we train up new archers who must complete a recognised archery course before they are allowed to shoot. The cost to participate in a beginner's course is currently £60.00 with club joining fees payable on completion of the course if club membership is required.

We offer advice and coaching and currently have four coaches who are trained to level 2 AGB accreditation.

We as a club must follow strict rules when we are shooting, and any infringement of the rules of shooting can invalidate our insurance without which we cannot shoot.

Our club currently has one member of the GB Team and we have several archers who hold UK top ten rankings.

If anybody wishes to take up archery they can register their interest on our web site, and hopefully we can include them on the next beginner's course.

Whenever we hold open competitions visiting archers are very jealous of our shooting range and they always comment on the pristine state of the grass and the overall facilities, we do work closely with the grounds staff at the Poplars and would like to thank David and his team for the magnificent job that they do managing the Sports Ground.

Thank you.

BJ Women's Institute Katherine Forster and Barbara Chapman

The National Chair of the WI said: "We join the WI for friendship, fun and life-long learning" mostly in that order. This will resonate strongly with many of our members who have come new to the area or the village and for others who may have lived in the village, some of them for half their lives. Visitors and new members invariably describe us as a happy friendly bunch. Probably one of the best compliments, as so much can happen from that positive starting point.

Fun - we do like to laugh a lot! You can imagine that netball sessions, learning new skills, coffee sessions, having a guided singing session, games and new activities all go down well in the fun stakes. We try to bring that relaxed feeling into all our meetings and events.

Learning - well learning for the WI is not just about listening to a speaker. The WI spreads it's learning across, listening, seeing, and doing. This year we have learnt about women in journalism, being visually impaired (that speaker made us laugh so much), arranging flowers, people around the world and our very lovely outdoors event in the Parish Council Garden last August where we focused on Inspiring women (the WI motto).

Our numbers now are healthy, and we have a good program in the making for next year. Full of activities to share and develop friendships, to continue with the fun and be sure that we continue to learn.

Trent Valley Singers - Heather Fox

Trent Valley Singers have had another good year under the leadership of our lively musical director Tina Hewitt. Membership has continued to grow so that we now have over 50 members. In common with many four-part harmony choirs we could do with more tenors of either sex. New members are always made very welcome. We sing a wide variety of musical styles & rehearsals are always great fun.

We have staged several concerts during the past year including an informal concert for family and friends last July; a Christmas concert dedicated to the memory of one of our dear members Pat Marshall, who had also been a member of Vicky McClure's 'Our Dementia Choir'. TVS members were keen to support the work of that choir as music is so therapeutic for dementia sufferers, so they raised £1182 for that charity; and the Spring Concert this year when £870 was raised for the Burton Joyce and Bulcote Village Hall.

Due to the increased numbers in the choir, we have now started using the BJ Choral Society's staging for our concerts, which they donated to the Village Hall. This is so much better for the audience as they can now see all the choir.

We also took part in the annual BJ Christmas Lights Switch- On which was even more enjoyable this time as the weather was so much better - bitterly cold but dry!

This year's Summer Singers have just begun rehearsing for an informal concert on

Thursday July 11th. All are welcome to this free concert. After the summer break rehearsals will start again on Thurs September 5th when we will all be looking forward to another enjoyable year of music making.

The Magazine – Steve Swann

Last year was a turning point for The Magazine as it gave us the opportunity of saying to the village that we exist and have something to offer. We now distribute 800 magazines each edition. Quite a lot has happened in the last 12 months.

In May we produced in conjunction with the Parish Council the artwork for the Coronation Programme including the banners which all seemed to go down well. We sponsored the BJ Open Gardens by donating the production of leaflets, programme, map and banner for the event which were well received and helped them raise a significant amount for their nominated charity and the Old Schoolroom gardens.

We applied to be a charity, but this was declined because we printed adverts for commercial organisations. We set up the BJ Magazine as a non-profit company, limited by guarantee, so as pursue the charity route. We are all volunteers and any excess proceeds are given to charities. However, it seems that all doesn't count!

We entered the 2023 National Parish Magazine Awards and came 46th out of 450 Parish mags. Seeing how we are not a "Parish" Magazine as such, we reckon we did fairly well. During the year we ran a dog photo competition, (won by Murphy), and produced a 2023 calendar which showed local views and included a selection of dog photos from the competition.

We would like to thank our fellow Director, Alan Comerie for organising distribution of the magazine and our thanks to our many deliverers who do a stalwart job. We are also very grateful to our excellent regular contributors for their stories and articles and to Anne Tate Photography for her superb photos used on our front covers.

Our list of advertisers is constantly growing and is very encouraging for the future.

Burton Joyce Climate Action Group – Bobbie Prime

Burton Joyce Climate Action Group is a relatively small group, but there is growing interest and involvement in our activities from village residents. We are affiliated with the Friends of the Earth and are frequently in touch with the East Midlands Friends of the Earth co-ordinator.

We don't charge a membership fee.

Posting messages on BJ Facebook has helped highlight our activities and nationwide events and has encouraged others to join us. We have also held several stalls at the Community Market to publicise the group.

We have met regularly each month at either the OSB or the Wheatsheaf and are grateful for the hospitality of both.

PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION GROUPS - We attended Gedling Climate Action Group hustings with Gedling Borough Councillors to question candidates about their commitments to environmental concerns.

We entered a team Lowdham Climate Action Group Quiz (which we are happy to say we won!)

PARTICIPATION WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL - We joined the Parish Council to discuss the People's Plan for Nature regarding increasing pollinator friendly plants in public areas and have attended Parish Council Community Amenities meetings. We are also collaborating with the Parish Council to begin to address some changes which can be made in the way we operate to become more environmentally conscious. We have put together an Environment / Biodiversity Plan which can be found on the PC website. We participated in the Community Garden Consultation, highlighting environmental considerations in the use of materials and planting.

RIVERBANK SAPLINGS - planting and nurturing trees along the riverbank has been one of our major activities and we are grateful for the positive co-operation and assistance of John Jackson and his team at Severn Trent Farm. We mapped the 14 different pens/plantations of saplings along the riverbank, and they have been “adopted” by village residents to help maintain and nurture the saplings. Despite the serious flooding, most saplings are surviving well and are now in leaf. There are two pens near the Ferryboat at Stoke Bardolph which are in need of “adoption” so we would be glad to hear from anyone who would like to take care of them. We erected a plaque to identify the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Plantation which was planted by the Climate Action Group and the Primary School children last year.

LITTER PICKING - A small group collected many bags of rubbish from each side of the lower slopes of the Gedling Access Road. We organised 3 litter picks along various points of the riverbank after the floods and there was a lot of participation by village families. The distressing amount of plastic collected will be sent for recycling.

WARM HOMES - We held a meeting at the Wheatsheaf with Nottingham Energy Partnership to give information and advice about warm homes, and a further workshop was held at the Old School Building.

20’s PLENTY - Two sessions were held at the Village Market and at the Co-Op to collect opinions from villagers about the advisability of reducing the speed limit to 20-mph in the village. The majority of responses were in favour. However, the recent imposition of a 30-mph limit on A612 and placement of speed cameras has resulted in our deciding to suspend this campaign for the present.

OPEN GARDENS - Ros Pither participated in the Open Gardens Day in the village last summer and visitors showed great interest in learning about how she had worked to maintain her natural garden. Ros will be running a workshop shortly on giving advice about effective composting. 10th May, 6pm rospither@hotmail.co.uk

PLANTERS - We purchased two planters made by Men in Sheds which have been placed at the Co-Op, and the Co-Op kindly paid for a third. We have maintained the planters with seasonal pollinator plants with the help of BJ U3A Gardening Group and a team of volunteers has regularly watered and refreshed the plants

Burton Joyce YouTube channel - Robert Scotton (written report provided)

Thank you for the invitation to the meeting, unfortunately I will be away so will be unable to attend. We are always looking for videos of events in or around our village to add to the Burton Joyce YouTube channel.

Should any of the groups wish us to attend an event or would like to tell us what they do, we can be contacted on Facebook or via email burtonjoycetv@gmail.com

BJ Players – Deborah Craddock

The Players are a drama group which has existed since the 1940s. There are currently 48 members. We continue to perform 2 plays and a pantomime each year to very good audience numbers. We are always grateful that people from the village and surrounding areas support our local group in such an enthusiastic manner. We have recently received excellent reviews and recommendations on the village Facebook pages, which are a great source of publicity. Our last 2 plays have been entered for the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Drama Association Play of the Year competition. Our future plans are to continue to produce our 3 shows per year, but in 2025 our Autumn production will be a celebration of 100 years of the Village Hall, which was built in 1925 with contributions from the villagers. We hope other community groups will join us in this variety show.

We continue to make contributions to charity when funds allow and made a £300 contribution to the Village Hall Coronation Celebrations.

We have social events at Christmas and our annual summer picnic. We often go to see other theatre productions around Nottinghamshire.

However, our costs have risen in recent times. Hiring the costume store in the Old School Building costs over £1200 per year. Fees for hiring the Village Hall are rising and this is our largest item of expenditure. We have now lost our storage facility at Bulcote Farm and can no longer store our props and furniture.

Our long-standing members who administer the drama group could do with a boost from some younger members, so if anyone is interested in joining us, please do let us know or come and see us at the Village Hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings from August-May each season

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

Steve Wright – BJ Village Society thanked all the staff at the Parish Council for the hard work with the refurbishment of the Old School Clock and to all those who had contributed. With special thanks for the donations from several major donors, the general public, The Magazine and legacies from The BJ & Bulcote Local History Society.

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

Meeting closed 7.29pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Burton Joyce Parish Council

Date: _____