

BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



Funding approved for our community garden!

COMMUNITY GARDEN - £100K GRANT SUCCESS!

It is all systems go for the community garden at the Old School Building site! We were delighted to received notification of our successful grant application for **£100,000** from FCC Communities Foundation just before the Christmas break. Cllr Laurence King, Chair of the Parish Council said "This forms a significant part of our investment in the village; in its people, place, activity and community. It is fantastic that FCC Communities Foundation has awarded us this money and we're really looking forward to our garden taking shape during 2025".

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund. Cheryl Raynor, FCC Communities Foundation Grant Manager has said: "We're delighted to be supporting the community garden project and pleased our funding will provide such a beautiful space for people in the village. FCC Communities Foundation is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that make a difference

to local communities and we're really looking forward to seeing this one take shape soon."

This grant is in addition to the £69,946 '*Section 106*' fund successfully applied for from Gedling Borough Council (GBC) and a further £5,000 from GBC's '*High Street Events Fund*'. Donations have also generously been made by the *Burton Joyce Open Gardens* and *Women's Institute*, which along with funds raised at our *Coronation Party*, give a total project fund of an amazing £177,565. Some of this has already been invested on the design and technical drawings for the scheme and the rest will be allocated as detailed below.

PLANS FOR OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

The development of the garden fulfils our long-held ambition to provide an attractive heart to the village. With the aim of bringing people together and encouraging a community spirit, the money will be used for the installation of a **wood and polycarbonate canopy** to cover the existing plinth. The canopy will be a key feature of the garden and will provide shelter or shade for community events and for casual daily use by residents and visitors alike. Market stalls will be able to operate from under the canopy in our Christmas Fayre, for example, the Brass Band for Concerts or visitors to the Pop-Up Food Fayre to sit and dine.

The **plinth is to be re-surfaced** in a resin bonded gravel to match newly installed, resin bound gravel and **curved pathways**, which will ensure the whole garden is accessible to all.

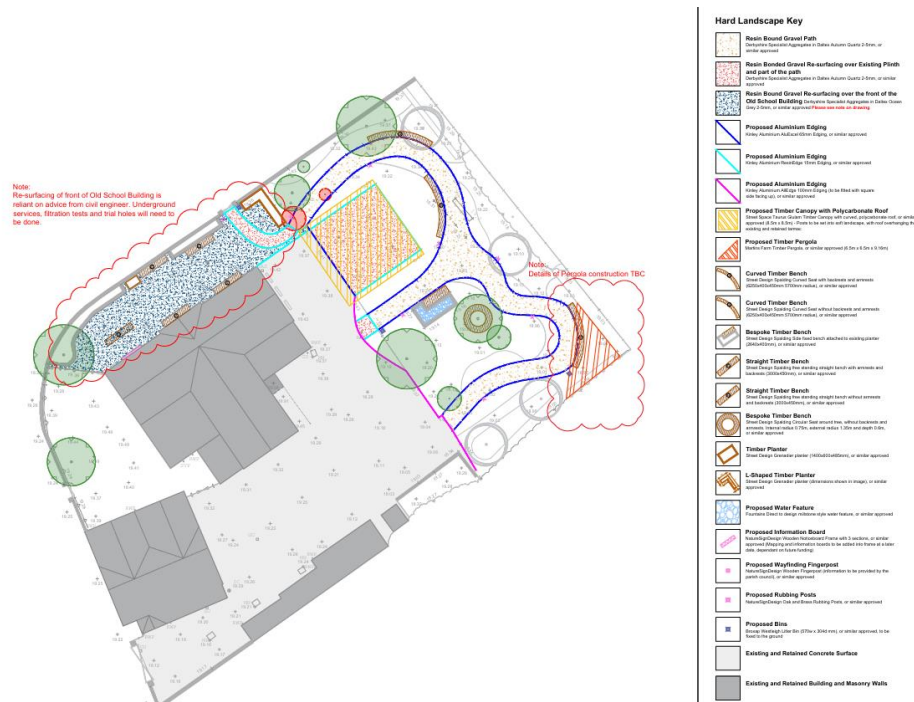
A newly planted and **landscaped garden** will be bordered with permanent **curved wooden benches** to maintain the natural theme, which will provide additional seating for events as well as allowing for casual daily use, with a further round bench encircling an existing tree and a straight bench installed on an existing brick flower bed. **Benches and bins** for the front of the building and pieces such as 'hop-scotch' for children will also be included.

A large **pergola** will be installed in the rear corner of the site to provide an additional sheltered area of the garden and provide aesthetic balance to the canopy.

Cinep **lighting for evening use** will be installed under the curved benches to provide ambient lighting for evening events, with the installation of functional lighting on the outside of the building for safety and set up / take down of events.

There will be **sensory and bee-friendly planting** scheme sympathetically located around the site and a **small water feature** in the centre of the scheme will provide a point of interest, with **information boards** to provide educational information on local history. The planting scheme creates a very natural look, with naturalised bulbs for both sun and shade, a flowering lawn and sensory herbaceous planting. Climbers will be planted to soften the structure of the pergola and trees and shrubs will be in keeping with this natural, native species theme for a tranquil environment for visitors to the garden.

We remain grateful to all who participated in the consultation process last year; your input was extremely valuable and your ideas have been taken on board to create the final designs!



COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We were sad to receive the resignation of David Yates last month. David served as a dedicated Councillor for 5 years, joining the Parish Council in 2020 and being Chair of the Planning Committee for much of the time he was with us. His contribution to the Parish Council has always been greatly appreciated and David will be much missed by staff and fellow councillors alike. Following the resignation of David, we now have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you

are interested in joining the active team of councillors, please get in touch with Jessica Sherrin at parishclerk@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk or pop into the office at the Old School Building for a chat. (To be eligible you need to be 21 or over, on the electoral role of the parish and during the whole of the past 12 months have either lived in the parish or owned or leased land in the parish, worked in the parish, or lived within three miles of it).

POP-UP FOOD FAYRES

After the disappointment of having to cancel the Christmas Lights switch on due to Storm Darragh, we were pleased to see the return of the sunshine for our December Pop-Up food fayre which enjoyed a good turn-out in the period between Christmas and New Year. Our next ones will be on Sunday **January 26th** and **February 23rd** at the usual time of **11am-4pm**.

