

BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Community Garden

Works have finally started on the Community Garden at the Old School Building! We were delighted to welcome the contractors, Whiting Landscape and project managers, Bentley to the site on 17th September to begin the long anticipated transformation of the garden, with completion due before the end of November. The project is made possible thanks to a £100k grant from the FCC Community Foundation. We will be holding a grand opening event for the community and all those involved when the works are finished (date contingent on delivery of the canopy) and will widely advertise this date as soon as it is confirmed.



Work Starts on the Community Garden

In the meantime, the Parish Council staff, notably the Clerk, Jessica Sherrin, the Grounds & Amenities Manager, David List and Assistant Groundsman, Danny Riley, have been working incredibly hard, with the assistance of Chris Maltby's grounds team, to organise and implement an uplift of the area at the front of the building, to compliment the upcoming works. The revitalised area provides extra seating and will have a hop-scotch area when completed.



Gravelling of front area underway whilst awaiting garden works

Bowls Club Presentation Day

We were thrilled to host the annual Burton Joyce Bowls Club Presentation Day at the Poplars Sports Ground on 6th and 7th September. Dil Vowles, Secretary of the Club said “after a fantastic finals weekend for Burton Joyce Bowls Club, Cllr Richard Rolls, Chair of the Poplars Committee, presented trophies to this season’s winners. We have had a fantastic playing season; the weather has been very kind and the staff at the Poplars have been amazing. Roll on April 2026 when we start the next season!!”



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A Summer of Consultations

August has been a month filled with important consultations! The Parish Council has expressed its disappointment with their timing over the summer holidays of the **Gedling Local Development Plan, Local Government Reorganisation** and the **Green Belt** consultations, all vitally important issues to our community. As well as the Parish Council holding an extraordinary meeting in August to seek the views of residents on the Local Development Plan, the Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr Laurence King worked

with the Village Society and Gedling Borough Councillor, Sam Smith to host a Public Meeting on this and Local Government Reorganisation, with the aim of spreading the word and providing information. Our thanks are extended to all who took the time to express their views and assisted in raising awareness. We now await the conclusions that will be drawn from the responses...

On 24th July we also held a meeting with the Country Access Team Manager, Neil Lewis and Notts County Councillor, Mike Adams to seek further information regarding Network Rail's formal application to remove the highway rights across the **Chestnut Grove Rail Crossing**.

It was confirmed that once the application has been validated by NCC there will be a 'pre-consultation' process to gauge the views of statutory stakeholders. This includes the Parish Council and other organisations such as the district council, utilities and ramblers groups. The next stage will be to make a formal legal Order advertised to all – this will be for a 4-week period and if there are no objections to the closure, the crossing would be closed. The Parish Council will be opposing any closure and has offered to assist with the consultation process, once a date has been agreed, to ensure it reaches as widely into the community as possible.

Change to .gov

We have now completed our change over to a .gov domain, with the capable assistance of local IT specialist Giles Martin (Jigster). Please make a note that from now on all our email addresses will end with .gov.uk and our old .org.uk ones will become obsolete.

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome Lesley Wright to the staff team in September, who will be working closely with our Clerk (CEO) and Grounds & Amenities Manager, as our new Operations Manager and Responsible Finance Officer. Lesley was the Clerk at Southwell Town Council, where she worked for 9 years, and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience.

We also welcomed two new Poplars Bar Staff members, Alice and Sam who will be the new faces behind the bar at the weekends. Our sincere thanks to Joe and Max who have done sterling work over the past year – we wish them both well in their future careers.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday November 5th – Fireworks Display at the Poplars from 5pm

Saturday December 6th – Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch-On from 3:30pm

Full Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month - members of the public are always welcome to attend.