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**PARISH COUNCIL – NEWLY CO-OPTED MEMBER**

At its meeting on the 1st September, the Parish Council was pleased to co-opt Rob Ringham as a new councillor filling the vacancy arising out of the May elections. Rob is a former Chair of Burton Joyce Football Club with a wealth of knowledge and experience of the Poplars Sports Ground and a very comprehensive business background. Rob was one of two excellent candidates who put their names forward for consideration and it is encouraging that his fellow applicant John Harrison will be joining the Communities Committee and a number of Parish Council Working Groups.

**POPLARS SPORTS GROUND – NEW FLOODLIT 3G PITCH**

Work on the new 3G floodlit pitch is due to start during w/c 21st September with an anticipated completion date of 3rd December 2015. Tiger Turf has been appointed as the key contractor for the project following a 6 contractor tendering process. As previously reported a full business plan is available either on the Parish website [www.burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk) or from the Parish Office.

On this accelerated project, overseen by Cllr Cluff, the actual twin 5 aside pitch (with single 7 aside pitch lengthways) will be delivered as priority for Burton Joyce Football Club’s winter training schedule. Running in parallel with the installation of the pitch will be 3 other infrastructure changes at the Poplars.

1. The Fisherman's Car Park opposite the Poplars will be brought back into use, to provide overspill off road parking to alleviate congestion at weekends. Overgrown foliage will be cleared, perimeter fencing, street-lighting, CCTV and new gates will be added.
2. Perimeter fencing will be introduced to the entire Poplars site to control borders, prevent unwelcome activity and reduce daytime crime. Access to the 3G pitch will be via swipe card and access controls system which will regulate users and also provide information to the FA which they require as part of their grant conditions.
3. Resurfacing of the car park will be done and general landscaping measures around the site especially around the basketball hoop area.

Once completed the 3G pitch will not only provide improved ‘on-site’ football training facilities for Burton Joyce Football Club but it will support  a variety of different sporting opportunities for residents.  A provisional timetable is being worked out with BJ Football club, whose members have raised £500 each per team, and they will receive priority block booking in the winter for their teams. A further scheme to allow ‘pay and play’ on Saturday and Sunday afternoons for local players is being explored, this scheme could sit alongside a Sunday afternoon session for members of BJ Football Club who regularly train at the ground. There may be some free time slots, possibly after school, as part of our community commitments and to provide ad hoc play for age 14- 18 year olds who are not currently catered for by the Roberts Recreation Ground. More details will follow as the systems are confirmed.

The Parish Council acknowledges the terrific help and support from the Football Foundation the FA and particularity the Notts FA in getting this complex project off the ground.

Provisional reservations are being taken now for weekly users, over 40's over 60s walk and female teams to encourage diversity of play not only in football. Already the Parish Council has secured commitments for nearly £30k of play per year. Winter weekday nights are filling up fast but there is plenty of room in summer evening slots and weekend evenings. Please email  [steve.cluff@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:steve.cluff@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk) if you are interested in booking the facility.

Following the successful trial of the Parish Council’s own staff running the bar at the Poplars in the summer this scheme has been extended to winter also. Alex Magson will now be providing refreshments (including bacon and sausage cobs) at the weekends. The additional income from the summer bar has reduced the deficit at the Poplars even further and with this new scheme it is hoped the Poplars will become more financially stable. Another major benefit for Burton Joyce is that the income received from the 3G pitch should substantially reduce the current level of financial subsidy received by the Poplars Sports Ground and allow the Parish Council to divert any savings made to other community needs.

**COMMUNITY LITTER PICK**

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers who care about the problem of litter in the village to help with a community litter pick during the week commencing 2nd November. If you are able to help, contact the Parish Office for confirmation of the date or look for details in the next issue of the Parish magazine. The litter pick will start at 9am outside the Co-Op and usually ends by 11am – you don’t have to commit to the whole morning any help would be gratefully received. All equipment is provided. If you are unable to help on this occasion but would like to volunteer to help keep your own street litter fre then please contact the Parish Clerk.

**MILL FIELD CLOSE – OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION APPLICATION**

The Parish Council Planning Committee met on the 1st September to formally consider and comment upon an outline planning application which had been submitted to Gedling Borough Council for 23 homes to be built on land at Mill Field Close. Members of the Parish Council’s Planning Committee had previously met with residents of Mill Field Close and received a number of letters expressing concerns about the proposal. At the meeting, it was agreed that, in the absence of any clear information with regard to the number and type of dwellings proposed, in principal Burton Joyce Parish Council would not object to the granting of outline planning for residential development on Mill Field Close on the condition that:

(i) any development would be required to specifically reflect the local plan and the needs of a community with an ageing population who would wish to downsize, thus releasing more family homes

(ii) the following issues would be addressed at the site:

a. Vehicular Access – residents already experience difficulty in getting into and out of Mill Field Close due to the volume and speed of traffic travelling along the busy A612. It is a concern that this problem will increase with any significant increase in dwellings at the site and be exacerbated by the proposed developments at Teal Close and during construction of the new road.

b. Pedestrian Access – the application cites easy pedestrian access to local amenities as a benefit but the Parish Council would challenge this perception as the pavements and crossings in this area are already considered to be inadequate or non-existent.

c. Residents currently report issues with water pressure, drainage and the sewerage system on the Close, any new development would need to rectify and significantly improve this situation.

d. Clear indication of proposals to address the flood risk

There is still time for individuals to make their view on the proposals known to Gedling Borough Council. The application number is 2015/0424 and details can be found on application to Gedling Borough Council Planning Department (telephone 9013720) or via their website [www.**gedling**.gov.uk/**planning**buildingcontrol](http://www.gedling.gov.uk/planningbuildingcontrol) – the application expires on the 26th October.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR & FESTIVE LIGHT SWITCH ON**

**Saturday 5th December 2015**

**Burton Joyce Village Centre**

The Parish Council is pleased to organise the Burton Joyce Christmas Fair and Festive Light Switch On. The venue will once again be the Cross Keys Car Park which will be transformed into a traditional Christmas market place with craft and food stalls, children’s fairground entertainment, choirs and brass band. Open from 4pm on Saturday 5th December the centrepiece of the whole event will be the switching on of the Christmas lights at 5.30pm.

If you would like to be involved in this wonderful community event:

* Volunteers are required to help with the setting up and dismantling of stalls, tents et on the day
* Have a stall at the fair to sell crafts and festive items - £15 per table
* Advertise in the Christmas Fair programme - £15 per advert

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk.

**MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Friday 6th November – Annual Firework Display** – Poplars Sports Ground

**Saturday 14th November – The After Hours Rauchestra in Concert** – BJ Village Hall

**Saturday 5th December – Village Christmas Fair and Lights Switch On** – Village Centre

**Friday 12th February – The Kimber’s Men, Singing Up a Storm** – BJ Village Hall

**NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm in the Carnarvon Rooms, Chestnut Grove.

***Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council and its committees – copies of all agendas and minutes are available on line at*** [***www.burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk***](http://www.burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk)

***Or from Jackie Dawn, Parish Clerk at the Parish Office, Library Building, Meadow Lane, Burton Joyce, Nottingham, NG14 5EX. Telephone 01159 314084.***

***E-mail*** [***clerk@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk***](mailto:clerk@burtonjoyceparishcouncil.org.uk)

**The Parish Council**

**is pleased to re-introduce**

**Village Ventures to Burton Joyce with**

**The After Hours Rauchestra in Concert**

**Practice your ‘Charleston’ and ‘Shimmy’ and dance the night away as The After Hours Rauchestra bring the sounds of the roaring 20’s to Burton Joyce. The band performs a range of classic swing tunes (along with some more recent songs) with vocals and an array of instruments including, guitar, bass, drums/washboard, clarinet/sax and trumpet**

**SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER at 7.30pm**

**Burton Joyce Village Hall**

**Wine and soft drinks available**

**Tickets £8 per person – available from**

**The Parish Office, Middletons, D’Lights or from Pam Thatcher (telephone 8417289)**

***Bring your dancing shoes as the rhythms in this fun and upbeat show are pretty hard to resist!***

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