

Full Council meetings (which include consideration of planning applications) are held as follows:

The second and last Tuesday of every month except in December when only one meeting is held on the second Tuesday

Agendas can be viewed in the Council office, the village library and on the web site.

Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings and have the opportunity to address the Council on any village issues during the Public Forum (3 minutes per issue with a maximum of 15 minutes allowed for the Public Forum).

You are able to visit the Council office for help and advice from the Clerk on local matters or to make a request to view council records. Copies of all current planning applications for Burwell can also be viewed at the office.

What does the Parish Council Do?

The Council's main activities are as follows:

1. The management and maintenance of the following:

- The Gardiner Memorial Hall
- Green Lane Allotments
- Jubilee Green and the play area
- Jubilee Reading Room and surrounds
- Margaret Field and the play area
- Ness Road Cemetery and Chapel
- Pauline's Swamp
- Priory Meadow
- The Recreation Ground, skate park, pavilion and play area/skate park
- Spring Close
- Village Lock up
- Westhorpe play area and surrounds
- Mandeville Hall and Mingay Park

2. Grass cutting at Pound Hill, Mill Close, Poplars Close, Tunbridge Close, Hatley Drive and Kingfisher Drive. Other grassed areas in the village are maintained by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

3. The Parish Council also undertakes grass cutting on behalf of the County Council; in general this is the verges throughout the village and The Causeway. Due to budget restraints the County Council will only pay for 3 cuts per year to these areas with a real possibility that in the more rural areas only visibility splays will be cut. The additional cuts necessary to keep the grass in check are funded by the parish and last year this cost was £946.97.

4. Street furniture – village seats, bus shelters and notice boards etc.

5. Council also debates local planning applications and passes their comments to East Cambridgeshire District Council to aid their decision making process.

6. Liaise with both the County and District Councils to maintain and improve their standards of service.

Main Activities during 2014/15

Planning:

- The Council made recommendations on 79 planning applications, of which 61 were approved by East Cambs. District Council. These consisted of mainly general extensions and/or conservatory improvements to properties.
- There were 12 applications granted for up to 89 new dwellings including the former D S Smith site off Reach Road for up to 70 dwellings.

- The Council has continued to be in consultation with the County and District Council with the proposed development of 350 new dwellings off Newmarket Road and Former D S Smith Site of Reach Road Development for up to 70 dwellings and some business units.

Other Matters :

- The Parish Council continues to fund the illumination lighting at St. Mary's Church.
- We were once again pleased to be able to sponsor the very popular Summer Reading Scheme in conjunction with the Library, this is a wonderful way to encourage children to read a variety of books and hopefully continue reading throughout their lives.
- No further funding has been made available for the maintenance and cutting of parish footpaths. This means that we will concentrate on the cutting of the most used footpaths i.e. those closest to the village and will inevitably mean that the total cost will now be borne by the parish.
- The demand for allotment plots has now been almost entirely met and there is currently only a small waiting list for plots.
- The Gardiner Memorial Hall, now 100 years old, has undergone exterior maintenance work including repainting and other necessary repairs.
- Mandeville Hall has continued to attract more hirers and has become a popular venue for parties, wedding receptions and training sessions. The hall also has the benefit of WiFi.
- The Parish Council's website www.burwellparishcouncil.gov.uk continues to provide easy access to council information.

Dial-a-Ride

Following the recent closure of Ely and Soham Dial a Ride, the monthly trip to Ely on the first Thursday of the month will now be provided by the Newmarket Volunteer Service. The service will still be supported by the Parish Council. This service is open to everyone, but you will need to register your details with Newmarket Volunteer Service. This can be done and trips can be pre- booked by telephoning Newmarket Volunteer Service on 01638 608049.

Burwell Master Plan, Vision and Local Plan

East Cambridgeshire District Council has now adopted the Local Plan for the District. This incorporates the Master Plan and Vision for Burwell. The Parish Council has and continues to be in regular discussions with the District Council to ensure that the Local Plan reflects the wishes of Burwell residents as captured in the Master Plan.

Plans for 2015/2016

- To consider internal improvement work required for the Gardiner Memorial Hall
- To look at possible ways to improve the Recreation Ground and its facilities including the provision of an informal multi goal play area, disabled swing and outdoor gym equipment
- To continue to consult with District and County Council with regards to the development of Newmarket Road and the Former D S Smith Site on Reach Road
- To address concerns with the overall up keep of the Cemetery
- To address inconsiderate parking issues along the Causeway

Where your money was spent in 2014/15

Please note these figures are subject to approval and reflect actual payments and receipts made in the year.

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>	
2013/2014	2014/2015		2013/2014	2014/2015
£112,000.00	£110,980.00	Precept	£0.00	£0.00
£10,215.00	£13,075.00	Burial Grounds	£2,399.05	£5,641.77
£1,907.97	£2,023.16	Allotments	£706.26	£1,589.93
£300.00	£150.00	Playing Fields	£10,652.27	£12,120.00
£1,903.03	£1,903.03	Agency Grass Cutting	£2,880.00	£2,850.00
£433.19	£576.48	Interest	£0.00	£0.00
£17,152.59	£10,735.45	VAT	£15,466.30	£17,052.82
£206.45	£239.58	Photocopies	£0.00	£0.00
£20,068.83	£2,928.42	Other	£986.98	£0.00
£34,888.82	£37,536.21	Halls	£73,940.24	£64,114.54
£2,825.00	£1,950.00	Deposits	£2,782.00	£2,230.00
£176.50	£0.00	Recycling	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£265.00	Insurance	£4,570.48	£4,676.57
£0.00	£0.00	Mandeville H all	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	Petty Cash/Alto (To Petty Cash Account)	£557.48	£1,192.52
£0.00	£0.00	Playground Maintenance	£0.00	£4,711.47
£0.00	£0.00	Handyman Supplies	£1,318.34	£2,314.12
£0.00	£0.00	Staff	£50,740.36	£45,852.24
£0.00	£0.00	Members	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	Administration	£5,375.04	£7,847.07
£0.00	£0.00	Section 137	£1,564.86	£862.50
£0.00	£0.00	Lighting	£588.33	£476.48
£0.00	£0.00	Street Furniture	£619.47	£227.00
£0.00	£0.00	Bus Shelters	£0.00	£128.80
£25,000.00	£0.00	Transfers	£25,000.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	Trees	£25.00	£960.50
£5,580.28	£0.00	Pauline's Swamp	£97.60	£850.19
£0.00	£0.00	Dial a Ride Burwell/Ely	£645.00	£560.00
£232,657.66	£182,362.33	Total	£200,915.06	£176,258.52
£707.48	£1,332.92	Petty Cash Account	£787.81	£1,389.13
£233,365.14	£183,695.25		£201,702.87	£177,647.65

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