



Burwell Parish Council Newsletter

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Helping to keep residents up-to-date with Parish Council issues and activities. This newsletter is available on parish notice boards, the Jubilee Reading Room, Post Office and Library and also the following web-sites: www.burwellparishcouncil.gov.uk and www.burwell.co.uk

BURWELL MASTERPLAN

The consultation period on the final stages of the Burwell Masterplan has just come to an end. People who live, work or have an interest in the village have been invited to make their comments on the culmination of sixteen months of consultation and

discussion about Burwell's future and development over the next 20 years.

Housing and employment are the main focus with the majority of local people asking for around 350 new homes on a site off Newmarket Road - 250 more than the Parish Council originally agreed in the Local Plan - and land set aside for business use, primarily in Reach Road. Issues such as improvements to roads, enlarging the school and tourism have also been included. Although the Parish Council has supported and commented on the Masterplan, the project has been carried out by the District Council which makes planning decisions for the area.

Findings from the consultation will be presented to a meeting of the Masterplan working group at 6.30pm on 9th January at Mandeville Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. Details are on the District Council website: www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

READING CHALLENGE

During the school summer holidays, Burwell library ran a challenge for children of primary school age, to read a target number of books before the start of the new term. Many children completed the target. As Parish Council had given a grant towards the project, on Thursday 27th September, Vice Chairman, Brenda Wilson, was delighted to present the children with Olympic-style medals to commemorate their achievement.





STREET LIGHTING

The replacement of our streetlights has been a major feature of the summer. Balfour Beatty has the contract to replace or restore the lights for the whole of Cambridgeshire over a period of five years. Most of the stock in the county is over 30 years old and is not as efficient as it could be. When completed there is expected to be a 50% energy saving.

Although Burwell wasn't the first village to have the work done, it was the first to be consulted about it beforehand. A deputation came to a Parish Council meeting in April to present their proposals, and to ask our views about sensitive areas. The outcome was that there would be fewer lampposts, but taller and the light given out would be better, white light, more like daylight. Decorative, historic lampposts outside the church and the Post Office could be retained.

As the work progressed over the summer, it became obvious that many of the concerns which had been expressed by council and residents had not been met. Complaints have been received from residents that there are pockets of darkness; some areas of great concern had been left inadequately lit and some lights are masked by trees. A second visit from Balfour Beatty accompanied by officers from the County Council, with the specific task to look into our complaints took place on the 14th August.

The Parish Council is keeping a close eye on how these issues are being resolved and will report back when they are completed.

CONTACTING THE COUNCIL

- The Parish Council Office is open every week day morning from 9.00am – 1.00pm
- E-mail: burwellpc@btconnect.com
- Telephone: 01638 743142
- Letter: Burwell Parish Council, Jubilee Reading Room, 99 The Causeway, Burwell CB25 0DU
- Web-site: www.burwellparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Contact details for all Councillors are published on the notice board at the Jubilee Reading Rooms and on the website.

DIARY DATES

Sun 11 Nov 2.30pm	Remembrance Sunday Service At War Memorial, service 3pm at St Marys Church.
Tues 13 Nov 7.30pm	Full Parish Council At Jubilee Reading Room.
Tues 27 Nov 7.30pm	Full Parish Council At Jubilee Reading Room.

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES IN BURWELL

Lina Joseph is currently collating details of cottage industries active in Burwell. If you run a cottage industry and would like to be included then please get in contact with Lina by e-mail: linam.joseph@yahoo.co.uk