

Agenda item no.	15
Subject	Fire safety awareness leaflet
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Report to	Burwash Parish Council
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## **1.Introduction or Summary**

Following the fire in late 2018 at the Burwash Village Stores, I was approached by a parishioner suggesting that the PC uses this event as a trigger to send a timely reminder to all parish residents about the dangers of house fires and the benefits of smoke / fire alarms. The recent house fire in Hurst Green simply reinforces the need for working detection measures.

## **2 .Actions**

I have recently met with the Shift Manager of Burwash Fire Station - summary as follows:

- 1) The Fire Service has a budget to enable them to print leaflets on our behalf for zero cost to us. They see communication / prevention as an essential part of their role
- 2) Leaflets will focus on the fire prevention message. If we want they can reference that they are produced in conjunction with the PC. See attached past examples
- 3) Design and printing typically takes 3-4 weeks
- 4) The Fire Service see the middle age to elderly populations as the most vulnerable group but the leaflet would seek to appeal to all parishioners
- 5) The Fire Service will then offer free home visits for safety checks
- 6) If required the Fire Service will supply free smoke alarms to those residents who need them
- 7) The Burwash Fire Station is looking for volunteers and so would welcome any support we can provide in communicating this message (possibly within any leaflet that might be produced)

There is obviously no dramatic rush for this but equally no reason to delay.

## **3. To resolve**

Councillors are asked to review the written report and make the following resolutions:

1. Produce a fire safety leaflet in partnership with the local Fire Station
2. Promote the need for volunteers for the local fire station
3. For Council to spend up to £400 distributing the leaflets throughout the Parish – to identify where funds will be coming from.