

## **Burwash Emergency Planning – Call for Volunteers**

The Parish Council have developed an Emergency Plan to ensure that the parish is able to provide assistance to residents and visitors in the event of an emergency requiring evacuation from a danger area or support during severe weather conditions. This plan includes the use of two Evacuation Centres, The Village Hall and the Burwash Common Pavilion, both centres being provided with facilities to provide respite and care in an emergency.

To facilitate the operation of these centres in an emergency, we will need local volunteers, willing to respond when needed and undertake various roles to support those in need following an emergency. No specific skills are needed, albeit some guidance/training will be provided to ensure safety and explain how the centres will operate. First Aid training will be offered to volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to provide Evacuation Centre support in an Emergency or require any further information, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## **The Business Plan**

The Plan which will govern the priorities of the Parish Council over the next three years is available on the website: [burwashparish.org](http://burwashparish.org), via the e-bulletin or in printed format from the Council's Office in the village car park. The plan is a working document that will be regularly reviewed by the Parish Council.

## **Electric Car Charging Points**

The Council is exploring the possibility of having charging points installed in the village car park. Discussions with a provider are at a very early stage, but the Council recognises that, with the increase in electric cars, and the fact that many premises in the village do not have private parking spaces, this is likely to become an important issue in the future. We will of course consult with parishioners when more information is available.

## **Traffic Issues**

The Parish Council is continuing to press the County Council for a solution to the traffic problems at the top of School Hill and lowering the speed limits near Burnt House Farm, where a footpath crosses the main road. ESCC have requested that the Council pays for 3 speed surveys at a cost of about £1800. The A265 near The Glebe is to be resurfaced in February.

We are grateful to Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green for continuing to take up the issue of poor road maintenance with the County Council.

## **Community Hub**

initial discussions to explore the viability of providing a new Community Hub in Burwash Village which would contain additional space that could be used for community services are underway. We hope that top level costings and sketches will be presented to the Parish Council at the February meeting.

Full public consultation will take place before any decisions are made but this is an exciting new project that would deliver real benefit to everyone in the community.

Minutes of all Council Meetings are available on the Parish website: [burwashparish.org.uk](http://burwashparish.org.uk)  
The next Full Council meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at the Parish Room, Burwash Village and you would be very welcome to attend. The Parish Clerk is Emma Neil, and she can be contacted at Burwash Parish Council Office, High Street, Burwash, Etchingham, TN19 7EU.  
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