

Annual Meeting

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th May, Keith Lloyd was re-elected as chairman and Bob Franklin was re-elected as vice chairman. The councillors and the committees and working parties on which they serve are listed on the Parish Website.

Finance and Grants

The Council's Finances have been audited and agreed. Huge thanks to Emma for the work she does on behalf of the Parish in keeping the books in order.

A grant of £350 has been given to the Kent and Sussex Air Ambulance: a number of residents have benefited in the past from their service and as a charity, we consider they serve our community well.

Kipling in Burwash

The Communications and Events Working Party are working with Batemans and the Kipling Society to draw up a number of events focussing on the Kipling family when they lived in Burwash. As well as guided walks and visits to the Garden and 'Behind the Scenes' at Batemens, and competitions for primary age children, there will be an 'Afternoon Tea with the Kiplings' at the Village Hall at 3.30pm on 28th July, with members of the National Trust and The Kipling Society talking about lives of the Kiplings in Burwash, and recalling memories of some of the local families who knew them. Thanks to a generous donation from the Kipling Society, tickets have been reduced to £5 and free for under 16s and these are available from the Parish Office.

Planning issues

The parish are having to draw up a new Neighbourhood Plan in the light of Government Initiatives to increase the provision of housing. The Neighbourhood Plan will be an important document in deciding on future housing development in the Parish. If you would like to work with Councillors on drawing up the plan, please contact Emma.

The developers of Strand Meadow have made an adjustment to the plan, which sees one of the detached houses, being converted to two semi-detached dwellings. The Council are keeping a close eye on the implications of such a change.

Environment and Maintenance

We are waiting for the contractor to access Down Meadow in order to undertake the boundary clearance of brambles and undergrowth. The Wildflower Meadow project at the top of Bateman's Lane has progressed at a great pace, thanks to the work of the Wild About Burwash group and their friends.

Community Hub

The Council is working on ways in which the whole community can have a say in the way forward for this project and if you were at the Annual Assembly in May, you will have heard (and seen) how The Parish is wanting to engage everyone in the decisions that will have to be made. One thing is certain: the Parish Rooms will need to be replaced sooner rather than later and it will be good to hear the views of as many as possible at what that replacement might be. Look out for further information in the e-bulletin, on the Burwash Parish website, and in the Parish Matters. Your voice counts!

The next Full Council meeting is on Tuesday 11th June at the Parish Room, 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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