

Traffic and Transport

As previously advised, the cost to the Parish of implementing the ESCC Highways design to reduce speed through the village would be in excess of £150,000 - even if they agreed to carry out the work, which is currently unlikely. Further discussion by the Council will be paused for 6 months at which time they will review the situation. The money the Council 'earmarked' for this work will remain but now may be used for other projects which have a more immediate call on the Council's finances.

The pavers – the red tiles which are a historic feature of the pavements through the village - are in a poor state of repair where there have been new housing developments and they have been replaced by tarmac. The Council has agreed to fund the restitution of pavers in the High Street where necessary. In anticipation of this, a few years ago, the Council acquired a large quantity of reclaimed pavers and these will now be put in place by Balfour Beatty.

Call for new Councillors

For various reasons, there are a number of vacancies on the Parish Council and we would like to invite anyone who is interested in working with the Council to contact Emma. Committees and working parties rely on input from councillors and members of the parish to help shape the future of the parish of Burwash. Although the Council does of course take account of what parishioners tell us in the first part of Council Meetings, time is limited on those occasions. So if you have something to contribute and want to be part of the wider discussion of issues, please do get in touch.

The public conveniences

Work on refurbishing the public conveniences was put on hold as they might form part of a bigger scheme in relation to a Community Hub. However, some immediate work is now essential and this will be put in hand. That they exist at all is quite remarkable – given the decision of the District Council to stop their management of these facilities, and we are very grateful to our cleaner who ensures that they are kept in as good a state as possible.

The Community Hub

Parish Matters relating to the Extraordinary General Meeting which was held on Monday 30th September are included elsewhere in the local Church magazine or available on the Parish Council website. At their regular monthly meeting on 8th October, the Council reiterated their position that they wish to pursue the development of Council rooms which will meet the needs of the community into the future. However, it recognises that it would be helpful to consider other options alongside the main project. The Council is therefore looking at alternatives and will report back to Full Council at the monthly meetings. In addition, and in order to move forward with the project, a steering committee will be set up to ensure that the Terms of Reference, Communications strategy and agreed procedures are adopted and monitored. Details of this steering group will be published soon along with the criteria for sitting on the Group.

The next full council meeting is on Tuesday 8th October at 7pm at the Burwash Common Pavilion and you would be very welcome to attend.

The Parish Clerk is Emma Neil and she can be contacted at the Council Office, High Street, Burwash TN19 7EU or call: 07375 809660.

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