

Bunbury Parish Council

Newsletter - Autumn 2023

This is the second of our quarterly newsletters which will cover highlights of our most recent meetings. supplier.

Christmas Eve

We will be staging the traditional singing of carols around the Christmas tree in the centre of the village at 6.30pm on Christmas eve, accompanied by members of the Crewe Brass Band. Santa will be making his traditional visit, and everyone from the village, with your friends and family, is invited to come.

Allotments

The Bunbury PC Allotments Working Group, comprising Parish Councillors and local residents, held its first meeting in November to examine the possibility of creating allotments on the Parish Council-owned land to the rear of Tweddle Close. All of the immediate residents were consulted at the end of September, and whilst not everybody replied, those who did were in favour of using this land for allotments.

Car parking and access are issues that need to be resolved. The Working Group have asked for a copy of any conveyancing documents to understand any restrictive covenants on the site. They agreed to survey the site to know how big the site is and, moving forward, to understand any costs concerning site clearance, creating an accessway, installing a water meter, wheelchair access and so on.

There is already a degree of interest in having an allotment on this land as 22 local residents have expressed an interest. More information will be provided in the next edition of the Newsletter.

WhatsApp Group - Keep in Touch

The WhatsApp group provides updates and information about Council related matters of common interest such as events, road closures and meetings. The Group is easy to join - if you have WhatsApp, just scan the QR code above with your smart phone. If not, WhatsApp is free from your Apps

Bunbury Parish Community
WhatsApp group



Bulb planting

With the support of the Council, Class 3 from the village Primary School planted spring bulbs in



the woodland of the children's play area. Nearly 200 bulbs were planted in groups around the area.

Bonfire Night

Many of you will have noticed that we have not had a bonfire night display or bonfire for the past two years. Unfortunately, the scale of the event - we were taken by surprise by the doubled numbers (over 4,000) who attended the last one - and the related safety factors have driven up the costs involved and the resources needed stage a worthwhile and safe event. So, after careful consideration, we have regretfully come to the decision that, like Manchester and many other places around the country, we will no longer be able to stage this event.

Trees

A survey of all the trees in the village with a Tree Preservation Order has been completed. Several trees have been removed due to natural causes, but many more need to be added.

Many residents will have seen that the Field Maple on the green in Upper Bunbury has been removed. A main branch collapsed suddenly and the trunk was found to be rotten, so posing a danger to users of the green.

Planning Applications

The Old Methodist Chapel, Bunbury Lane, Bunbury

New four-bed dwelling to be built at the rear of the property on the car park. (a previous application had been refused by Cheshire East)

The Parish Council felt this was a large house on a very small plot adjacent to the former chapel, with access coming from Hurst Close by the playing fields. It was agreed to object to this latest application on the grounds of a cramped site situated up against the former chapel, with safety issues due to the creation of new access. Eight car parking spaces are recorded in the application, but there is only room for 2 spaces on the plans.

The Parish Council further agreed to ask for conditions of retention of a small wall and all hedging and all work vehicles to be housed within the wider ownership of the site (No decision at time of printing).

Foxdale, Vicarage Lane, Bunbury

Variation of condition 2 on approved application 22/3593N - Yet again, the Council noted that the information provided was confusing and inadequate. While the Parish Council supported the original application for this conversion, it feels that the amendments proposed now are not acceptable in several respects:

The significant increase in size;

Risk to existing walls which seems unacceptable from a heritage perspective;

Over-looking directly into neighbouring property.

The Council objected to the application and asked the Planning Authority to refuse permission on the above grounds. (No decision at time of printing)

Traffic Management

A meeting was held in the Pavilion on the 22nd of November to discuss the possibility of applying for a 20mph zone covering Bunbury. Parish Councillor Peter Gorman presented reasons why such a scheme should be seriously considered. Nineteen residents attended and many contributed to the discussion that was overwhelmingly in favour of 'getting on with it'.

A working party of Parish Councillors and residents has been set-up and will work on a detailed proposal. If you wish to join the group, please email the Parish Clerk (bunburyclerk@aol.com)

Defibrillator Update: Restart A Heart Day

We held an event in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th October to support 'Restart A Heart Day'. This national event is promoted every October by the British Heart Foundation and, over recent years, an increasing number of businesses, organisations and communities have taken part including Bunbury this year, for the first time.

24 Bunbury residents attended two quick and easy sessions, led by Councillors Linda Barton and Richard Slater, to familiarise themselves with the basics of how to deal with a cardiac arrest situation and how to use a defibrillator.

Those who were able to attend reported that the session was interesting, informative and successfully demonstrated just how straightforward it is to use a defibrillator.

Further defibrillator awareness-raising sessions are likely to be held in Spring 2024 and will be posted in this Newsletter.

Playing Field Track

The track around the perimeter of the playing fields has proved very popular, both with walkers and runners, since we installed it. As time has passed the grass has encroached onto the track, making it very narrow in some places, so we have commissioned work to reinstate the track to its full width.

The work will start shortly and parts of the track will be closed as the works progress around the field over the following several weeks.

A Polite Reminder

Please do not park on pavements as it causes serious problems for people with restricted mobility, parents with children and pushchairs, and disabled users of wheelchairs, electric or hand-powered. Bins can cause similar problems if left to obstruct the footpath.

Please note there is no right of way through the sports field. You are welcome to use the track but no dogs please.