

Bunbury Parish Council

Newsletter - Spring 2026

This newsletter covers the work of the Parish Council during the last three months, including the most recent Council meetings, and any other significant matters that the Council feels would be of interest to residents. Comments can be sent to the Clerk to the Council at clerk@bunbury-pc.gov.uk.

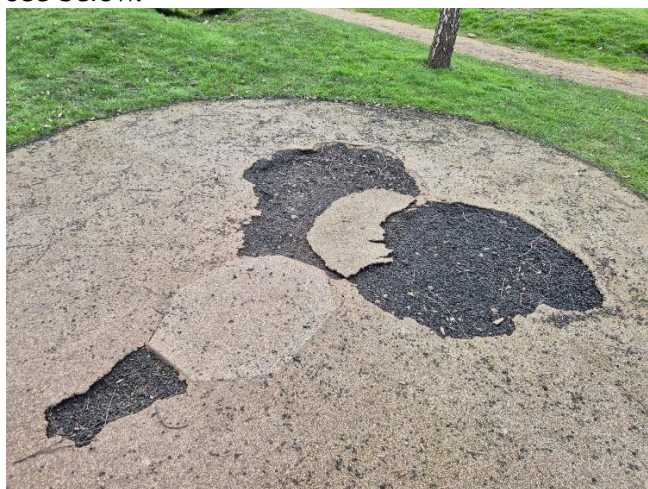
Your council

In our winter edition, we were asking for your help in finding more residents to join the Parish Council. We are happy to report that many people came forward, and we were able for the first time in a few years to fill all the vacancies. You can see the full team on the official Parish Council website here:

<https://www.bunbury-pc.gov.uk/people/>

Playground update

Many of you will be aware of the growing concern about the state of the Playground. It has, from its first day, been a real asset to the village, with extensive use throughout the year. However, as time passes, wear and tear take their toll and, regrettably, some deliberate damage as you can see below.



The Parish Council is determined to continue keeping the Playground in a safe and well-maintained condition. We will begin by repairing the tension on the zip-wire, the soft surfaces (see above), and levelling the woodchip zones with fresh material. In addition, we are engaging with the original equipment installers to give us a full assessment of what else will need to be done to maintain the playground to the highest safety standards.

We welcome hearing from residents and young people; you are crucial in reviewing what's needed, planning and joining the PC in the hard work to secure what comes next. At each PC meeting,

residents have the opportunity to highlight matters of importance to the PC.

Parking with care

The Council has agreed to issue a letter to all residents having work done on their property that requires a planning application, advising them to consider where tradespeople can park without causing a nuisance to neighbours.

We have had recent instances of vehicles parked on pavements, blocking safe routes and general inconsiderate parking. If you are planning to have tradespeople come to your property, do consider where they can safely park without inconveniencing other people.

Planning

Two significant planning applications that have been considered by the Council in the current period have been:

1. Parkview development off Bunbury Lane (25/4407/FUL). This application has not yet been decided and will go to the planning committee for consideration on 3 June (at the time of printing, but please check).

This application is for 20 houses in the open countryside outside the settlement boundary. Under normal circumstances, it would be refused. However, it is taking advantage of consent to build starter homes awarded under a government (the last one) scheme for first-time affordable homes. That consent has now been discarded in favour of a more commercial scheme that does not qualify for exemption but relies on the current situation, in which housing policies offer little protection due to housing land shortages. The Parish Council strongly **objects** to this development.

2. Land off School Lane, to the rear of Heath Villa (26/0976/PIP). This a 'Planning-in-principle' application for 8 dwellings in open countryside outside the settlement boundary. A previous planning application for a larger number of houses (34) was refused in 2014.

The Parish Council **objects** to this proposal on the following grounds:

the proposed development is outside the settlement boundary, in open countryside and on backland. This means that it breaches the need for such applications to be either infill or affordable housing and is against established policy. In addition, the proposed dwellings would intrude on the amenity of houses in School Lane to an unacceptable degree.

Parish Council at Village Day

The Parish Council will have its own stall for the first time at this year's Village Day (see below for details). We hope you can pop in to say hello and see some of what we do. We will be available to discuss any concerns you may have about the village.

Village Day 2026

This year's event will celebrate the wildlife, countryside and community of Cheshire,



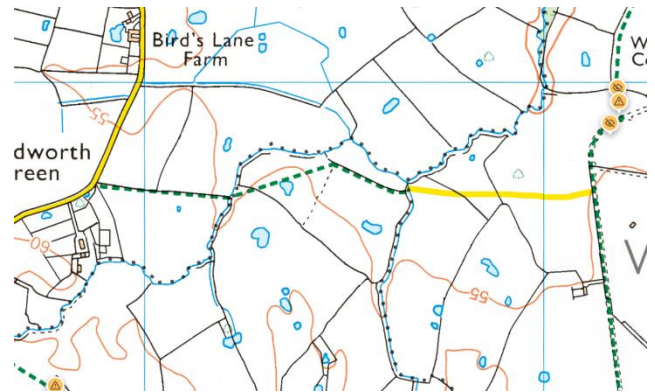
combining the much-loved traditions of the day with a host of nature-inspired activities and displays.

New Path opens New Routes

Five years ago, the Parish Council asked Cheshire East Council's Rights of Way Team to restore a missing footpath. Footpath 30 off Birds Lane

joined FP 17 in Haughton Parish and then stopped in the middle of nowhere.

Our ancestors were not daft (generally); they relied on footpaths to get about the countryside out of necessity. Research reveals that a footpath had existed but was later officially removed. Now restored, you can walk from Birds Lane following the route to join with FP 13 (Haughton), then turn east to meet the canal or west to follow several routes back to Bunbury. Enjoy.



Note: the yellow line is 'suggestive' of the new path – please follow the way markers.

The Dog Poo Problem

Bunbury is a beautiful village, surrounded by countryside with access to many footpaths. This is very attractive to dog walkers. Sadly, despite previous attempts to raise awareness, the issue of dog mess being left on pavements and paths continues. While difficult to enforce, it is an offence not to clear up after your dog. Dog faeces pose a health risk to both humans and other animals and are most unpleasant when trodden in. As such, the onus rests on the individual to act responsibly. Please ensure that you carry a plentiful supply of 'poo bags' when enjoying a walk with your four-legged friend, pick up when required, and put in one of the many bins provided around the village.

WhatsApp Group

The WhatsApp group provides updates and information on matters of common interest, such as events, road closures and meetings. The Group is easy to join - if you have WhatsApp, scan the QR code above with your smartphone. If not, it is free from your app store.

Bunbury Parish Community
WhatsApp group



