

Parish Council news

With a number of Parish Councillors retiring in May and the opportunity for other residents to take their places as part of the election process, there are now some new faces on the Council.

Thanks are recorded to Doug Jones, Maggie Johnston, Tim Crew, Lynne Ashcroft, Sarah Stevens and Heidi Coates for their service over many years (over 70 years in total!)

Only five people volunteered to serve on the Council and so no ballot was required. All five were duly elected and four vacancies remained. Andrew Bray, Lee Lloyd and Tom Wheeler all continue to be Parish Councillors and were joined by Helen Hill and Denise Lloyd.

Anyone wishing to discuss the role and wanting to know more about what is involved can contact the Parish Clerk, Petra Norris, by email buritonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07943 536065.

In the meantime the work of the Council continues with meetings usually on the last Mondays in January, March, May, July, September and November. These meetings are always held in public and details can be found on this community website as well as on the noticeboard next to the bus shelter.

Minutes from each of the meetings, providing details of all the matters discussed and decisions made, can also be found on the Parish Council section of this community website.

Many local issues are not the responsibility of the Parish Council and both the District Council and County Council now offer efficient and user-friendly on-line reporting web-sites where anyone can report issues of concern.

There is a "Useful Information" section of this Community Website which provides direct links to EHDC and HCC websites for issues such as pot-holes, fly-tipping, Rights of Way and Planning matters.

The community's B-earth Day in April was well-attended giving everyone a chance to get involved with the Council's nature and climate change initiatives as well as having their say on ideas for the Parish Priority Statement which the National Park Planning Authority is encouraging all villages to produce as part of the inputs to their next Local Plan.

There are more details about all these matters elsewhere on this website and there is also a useful guide to local recycling opportunities which was produced for the B-earth Day event.

The same event also saw the unveiling of the wonderful Bug House on the recreation ground and the installation of over 30 swift boxes around the village to help this aerobatic but threatened species. It is hoped that these are appreciated by all.