



**Burghwallis
Parish Council**

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Actions / Achievements 2014 – March 2015

People

Thank you to all members of the Council for their help in the achievements throughout the year:

- Wendy Nichols, Parish Clerk resigned in December 2014
- Gemma Bean appointed and resigned in May 2014
- Mr Ted Bell is retiring in June – we thank Ted for all his help and dedication to the Council and wish him all the best in his retirement
- We will be welcoming a new Councillor in June, Mr. Dave Maxwell

Finances

Precept – Increased last year and we have a total of £2,728.02 in the bank at the end of this financial year, this includes £829.74 for the Neighbourhood Plan.

New Standing Orders / Good Councillor Guides

We have updated the Standing Orders document which each Councillor has and which is also published on the website. The New Good Councillor Guides are now also available and we should all familiarise ourselves with this guide.

New Boundaries

DMBC designated new boundaries throughout the area but Burghwallis continues to keep the status and Council for our individual Parish.

The Anne Crest

A clearer design is now available and should be used on all correspondence.

Website

Although the website has been hacked in both February and April this year, the whole site has been re-loaded and now uses a different format with, we hope with much stronger encryption. The website received over 6000 hits during the course of the year.

Poor's Field

Proceeds of the rent from the Poor's Field again contributed to the success of the over 60's Christmas lunch in The Burghwallis which was further enhanced by the Singing Farmer and a raffle with prizes being donated.

Playing Field

- The gates, railings and sign have been repainted
- Six bird boxes have been installed to encourage wildlife along with the wild flower meadow
- A bench, provided by Ted for extra seating near the football pitch and dog fowling signs on the three entrances
- Work is still to be done which we will address during the course of the year.

Pinfold

The old Well at the top of the Pinfold has been rebuilt in natural stone with the help of local resident, Mr Brian Bennett. Attention needed this year to tidy the area and lay green slate over the non-grassed areas.

War Memorial

Successfully achieved Grade II listed status on the 6th May 2015 by English Heritage and continued to be cared for with tidying and planting by Joyce and Heinz Offermans. I would suggest with the approval of the Councillors that we broadcast the listing in the local press and also the Church magazine. The web site has been updated and also included with the remainder of the listed buildings throughout the Parish.

The Plague Well

Progress has been made with the donation of a large stone from Mr. Tony Lund to be erected approximately in the position of the original Plague Well. A potted history and possibly an authentic drawing of the well will be placed on the stone.

St Annes

Nursing Home closed and re-opened as a rented space for Guardians but we continue to lobby the Diocese of Sheffield to reinstate the stone pillars and original gates to the site. To date DMBC have reported that information regarding the suppliers for the stone have been forwarded to Mr Tom Garrud of the Diocese in May 2015.

Neighbourhood Plan

Following the village meeting on the 12th August 2014 the Policies have now been written and the consultation process completed. The total grant of £1,528 has been paid and the final documents are in the process of being submitted to DMBC for approval.

Events Committee

The Village Fete took place in July 2014 and successfully attracted over 200 visitors. Once again the Events Committee did us proud in organising this event and our thanks and appreciation, on behalf of the village, go to all members of the group. This year they will be organising a 'Party in The Park' event on Sunday 16th August between 12.00 and 16.00, using the funds from previous events. Everyone will be invited to bring along a picnic and enjoy music provided by a local DJ, games organised by Owston Scouts, a raffle, tombola etc.

Activities

- Christmas Party – previously mentioned
- Christmas Tree Event
- Bulb planting
- Litter Picking
- Planting of 420 trees along Scorcher Hills Lane to reinstate the hedgerow and attract wildlife after permission was granted by Mr. Scott
- Duck and dear signs on Grange Lane