



NEWSLETTER 5th MAY 2021

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

National Vaccination Update

The first dose of a Coronavirus vaccine has now been received by more than 34.5 million people with over 15.5 million having had their second dose. People in England aged 40 and over have now become eligible for their vaccination. This is in addition to those who are clinically extremely vulnerable, those with an underlying health condition or learning disability, unpaid carers and health and social care workers. To book your vaccination online you can visit [nhs.uk/covid vaccine](https://nhs.uk/covid-vaccine) - alternatively call 119, or wait to be contacted by your GP-led local vaccination service

The NHS currently uses three vaccines against coronavirus – Pfizer-BioNTech, Oxford-AstraZeneca and Moderna. A further five new vaccines will be deployed following regulatory approval, bringing the total number of vaccine doses ordered to 517 million. In addition, the government has now ordered an extra 60 million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine as part of its plans for a vaccination booster programme in the autumn.

Local Vaccination Update

For the latest update for patients of the Pulborough Medical Group please see: - <https://www.pmgdoctors.co.uk/>

For the latest update for patients of the Arundel Surgery please see: - <https://arundelsurgery.co.uk/>

ROADMAP TO EASE LOCKDOWN

The next stage of the roadmap will be Step 3, to become operative from 17th May when it is expected that people will be able to meet indoors in a group of six or two households, indoor areas of pubs, bars restaurants etc. will reopen along with most remaining indoor entertainment and visitor attractions as well as holiday accommodation. In all cases, venues will be required to comply with COVID-Secure guidance. Further details will be provided next week.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has indicated there will be some "opening up" of foreign travel on 17 May with Britons possibly being able to visit certain countries without the need to quarantine upon return - but said it was important to be cautious.

It has been announced ahead of 17th May that from that date the legal limit of 30 mourners at a funeral service will be removed - the number of people who can attend will be determined by how many people the venue, such as the relevant place of worship or funeral home, can safely accommodate with social distancing. This includes both indoor and outdoor venues. Capacities of venues will vary, but many will allow significantly more than 30 people to attend.

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

Future Council Meetings

As parishioners will know, meetings of Bury Parish Council have been held online since March 2020 as COVID-19 restrictions prevented the normal “in person” events to take place. Initially, the Government introduced legislation facilitating the use of remote meetings by councils up to 6th May 2021. Given the concerns around the health risks that still exist with physical meetings, it was expected that the legislation enabling remote meetings would be extended – however the Government did not do so which led to a case being brought by The Association of Democratic Services Officers, Lawyers in Local Government and Hertfordshire CC concerned whether councils already have the powers needed to hold online meetings through flexibility in current laws which date back to 1972. The case was actually supported by the Government but the High Court ruled that from 7th May all council meetings must take place in person.

Responding to the judgement in the High Court, Cllr Sue Baxter, chairman of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), said:

“I am extremely disappointed that the application to the High Court regarding remote meetings has been dismissed.

“All councils must now return to holding physical meetings from 7 May. This includes around 2,000 local (parish and town) councils with elections who must hold an annual meeting in May following those elections.

“Such physical meetings, to which all members of the public are entitled to attend, will result in both a health risk given the current pandemic and significant additional costs incurred by councils in securing suitable venues which allow social distancing and other safety measures.

“Over the last year, the ability to hold remote meetings has delivered extensive benefits including leading to increased participation and engagement by members of the public with their most local council and the decisions they make about their local areas from tackling climate change to improving health and well-being and the provision of highly valued local services.

“Given the government’s apparent support for allowing remote meetings, including their evidence to the Court Hearing, I am appealing to ministers to pull out all the stops over the coming days and weeks to introduce the necessary primary legislation. The Scottish and Welsh Governments have already passed legislation to allow for remote meetings and I urge the Government to follow their lead”.

Robert Jenrick, the communities secretary has now commented: -

“I am grateful for the efforts that local authorities have made to allow remote meetings in their area and recognise that there has been a considerable investment of time, training and technology to enable these meetings to take place. I would therefore encourage you to participate in our Call for Evidence on the use of remote meetings before it closes on 17 June, so that we can better evidence our next steps in this area”.

Attendance by the public at online meetings of BPC during the last 13 months has shown a significant and most encouraging increase over previous “in person” meetings – last night’s council meeting had a dozen attendees - and it is to be hoped that we will at least have the option of conducting online meetings in the future.

Planning Applications

Shown below are current planning applications referred to BPC as consultee: -

Reference: SDNP/20/04086/HOUS: Cokes Barn West Burton Road West Burton RH20 1HD: Annex extension including three bay garage, cycle store and bin store.

Reference: -SDNP/21/02257/TCA: Copyhold Church Lane Bury Pulborough West Sussex RH20 1PB
Proposal: Notification of intention to fell 1 no. Monterey Pine tree (T1).

Planning Decisions

Shown below are the Planning Authority Decisions relevant to our parish for week 16.

Reference: SDNP/20/05752/CND

Date: 12th April

Proposal: Erection of outbuilding to provide home office and glazed link. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission SDNP/20/01479/HOUS. Changes to approved drawings- amended setting out and roof design.

Address: White Webbs Cottage Church Lane Bury RH20 1PB

Parish Council Decision: The parish council objects to the application as the proposal would result in an ad hoc addition which is unsympathetic to, and detracts from, the architectural integrity of the host dwelling. It would also extend the dwelling further to its boundary thereby creating a terracing effect that would be detrimental to the street scene which is characterised by buildings punctuated by generous spacing.

Local Planning Authority Decision: Approved

Reference: SDNP/20/02659/FUL

Date: 24th August

Proposal: Relocation of driveway

Address: The Coach House, West Burton Lane

Parish Council Decision: Neutral

Planning Authority Decision: Approved

Reference: SDNP/20/05679/FUL

Date: 1st February 2021

Proposal: Demolition of outbuilding and construction of swimming pool with associated scheme of hard and soft landscaping.

Address: Hollow Farm The Street Bury RH20 1PA

Parish Council Decision: Bury Parish Council supports this application subject to the following conditions being imposed:

1. Submit details of alternative low transmitting lighting in order to comply and protect the objectives of Bury's Dark Night Skies Policy.
2. Before any development begins the existing outbuilding is demolished.
3. A full and detailed landscaping scheme is submitted to ensure that it complements the listed building and its setting.

Planning Authority Decision: Approved

ANDREW GRIFFITH MP – MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

In Andrew's May newsletter he reports on activities both at Westminster and constituency level. Of particular interest is Andrew's initiative to promote our local pubs which has resulted in the publication of his South Downs Pubs Guide which can be found (free of charge) online at <https://southdownspubs.com>

Andrew has also been very active in his support with our efforts to find a permanent solution to anti-social road use on the A29 and he reports on his visit to the mobile camera vans and provides some commentary on Operation Downsway. To read Andrew's newsletter please see here: - <https://mailchi.mp/d0d58895e805/working-for-you-in-westminster-may-2021?e=4725c9b72f>

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS

The monthly coffee mornings held in Bury Village Hall had to be suspended in March 2020 in accordance with the COVID-19 restrictions introduced at that time. So far, none of the easement measures under the Roadmap have enabled social gatherings of this type to be staged again and, as things stand, we will have to wait at least until Step 4 scheduled for 21st June before a return of our get-togethers could be contemplated - and even then, Government ministers appear not to be completely ruling out the continuation of at least some ongoing COVID-19 Secure measures which might not enable us to meet socially in quite the same way as previously.

Our coffee mornings will resume, hopefully by August or September - the organisers are keen to continue and when the situation becomes clearer we can begin to muster our willing helpers and open our doors once more!

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

With spring (almost!) in full bloom and lockdown measures gradually easing, WSCC are promoting the many attractions our county has to offer: -

From our sparkling coast and lively seaside towns to the wide-open spaces and beautiful views of the South Downs, as well as the many parks, forests and rivers in between, there's plenty of room to get outside. Most of our beautiful gardens are now open and bursting with seasonal colour, and many of our favourite vineyards have re-started tours and tastings. For great ideas for what to do on your doorstep visit www.ExperienceWestSussex.com

BURY FETE

The following is a message from the Bury Fete Committee which appears in this month's edition of The Link: -

Bury Fete 31st July 2021

The Fete Committee had a meeting in April to decide whether Bury Fete could go ahead or not this year. We are sorry, but have decided that it will not be possible for us to put on a Fete like we have in the past, as we feel that many people will not be wanting to gather in large numbers, and it may still not be allowed under Government guidelines.

We hope to be able to host an 'Afternoon Tea' event instead of the Fete, with possibly a few stalls, in the grounds of Dorset House School on Saturday 31st July 2021 from 2pm to 5pm, to give our local communities an opportunity to come together in smaller groups.

Further details will appear in the June and July editions of the Link, so please watch this space.

Stay well and keep safe and if you require help with shopping or prescriptions, please contact

Fr. Peter Mallinson (Bury) 839057 or Ken & Diana Rowsell (West Burton) 831475

For further information please contact the parish clerk, Mike Simpson, at clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com

To visit the parish council website, please see: - www.buryparishcouncil.org.uk

Best wishes

Bury Parish Council