



PARISH NEWSLETTER



YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

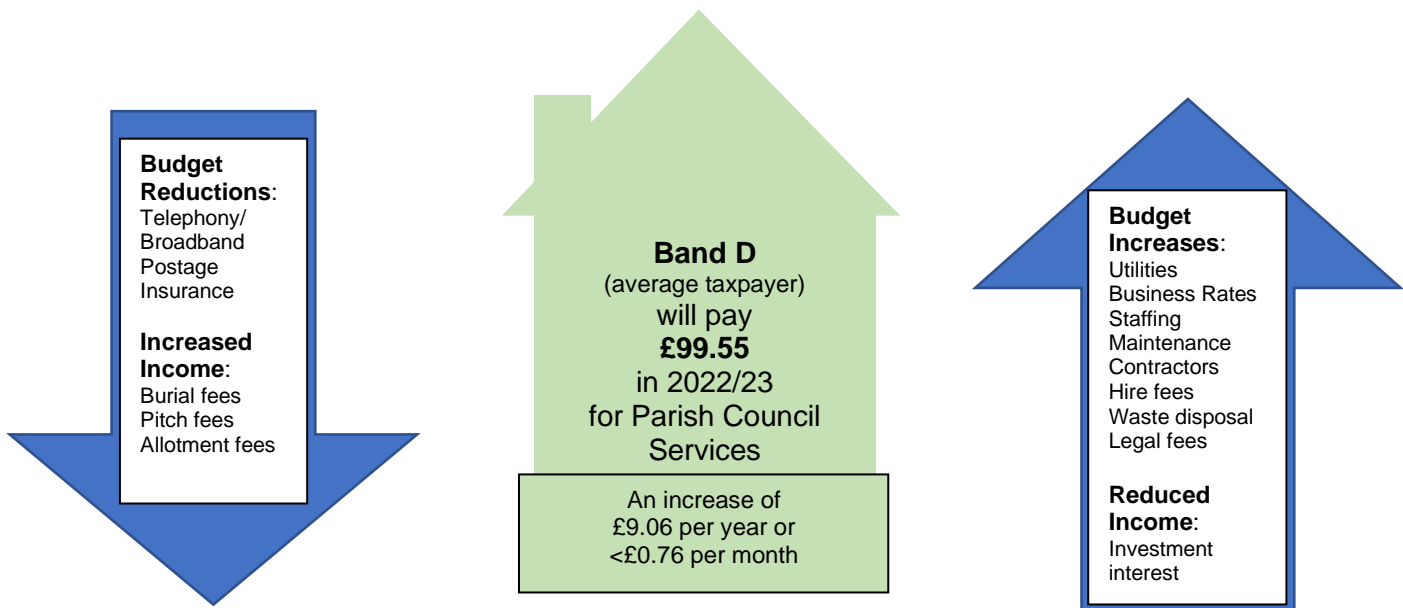
We are looking to reform the Neighbourhood Plan committee and get Barton's Neighbourhood Plan finalised.

This will help us to shape the future of Our Village and surrounding area and put us in a much more powerful position legally to ensure any developments meet our needs and are not just foisted on us.

If you have a planning background or an interest in this area, please contact the Parish Clerk. More details can be found on our website: <https://bartonleclay-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

2022/23 PRECEPT

The Parish Council only applied a minimal increase in the 2021/22 Precept because they were conscious that some residents would have lost income as a result of the enforced Pandemic Lockdown in 2020/21. The current rate of inflation now seen, and the price increases being applied by many contractors and suppliers, means that the Parish Council will be incurring much higher costs in 2022/23. Therefore, the Parish Council Precept Budget for 2022/23 was agreed at **£194,715**, representing an increase of £9.06 per year on a Band D property.



HM THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

To celebrate The Queens Platinum Jubilee, we will be taking part in the National Beacon Lighting on Thursday 2nd June at 9.45pm in Arnold Recreation Ground.

Plans are also underway for Barton's Big Lunch Picnic on Sunday 5th June.

Details of both events will follow nearer the time.

BARTON BURIAL GROUND

In our November newsletter we appealed for relatives to contact us regarding their family graves. We are pleased to have spoken to many relatives but unfortunately we have not been able to locate all. Due to the unstable nature of these memorials, the Parish Council has had to make the difficult decision to lay down any where there is no known ownership. The work, to be carried out at the end February/early March, will be undertaken by the appointed stone mason and all memorials will be left in situ so can be restored, if necessary, in the future.



If you recognise any of the names listed below as your family member and do not wish for the memorial to be laid down, please contact us urgently to discuss the matter further.

Ernest Simpkins *died 1978*, James Simpkins *died 1948* & Violet who *died 1969*, Elizabeth Bailey *died 1955*, Cissie Simpkins *died 1981* & Alfred who *died 1988*, Frank Carter *died 1981* & Elsie who *died 1986*, Johanna & Guy Masters, Rose Ward *died 1982*, May Ruffet *died 1944*, Rose Clark *died 1978*,



The Parish Council is looking to set up a Speed Watch group and are seeking volunteers.

Excessive speed through the village is one of the most common issues raised by residents and can impact road safety and the quality of life for our residents. The scheme promotes safer driving by educating rather than prosecution as well as raising awareness of the dangers of speeding. Training will be provided.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Parish Council office for more details.

MESSAGE FROM THE BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

As part of my Police and Crime Plan, priority number one is 'investment in community-based and community-led policing for rural and urban areas'. Together, the Chief Constable Garry Forsyth and I are committed to focussing on 'proactive policing'. Residents have told me they want to see more of a visible, proactive, problem-solving police presence in our communities.

It is therefore my responsibility to hold the Chief Constable accountable for delivering on the people's policing priorities. In response to this, we have increased the level of visibility in areas of Bedfordshire to • 67 Community Police Officers, 51 PCSOs and 14 Sergeants.

I recognise there is still more to do in tackling speeding, drug dealing and anti-social behaviour. However, I need to ask your help in continuing to provide us with data and activity about crimes. This helps with the deployment of officers.

At the quarterly priority setting meeting held on 26th January, antisocial behaviour at the Sports Pavilion, GP surgery, Village Hall and criminal damage to play equipment in Arnold Recreation Ground were prioritised.

To report a crime, you can do so by calling 101 or anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers.



GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

The annual Great British Spring Clean will take place between 25th March - 10th April. If you or your group would like to join in and help please contact the Parish Council office



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GROWING YOUR OWN PRODUCE? EVER CONSIDERED HAVING AN ALLOTMENT?

We currently have one of our smaller allotments ready to let to a new tenant.

If you are interested in working this plot or would like your name adding to our waiting list please contact the Parish Council office.



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