Burton Community Association General Meeting
Monday 12 May, 7:30pm at the Old House at Home

Chair's Report for Period March-May 2014

1.   Introduction

1.1   This report summarises BCA activities since its inception at a launch event in March 2014. It is not intended as a comprehensive list, rather a prompt for further discussion during the meeting.

2.   Operations

2.1   To date, the BCA has a membership of 74 Burton residents from 43 households (total no. households ~100). Its committee consists of the following ten members:

Paul Bird	Alistair Caie, Secretary
Grant Cambridge, Deputy Chair	Freddie Clark
Pip Gilbert, Treasurer	Victoria Hitchens
Paul Lortal	Amanda Read, Chair
Jonathan Smith	Moya Webb

2.2   <u>Constitution</u>: Following many iterations, the committee **recommends** members approve the Constitution at the General Meeting on 12 May. Members should note this Constitution has been accepted by the bank (see para. 2.3).

2.3   A community bank account with HSBC has been opened and an application for charity status is underway for gift aid purposes.

2.4   Donations and fund-raising ideas/efforts are always welcome.

3.   Delivery

3.1   Attendees of the launch event were asked what they wanted for Burton.   The many ideas put forward in response to the question have now been analysed and classified as either Capital (large scale, long-term) or Operational (smaller scale) projects. As far as possible, each project has been assigned a champion to move the idea forward.   Some projects, however, are still in want of a champion, for which volunteers are very welcome.

3.2   <u>Projects</u>: All the ideas were collated under the following categories:

<u>Capital Projects</u>
*Children's play area
*Allotments
Village Hall, incl. car park

<u>Operational Projects</u>

*Social events/activities	***Beautiful Burton, *incl. Burton in Bloom,***
Pub deals	***Keep Burton Tidy, Traffic calming***
Communications	Parish council representation/interaction
Public transport	Public utility liaison
Parenting Support	Taxis

*Priority projects, i.e. most frequently suggested

3.3   The majority of these projects are either being initiated or already underway and an update on each will be provided by the relevant project champion during the BCA's general meeting. Further suggestions for improvements to life in Burton are always welcome.

4.   Stakeholder Engagement
4.1   <u>Wiltshire Council</u>: In April, I met with Jane Scott, leader of Wiltshire Council, who was constructively supportive of the BCA and its aims. Jane gave some valuable advice regarding sources of funding and ideas for ways to progress the projects further. These suggestions have been disseminated to the relevant projects.

4.2   <u>Nettleton Parish Council (NPC)</u>: I gave a short presentation of the BCA's aims at the NPC's Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 April at St Mary's Church, Burton. It was heartening to see that a good proportion of the attendees were Burton residents. Members of BCA have attended a number of NPC monthly meetings to lobby for support of local allotments and the Beautiful Burton project. The NPC has been willing to listen to the BCA, and practical support has been offered by individual NPC members. I encourage villagers to attend the NPC meetings when you can.

5.   Communications
5.1   <u>Newsletter</u>: Provides regular updates on BCA activities and events. Edited by David Webb, the first edition of The Bugle was launched on 6 May. Comments and contributions welcome.

5.2   <u>Burton Website</u>: The website (http://burtonvillage.org.uk/) has now been refreshed by Graham Read. This will be used to provide information on BCA activities and village-relevant matters. More interactive than earlier versions, projects are encouraged to use the forum as a means to progress their projects. The website includes a calendar of events, and options for email notification of updates to specific discussions. When posting to the website, users are encouraged to update their profile with a gravatar (abbreviation for Globally Recognised Avatar – the gravatar is a user-provided image) to facilitate getting to know people in Burton. Most importantly, <u>always</u> be respectful of other users of the website. Comments and contributions welcome.

5.3   <u>BCA Noticeboard</u>: By kind permission of David Warburton, a noticeboard for BCA activities will be available in the entrance porch of the Old House at Home. Please use it to register interest for a new social activity and for notifications of forthcoming events.

Amanda Read
Chair, BCA
11 May 2014