

Press Release

January 2009 – What's happening at Burnham Park Hall?

The Parish Council appointed its design team in February 2008 and, after much discussion, was able to submit a planning application to South Bucks District Council. Planning permission was eventually granted on 23 October 2008.

During the last few months Council staff have been busy clearing cellars and store rooms and finding homes for some of the council's possessions. We were pleased to donate the outside under 5's play equipment to St Peter's school who are now using it for their nursery classes.

The Parish Council's two pianos were gratefully accepted by Burnham Upper School along with a number of spare tables and chairs. The large wooden notice board which used to grace the entrance of Burnham Park hall is now doing duty at the British Legion.

The bench seat, which was donated in memory of ex-councillor Bob Coulson, is now being used by the Methodist church [of which Bob used to be a member] The large number of photos of the fire brigade in Burnham is being wrapped and stored for a future display.

The next step

At the end of this month, detailed design and construction drawings which comply with all the South Bucks District Council conditions, will be sent to a number of building contractors with 2 March 2009 being the return date. During March discussions will take place with contractors. Subject to the receipt of an acceptable tender, the ultimate aim is to starting the work of demolishing the building in early May. IF all goes well it is anticipated that the building works will be finished at the end of January 2010

Most of the hall's car parking will be used by the builders but there will still be sufficient parking available for library users.

The administration of the Council will move to alternative premises in the High St whilst the work is being undertaken. Residents will be able to view planning applications and conduct other enquiries in the same manner as before. Some committee meetings will be held on these premises but the full council meetings, which have been held in Burnham Library, will be held at Burnham Upper School and members of the public will still be able to attend.

If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk on 01628 661381 or burnhamparishoffice@btconnect.com

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