

Brixworth Parish Council Newsletter

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Brixworth PC

Welcome to Brixworth Parish Council's first Quarterly Newsletter. As Chairman I am proud of this new way of letting you know who we are and what we are up to. We are enthusiastic in helping the village facilities run smoothly. In some cases the District and County Council are responsible. What closely affects you day to day is for the Parish Council to oversee, from playing fields to provision of litterbins, from developing facilities for young people to making representation on planning matters. Your Councillors are unpaid, willingly giving their time to try and make the village a better place to live. We will keep you informed of what the Parish Council is doing. Please let us know what you think of the Newsletter and what you want us to put in future issues.
Cllr Ian Barratt— Chairman

Who are your Parish Councillors?

Your Parish Councillors are:

Ian Barratt, Chair
Bob Chattaway
Colin Bament
Steve Dobson
Tony Everard
Angie Gunnett
Mike Lacey
Ron Low
Richard Monk
Steve Pointer
Steve Whiffen
Liz Wiig
Frank Wiig

The Parish Clerk is Jane Macken

There is a vacancy for a new Parish Councillor. If you are interested please contact Jane Macken on 01604 881243 or

Get to know the people who work for the Parish Council to make the village better.

Jane Macken, Clerk to the Parish Council

Hello, I am Jane Macken. I have been the Clerk for nearly five years. I work 25 hours a week and I am usually available within school hours Monday – Thursday. My job is to implement the decisions of the council and provide independent, objective and professional advice, information and administrative support to the council.

I am looking forward to working, with the members of the Council, towards Quality Parish Status. This scheme is designed to provide a benchmark of minimum standards for parish and town councils and enable them to better represent the communities they

serve. The scheme also aims to enhance relationships between local councils, principal authorities and community and voluntary sector organisations

Parish Council meeting schedule

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public. The Council meeting is held in the Village Hall and the Committee meetings are generally held in the Library and Community Centre. Meetings for the rest of the year:

Planning	Monday, 3 November
Grants/Finance	Tuesday, 11 November
Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 18 November
Planning	Monday, 24 November
Full Council	Tuesday, 25 November
Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 2 December
Planning	Monday, 15 December
Full Council	Tuesday, 16 December

Details and Agendas for meetings can be viewed on the Parish Council Notice Boards near Troops in Hunters Way and in the Library/Community Centre foyer.

The Planning Committee meets every third Monday in the Library/Community Centre at 7.30pm. Whilst we have no power to refuse planning permission we are consultees to the Planning Authorities and influence outcomes. The application for two onsite wind turbines each over 400 feet high to provide electricity for Mercedes Benz-HPE should have been discussed by the time this is published. The consultation process for an application for a Wind Farm of six turbines of similar height between Brixworth and Hanging Houghton is expected to have begun by the time you receive this newsletter .

If you wish to express a view on these proposal please write to Keith Thursfield at Daventry District Council, Lodge Road, Daventry NN11 4FP or by e-mail to kthursfield@daventrydc.gov.uk. Be sure to let Jane Macken have a copy by post or at PC_brixworth@daventrydc.gov.uk

What has the Parish Council done for the village?

The Parish Council has delivered great enhancement to the recreation facilities in the village for the benefits of young and old.

One of the Parish Council's significant areas of responsibility is the playing fields and recreation grounds for the village. Over the past few years we have spent considerable effort and money to provide additional facilities and enhance the ones we had.

We acquired the Ashway playing fields and created additional football pitches, including building a changing rooms, not just changing facilities, but toilets and showers for users of the pitches.

We worked with local people to redesign Spratton Road Recreation Ground. We removed the old, worn out and vandalised playing equipment and provided new to provide excellent facilities for all.

At St David's Recreation Ground, we have maintained the existing play equipment and provided some new. This has created a great play area for all ages. We also provided the basketball area at the school side of the ground.

We have achieved much but we continually strive to provide good facilities for the young people of the village.

Dog fouling-would you do this to our children?

Anyone who does not clear up after their dog can receive an on the spot fine of £50.00. Community Dog Warden, Lisa Hudson, says "it is not only against the law but is also a nuisance and health hazard with children being more at risk". If you see anyone or know someone who sees a dog owner not clearing up after their dog, call Lisa direct on 01327 3022531

To come in future issues:

- The responsibilities of the Parish, District and County Councils explained.
- Update on the proposed Brixworth Carnival

Tell us what you want to see in future issues. E-mail suggestions to:
pc_brixworth@daventrydc.gov.uk