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Message from the Chair of Brixworth PC

Welcome to the second newsletter from your Parish Council and thank you for your enthusiastic comments about the first.

In these cash-strapped times your Parish Council has the difficult task of trying to maintain and improve services whilst reining in the costs.

For the second time in recent years we are proposing a CUT in our share of your Council Tax Bill and there are no planned cuts in our service to you! How have we done it? Simply by good housekeeping and squeezing top value from all we spend.

Thanks are due to the Parish Council Finance Committee for their work in making this possible. No one likes a recession but I hope the Parish Council has made it just a little more bearable for you.

Cllr Ian Barratt— Chairman

A carnival day for Brixworth?

As part of the Millennium celebrations, a carnival parade was held in Brixworth. This was followed by a Party in the Park. It was highly successful and a popular occasion.

When the concept of organising an annual carnival procession followed by a Party in the Park was raised at a recent Parish Council meeting it was decided to “test the water” with organisations within the village to see if there was enough support for such an event. It was extremely pleasing to note that there was considerable interest in the project and the meeting with the village organisations decided to have a carnival. The next meeting to start planning the carnival will be held on 10 February to discuss the way forward.

It is hoped that a Brixworth Carnival Day will become an important and enjoyable annual event which will be self supporting at least or more preferably raise funds for village organisations.

If individuals or organisations are interested in being involved in the carnival contact Cllr Frank Wiig on Fwiig@daventrydc.gov.uk

A new Parish Councillor for Brixworth

There were four people who volunteered to be co-opted to a vacancy on the Parish Council—all excellent candidates. At the December meeting they all addressed the Parish Council and Elaine Nunn was elected by the meeting.

Elaine trained and worked as a family mediator and, for the last nine years, has been a Guide at Althorp House.

She has lived in Brixworth for nearly twelve years and in Northamptonshire for almost forty years.

She has been a member of the Women's Institute for thirty-six years and a fundraiser for NSPCC. She is currently on the Support Committee for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

She said “I wanted to be a Parish Councillor so that I can contribute something to the village where I enjoy living.

I am looking forward to being involved and becoming a member of the team of Councillors, acting on behalf of the local community, and helping to maintain the quality of life and environment here, thus keeping Brixworth a pleasant place in which to live.”

Welcome Elaine to the Parish Council.

PC responsibilities

It can be confusing to know which council is responsible for what services in the village.

What is the PC responsible for?

To help clarify the situation we have included below a summary of the various tiers of local authorities and their responsibilities.

There are three levels of local government: parish, district and county councils. Each is responsible for different things. In addition, there is regional and central government.

In general the Parish Council is responsible for:

- Bus shelters
- Library and Community Centre – we are the lessee
- Litter and dog fouling bins
- Playing Fields (Ashway, St David's, Spratton Road)
- Seats and benches.
- Some miscellaneous areas of land in the village (Millennium Gardens, Pocket Park, Pound, plus other miscellaneous bits of land)

Examples of Daventry District Council's responsibility are:

- Community transport
- Environmental health
- Housing
- Leisure facilities
- Parking
- Planning
- Road safety
- Rubbish collection and recycling
- Street cleaning

Examples of Northamptonshire County Council's responsibility are:

- Children and young people
- Education
- Highways
- Grass cutting, verges
- Libraries
- Social services

If you see a highway problem you can report it directly to "Street Doctor" by phone (0845 601) or internet (www.northamptonshire.gov.uk under "Do it

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:

Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 20 Jan
Planning	Monday, 26 Jan
Full Council	Tuesday, 27 Jan
Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 3 Feb
Planning	Monday, 16 Feb
Full Council	Tuesday, 24 Feb
Planning	Monday, 9 Mar
Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 17 Mar
Planning	Monday, 30 Mar
Full Council	Tuesday, 31 Mar
Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 7 April
Planning	Monday, 20 April
Grant Application	Tuesday, 21 April
Finance	Tuesday, 21 April
Full Council	Tuesday, 28 April
<i>Annual Parish Meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday, 6 May</i>
<i>Annual Council Meeting</i>	<i>Wednesday, 13 May</i>

Minutes of Full Council meetings, dates of Council and committee meetings, contact details for the Clerk and Councillors, model publication scheme and guide to information are available on the website <http://www.brixworthonline.com/> and in the library.

In the next edition of the Parish Council newsletter:

- A day in the life of the Parish Council's groundsman.
- A BMX track for Brixworth

Tell us what you want to see in future issues. E-mail suggestions to:
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