



4th Edition, Autumn 2009

Message from the Chair of Brixworth PC

Welcome to the Autumn Edition of your Parish Council newsletter.

What miserable weather we are having for the holiday season! But rain or shine your Parish Council has been busier than ever on a local and even international level as you will see! Several people have expressed concerns to me about expansion in Northamptonshire affecting Brixworth. Let us know what you think, what are your worries or concerns - and why not come to our Planning Committee meetings to keep up to date? The newsletter can only show part of the story!!
Cllr Ian Barratt— Chairman

BMX /Skate Park - News Update

The Parish Council has now received planning permission for the BMX/Skate facility on the Harborough Road and has chosen Wicksteed as the main contractor. The Council has been successful in securing grants for the full cost of the dirt BMX track and skate equipment, which is £29,994. We will be working closely with the local police with regards to security etc. It is hoped that the work will commence in the Autumn later this year.

Planning

On consideration of the comments of English Heritage on the proposed Harrington Wind Farm the Parish Council decided that a comment of no objection was more appropriate than one of support. Attention is now focussed on the West Northamptonshire Emergent Joint Core Strategy outlining proposals for building 30,650 new homes in and around Northampton, Daventry, Brackley and Towcester by 2026 and a further 151,173 afterwards. The consultation period ends on 11 September 2009.

Volunteers sought to help maintain the Millennium Garden



The Millennium Garden is a pocket of tranquillity and, in the summer, a blaze of colour. It is located in the shadow of the church and adjacent to Brixworth Centre in Church Street.



It has been brought up to its current excellent standard and maintained by a dedicated group of volunteers.

The Parish Council now is looking for additional volunteers to help maintain the garden throughout the year. We are looking for people who have knowledge of gardening but you do not need to be an expert. We offer you the opportunity to make a difference to the village and to meet people with similar interests.

Even an hour or two could make a real difference to this beauty spot.

If you are interested or want further information please contact the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Jane Macken.

Brixworth twinning opportunity

The Parish Council Chair, Cllr Ian Barratt, has received a letter from the Mayor of Castel San Pietro Romano, a village in Italy, enquiring whether representatives from Brixworth would like to meet with him to discuss the possibility of twinning the two villages. Castel San Pietro Romano has a population of 900 and is famous in Italy. It is located 42km from Rome. County Cllr Chris Millar (a Brixworth resident) and Cllr Frank Wiig have both volunteered to fund a trip for themselves to Castel San Pietro Romano and arrange to meet the Mayor and to explore the possibility of twinning Brixworth with the village.



Should the Parish Council decide to proceed further with the twinning of the two villages a Twinning Committee would be required. If you are interested in being involved with the setting up of the Twinning Committee please contact the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Jane Macken on 01604 881243 or pc_brixworth@daventrydc.gov.uk for further details.

Brixworth Library is holding an Italian themed day on Wednesday, 9 September 2009. There will be two Italian language taster sessions at 2.45pm and 3.45pm, with Italian nibbles available. It is hoped that further details of the proposed 'Twinning', will be available.

Parish Council Grants

The Parish Council makes grants available to village organisations each year. This year we have £555 left to allocate before the end of the financial year. The deadline for applications is 31 October. The Committee meets on 10 November. If you are a village organisation who could demonstrate that you could benefit the residents of Brixworth from a small grant contact the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Jane Macken, for an application form.

Parish Council meeting schedule

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public. The Council meet in the Village Hall and the Committee meetings are generally held in the Library and Community Centre. Future meetings:

Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 15 Sept
Planning	Monday, 21 Sept
Full Council	Tuesday, 22 Sept
Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 6 Oct
Planning	Monday, 12 Oct
Finance	Tuesday, 13 Oct
Full Council	Tuesday, 20 Oct
Planning	Monday, 2 Nov
Finance & Grants	Tuesday, 10 Nov
Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 17 Nov
Planning	Monday, 23 Nov
Full Council	Tuesday, 24 Nov

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.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, due to the recent resignation of Cllr Tony Everard. The Council would like to thank Tony for his hard work and time spent as a Councillor, in particular during his time as Chairman of the Recreation Committee, and for his work as the Police Representative.

The deadline for applications is 30.9.09. If you are interested please contact the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Jane Macken, for further details.

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