



6th Edition, Spring 2010

Message from the Chair of Brixworth PC

Welcome to the Spring Edition of your Parish Council newsletter.

In the New Year we said goodbye to Sgt Jacqui Harris and welcome back to Sgt Mike Grady to our local Police Office. We thank Jacqui for the good work she has done and we know the team is in good hands with Mike.

We are also closely monitoring the outcome of the Strategic Housing Land Assessment (SHLAA), which has identified land in Brixworth considered potentially suitable for much development. The interests of Brixworth must be foremost in any discussion concerning expansion. See page 2 for more information.

We congratulate the Carnival Committee for working so hard in their planning for the coming summer's event. This promises to be a real community effort and something the whole village can look forward to.

Cllr Ian Barratt— Chairman

BMX and skateboard development on hold



The Parish Council have been progressing plans for this facility. However, it is very disappointing that the site for our proposed BMX/Skateboard development has proved not to be suitable as a result of legal advice. It would interfere with access to neighbouring land, so we are back to square one on this

Parish Council launches new web-site

Some Parish Council information has previously been available on one of the village web-sites. Now the Parish Council has an on-line presence thanks to Cllr Simon Gilkes and his team. This will allow you to keep up with what is happening. It contains information about the Parish Council, Council meetings, agendas and all minutes. We will be developing this further in the next few months.

Check it out on www.brixworthpc.org.uk

Community Grants



Community organisations, serving the Parish, are welcome to apply for a Community Grant from the Parish Council. A Grant Application Form needs to be completed and returned to the Clerk before the deadline.

The Parish Council considers grant applications twice a year at a special Council meeting in April and November. Closing dates for applications will be at the end of March and October. The next closing date is 31 March 2010.

Members of the public and applicants may attend, however they will not be able to speak or make a presentation unless asked.

Please contact the Clerk on Tel. No. 01604 881243 or email pc_brixworth@daventrydc.gov.uk for an application form. Also available from our web-site www.brixworthpc.org.uk

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment



What is the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and why is it important?

The Regional Spatial Strategy requires a large number of homes to be built in Northamptonshire.

The SHLAA is a key component of the evidence base to support the delivery of sufficient land for housing to meet this need. This assessment is required by national planning policy.

The SHLAA is a part of the evidence base for the plan making process. Sites included within the SHLAA are assessed purely on their technical availability for development, and at this stage this does not include any policy assessment. The identification of a site as having potential for development does not necessarily mean that it will be allocated as a development site.

Local information is being sought from Parish Councils and anyone else who has relevant local knowledge in order that the best and most robust evidence base is available for the next stages of the plan making process.

The Parish Council has responded that it considers that none of the sites identified for Brixworth as suitable for development. There appears to be an absence of proper joined up thinking or consideration of the impact of development on the existing community.

Details of all site locations and site assessments are available through the web site and any comments on the technical assessment of any specific site will be able to be entered through a web form. These can be found on:
www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org/

If you want to see the sites identified for Brixworth and make comments visit the web site.

Parish Council meeting schedule

All Parish Council meetings are open to members of the public. The Council and Committees meet in the Library/Community Centre, Spratton Road. Future meetings are as follows:

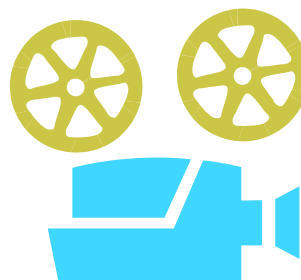
Planning	Monday, 8 March
Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 16 March
Planning	Monday, 29 March
Full Council	Tuesday, 30 March

Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 6 April
Planning	Monday, 19 April
Finance & Grants	Tuesday, 20 April
Full Council	Tuesday, 27 April

Planning	Monday, 10 May
Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 11 May
Full Council	Tuesday, 25 May

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 websites www.brixworth.org.uk and www.brixworthonline.com and in the Brixworth Library.

Mobile Cinema



There is a possibility that we could have a monthly cinema showing in Brixworth, which would be sponsored by Daventry District Council. The tickets would cost approximately £5 to cover the cost of hiring a film and renting a hall. The company that supplies the films also provides the screen and projectionist.

The Parish Council would like to hear from residents or Local Organisations who would be interested in supporting or running this project. Please contact the Clerk Mrs Jane Macken 01604 881243 or email pc_Brixworth@daventrydc.gov.uk