



7th Edition, Summer 2010

Message from the Chair of Brixworth PC

Welcome to our Summer 2010 Newsletter.

It's been a time of good and bad news. The Good News? We have **again** reduced the Parish Council part of your Council Tax bill! That's for the second year running! Due to our good housekeeping we can do this, again with no cuts in services!

The Bad News. No earthquake, no volcano, but the County Council decided to build a bridge, spent pounds on surveying and planning it – and then cancelled it! Would you believe it! Read the full story over the page. We will not give up on the fight for **your** safety.

Don't forget, you can contact us on our new web site, or as ever by phone, letter or in person.

Cllr Ian Barratt— Chairman

Brixworth Community Centre is now a registered charity.

The Parish Council applied to the Charity Commission for the Community Centre to become a registered charity. We have just received confirmation that they have approved this.

This will save the people of Brixworth over £3,000 a years as the Parish Council is now able to apply for charitable relief on its Council Tax bill for the Centre.

This is another example of the Parish Council working to ensure value for money for the residents of Brixworth.

Power of Well Being—a first for Brixworth

Brixworth Parish Council is the first Local Council in Northamptonshire to be able to use the Power of Well Being. It will continue to be able to do so until the day before the annual meeting after its next ordinary election in 2012

The 'Power of well-being' enables a local authority to *do anything, which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well being of their area.*

At the Full Council meeting held on 30 March 2010 the Parish Council passed a resolution that it was now eligible to use the Power of Well Being, having determined that it met the eligibility criteria. The criteria includes specific training for Councillors and the Clerk, having published a statement of community engagement and two thirds of members being elected at the last General Election. This new power will enable the Parish Council to continue to meet the needs of the village.

Contact your Parish Councillors

In the last edition of the newsletter we told you about the new Parish Council web site on www.brixworthpc.org.uk Now you can email parish councillors direct. Their email addresses are on the website.



Contact the PC Clerk, Mrs Jane Macken, on Tel. No. 01604 881243 or email clerk@brixworthpc.org.uk. Also available from our website www.brixworthpc.org.uk

A safe route to the Brixworth County Park

Northamptonshire County Council was going to build a footbridge across the A508 to provide much needed safe route to the Country Park for the people of Brixworth. They had even planned an exhibition in the Library/Community Centre to tell the public about it. However, the project is now on hold.



NCC is considering either not providing any safe crossing or, possibly, providing a traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing.

The Parish Council is urging NCC to provide a safe route to the Country Park for the people of Brixworth, particularly our children.

Brixworth Travel Club



It is undergoing some changes after a number of years faithful service by Peter Oliver and his team. The scheme uses the DACT minibus and organises regular trips from Brixworth to towns around the county as well as bringing those unable to use public transport into Brixworth to use the Post Office, do some shopping, have a coffee at the Olive Branch in the Community Centre and have a chance to meet others.

This can be a real life line for some folk. They are collected from home and helped back safely by trained volunteers. All are welcome to use this service. Details will be publicised soon. The Parish Council have supported this work by providing a grant.

Should you wish to join the Travel Club just phone Mary at the Olive Branch on 01604 889030 and she will give you all the details.

Keep your car safe

An increasing number of cars are being stolen because their owners have not considered the security of their car keys at night.

Thieves are 'fishing' keys out through letterboxes, reaching keys through cat flats, or getting in through unlocked doors and taking keys left lying around in the house. To help prevent you becoming a victim of vehicle crime: keep your car keys safely and securely hidden away; park your car in your garage if you have one; consider installing a tracker device, a car alarm and an immobiliser; and, if you use a steering lock, keep the keys separately from your car keys .



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. Future meetings are as follows:

Highways & Environment Planning Full Council	Tuesday, 1 June Monday, 7 & 21 June Tuesday, 29 June
Planning Recreation & Amenity Full Council	Monday, 12 July Tuesday, 20 July Tuesday, 27 July
Planning Highways & Environment Planning Full Council	Monday, 2 August Tuesday, 3 August Monday, 23 August Tuesday, 31 August

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 www.brixworthpc.org and in the Library.