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Message from the Chair of Brixworth PC

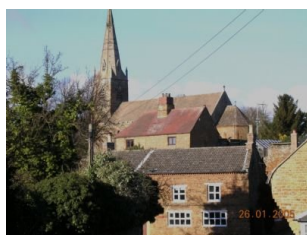
Welcome to our Autumn 2010 Newsletter.

What a glorious summer it has been so far. But an even more glorious event must have been the village Carnival. businesses, organisations and individuals all came together to provide a magnificent community event. It was organised and run by an independent Committee and we warmly thank Mike Nice for spearheading this wonderful occasion.

The saga of the bypass crossing for pedestrians seems set to run and run. What may now be on offer to us is some flashing lights to warn motorists of the crossing. A long way from the bridge first proposed. Is this £20 000 for what sounds like the same protection as a cattle crossing gets? Tell us what *you* think. I know what I think!

Cllr Ian Barratt— Chairman

Let's keep Brixworth looking at its best



The Parish Council gets complaints from residents about many things that make the village look untidy and uncared for. Some of the main causes of residents' concern are: people letting their shrubs overhang the pavement; cars parked on the verge and/or dangerously; dropping of litter; and dog fouling. The Parish Council does what it can but we need each and everyone of you to do your bit to help us keep Brixworth looking good. Please do your bit.

It's official—Brixworth is a quality Parish Council!

Brixworth Parish Council is delighted to report that it has been awarded "Quality Parish Council Status". The Quality Parish Council scheme was designed and launched in June 2003 and provides a benchmark minimum standard for Parish and Town Councils. The scheme aims to enhance the relationships between local councils, principal authorities and community/voluntary sector organisations.

In order to achieve Quality Status Brixworth Parish Council had to demonstrate that it has reached the standard required by passing several tests.

Chairman of the Council, Councillor Ian Barratt, said: "The Parish Council is delighted to announce it has been awarded Quality Parish Status. We are only the 14th Local Council in the whole county to receive this recognition.

This status is due in no small measure to the immense amount of work which our parish clerk has put in over and above the usual remit of her duties."

Parish Clerk, Mrs Jane Macken, added: "By achieving the accreditation to be a Quality Council I am pleased to have been able to demonstrate on behalf of Brixworth Parish Council that it is well managed. Brixworth Parish Council has shown that it is representative of all its community and effectively communicates their needs by working closely with the principal authorities and other voluntary/community sector group."

This new status is recognition of the good work that the Parish Council does on behalf of the people of Brixworth Parish. In the future it may enable suitable functions that could be better carried out locally to be delegated to the Council.

Old Station Yard, Station Road, Brixworth

An application to begin developing this site has been re-submitted by the Trustees of Principal Systems, Waterloo, Huddersfield. Many people, including Parish Councillors, would like to see the premises used again if only for it to become less of the eyesore. In a perfect world a use would be found for it more in keeping with its rural location which would preserve the privacy and comparative tranquillity enjoyed by nearby residents. Unfortunately there may well have to be some sort of compromise eventually. Nevertheless this proposal does not seem to fit the bill.



During its days as a woodyard there was much less traffic in the area, particularly heavy traffic, and the roads coped reasonably well. Now, however, the possibility of roads in the vicinity (including Church Street & High Street in the conservation area) being subjected to the daily traffic movements associated with an industrial estate with the potential to employ up to two hundred people is frightening. In order to fund the development the applicants also wish to build houses which are not directly for the benefit of employees and do not qualify as affordable housing. The Parish Council does not wish to see houses built outside the village envelope as this could set a precedent for housing developers descending on Brixworth en masse. Therefore the Parish Council is opposed to this application.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, due to the recent resignation of Cllr Simon Gilkes. The Council would like to thank Simon for his hard work and time spent as a Councillor, in particular for his time setting up the Parish Council website.

The deadline for applications is 15 October 2010. If you are interested please contact the Clerk for further details clerk@brixworthpc.org.uk or Tel. 01604 881243.

Parish Council meeting schedule

Members of the public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting. Meetings are held in the Library/Community Centre. At the start of Full Council Meetings the meeting shall adjourn, for a maximum of fifteen minutes, for Members of the Public to address the Council.

Future meetings are as follows:

Full Council	Tuesday, 31 August
Planning	Monday, 13 Sept.
Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 21 Sept.
Full Council	Tuesday, 28 Sept.
Planning	Monday, 4 Oct.
Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 5 Oct.
Finance	Tuesday, 12 Oct.
Full Council	Tuesday, 26 Oct.
Planning	Monday, 1 Nov.
Finance & Grants	Tuesday, 9 Nov.
Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 16 Nov.
Planning	Monday, 22 Nov.
Full Council	Tuesday, 30 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 www.brixworthpc.org and in the Library.

A great day for the whole family - Brixworth's Carnival

We want to hear what you thought about it:

What was the best thing about it and why?

What could have been better and why?

When should the next one be: in 2 years, in 5 years, some other time (please state) (*delete not applicable*)

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