



9th Edition, Winter 2010

Message from the Chair of Brixworth PC

Welcome to our Winter 2010 Newsletter.

So what do you think of the new arrangements at the tip - the days they are closed, the meet and greet questioning? Also, what about the writing down and storing of some of your registration numbers by the operators? I understand that a camera that will soon do this for them! Are you happy with the limits on tipping some of your household waste?

We know what some of you think about it – and you're not very happy. But let us know what *you* think to be sure we represent *your* views. Is it Good, ok orRubbish?

And finally, are you still waiting for news about the bypass crossing? So are we!

Cllr Ian Barratt— Chairman

Spratton Road bus shelter

The Spratton Road bus shelter on the south side is in a sorry state and needs to be replaced or removed.



It will cost the Parish Council a lot to replace it. We do not think that it is used much and we don't want to waste your money if it is not, so we are thinking of removing it. If you have any views, in support or against this, please let the Clerk know.

Community Speedwatch

Speeding is a major concern expressed by residents of Brixworth. The Parish Council wants to do something about this. We can get the loan of a hand held speed camera to undertake our own traffic monitoring using volunteers and the police. Anyone caught speeding would receive a letter from the police explaining the purpose of the project. Repeat offenders could face prosecution.



To do this we need your help as we must have 500 signatures from Brixworth residents. If you would like to add your name to the list, in support of this project, forms are available at Lovell's Hardware store in Hunters Way, Spratton Road, Brixworth. If you are willing to volunteer to undergo training and use the camera please indicate this on the form and provide a telephone number.

Reporting road repairs

To ensure that Brixworth gets the road repairs that it needs we all need to let Northamptonshire County Council know where there are potholes and other problems that need fixing are.

If you see something that needs repairing contact "Street Doctor" on-line at www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Transport/PEM/, email streetdoctor@Northamptonshire.gov.uk or telephone on 0845 601 1113.

If you see something that needs fixing report it. This not only helps the County Council prioritise its limited resources, it may help to avoid an accident.

Dog fouling

Not a nice subject but it is not nice people that allow their dogs to foul in public places. People who allow their dogs to foul public places and do not pick it up not only are anti-social, they are criminal and are placing the health of our children at risk.

As well as being unpleasant, dog fouling is a serious health hazard. It carries potential diseases for both humans and dogs: Toxocara T Canis is a serious infection which can cause severe eye infection, children are most at risk; Parvo is a potentially fatal disease which is transferred between dogs.



Brixworth Youth Club are helping to stop owners letting their dogs foul public areas. They have: visited 4 areas to identify dog faeces issues; implemented a questionnaire on people's encounters with dog faeces, researched some fact relating to ownership and diseases; and created a display which will be on show in the library foyer from 23rd November.

The young people involved still plan to: take their display to a further 4 venues including schools; prepare other young people to deliver their presentation; and get media recognition. They also hope to get sponsorship to make a documentary on dangers of dog faeces and provide DVDs for schools' PHSE lessons. This project has been made possible through funding secured by the Youth Club from the Big Lottery Fund.

The Parish Council has just bought some dog fouling bags. They are available free from the DDC office in the Library. If you witness someone letting their dog foul, contact Daventry's Dog Warden service on 01327 871100

Litter

At the November Community Panel Meeting litter was the main item for concern raised by the public. It will be a Community Safety Team priority. Our Community Safety Officer, Jo Hillery will be trying to involve Brixworth Primary School to try and arrange a poster competition. Help keep our village litter free.

Planning issues

Buckton Fields: - People may be pleased to learn that Smiths Farm Shop near Chapel Brampton will survive even if the application to build 1050 houses around it on Buckton Fields is approved. However, people may not be so happy with extra traffic congestion on the A508 which may occur as a consequence of the proposed development. The Parish Council continues to object to this proposed development. We will keep you informed of developments.

"Garden grabbing" - Government figures show that the proportion of new houses built on previously residential land such as gardens had risen dramatically, from one in ten to one in four between 1997 and 2008. In June of this year however the government instructed Local Planning Authorities to exclude gardens from the definition of previously developed land. A simple step that dramatically transformed councils' ability to prevent unwanted development on gardens where local people object and protect the character of their neighbourhoods.

Parish Council meeting schedule

Members of the public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting. Meetings are held in the Library/Community Centre. All meetings start at 7.30 pm except the Full Council that starts at 7.15. At the start of Full Council meetings the meeting is adjourned, for a maximum of fifteen minutes, for members of the public to address the Council.

Future meetings are as follows:

Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 7 Dec.
Planning	Monday, 13 Dec.
Full Council	Tuesday, 14 Dec
Planning	Monday, 3 Jan.
Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 18 Jan.
Planning	Monday, 24 Jan.
Full Council	Tuesday, 25 Jan.
Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 1 Feb.
Planning	Monday, 14 Feb.
Full Council	Tuesday, 22 Feb.

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.uk and in the Library.