



Message from the Chair of Brixworth PC

Petrol prices up, train fares up, services under threat – what a worrying New Year it has turned out to be.

But your Parish Council is planning to REDUCE our share of your Council Tax bill for 2011-12 and we've done it for the third year running with no reduction in services to you! True, it's only a small reduction, but we are proud of this achievement, and we are sure this will be appreciated by you all!

Our very active Village Hall is seeking new committee members, especially someone for the office of Chairman/woman. Please give this some serious thought – they do a great job in running this facility but do need extra help – phone their administrator on 01604 880654 – they'd be very grateful.

Cllr Ian Barratt— Chairman

Trading Standards' "Buy with confidence" scheme

Northamptonshire County Council's Trading Standards has recently launched a "Buy with confidence" scheme. The aim of this scheme is to provide residents with details of traders that they can trust.

Trading Standards visit and vet every applicant and only except them on to the scheme if they pass stringent checks. They continue to monitor them to ensure they continue to meet the required standards. Currently there are about 30 traders approved under the scheme, however this number is continually growing as they receive new applications from traders. You can find details of approved traders, gardeners, plumbers, electricians and many others on www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders or phone on (01604) 236236

Welcome to two new Parish Councillors

The Parish Council welcomes two new Councillors, Jennifer Fitzgerald and David Parnaby. We will tell you more about David Parnaby in a future newsletter but we have a brief introduction to Jennifer Fitzgerald below.



Jennifer lives with husband Mark in Harborough Road. She has lived in Brixworth on and off since 1995. Having worked for most of her career in financial services organisations such as Barclaycard and MasterCard. She now runs a small company offering companies executive coaching and training courses in "soft skills" such as selling and customer care. She is a regular participant in the tai chi classes at the village hall on Saturdays and contributes to the Brixworth Bulletin.

Parish Councillor vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor on Brixworth's Parish Council.



If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor contact the Clerk to the Council on 01604 881243 or email clerk@brixworthpc.org.uk

Community grant applications

Are you a Brixworth village voluntary organisation in need of additional funding?



If so contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for further details and an application form. The closing date for receipt of grant applications is 31 March 2011.

The Clerk can be contacted on 01604 881243 or by email clerk@brixworthpc.org.uk. Also application forms can be downloaded from the parish Council web site www.brixworthpc.org.uk

Dog control order consultation

In our last newsletter we featured how Brixworth Youth Club are helping to stop dog owners from letting their dogs foul our footpaths and playing fields.

Remember, if you witness someone letting their dog foul public areas, contact Daventry's Dog Warden service on 01327 871100.

To help protect our environment and the health of our children, residents are to be consulted on whether to adopt new powers that would affect dog owners throughout the Daventry District.

If adopted, the new powers could require dog owners to:

- Clean up when a dog has fouled;
- Keep dogs on a lead in some areas, such as a car park or sports pitches;
- Keep dogs out of some areas, such as children's play areas;
- Put a dog on a lead when directed by a Council officer;
- Specify a maximum number of dogs that an owner may take onto land at one time.

The consultation period will run from 17 January until the middle of March. Details of the consultation questionnaire can be viewed on www.daventrydc.gov.uk/consultation or by requesting copies by phone on 01327 871100.

Keep Brixworth's homes and property secure

If you see people acting suspiciously around homes, sheds or garages call Daventry's Safer Communities Team on 03000 111 222

New Byelaws

New Byelaws for St David's Recreation Ground, Spratton Road Recreation Ground and the Ashway Playing Field came into effect from 3 March 2010. These supersede any previous Byelaws. Residents are reminded that the Byelaws prohibit playing or practicing golf, using a solid golf ball, on any of the recreation grounds. They also prohibit: grazing of animals; camping; lighting fires; throwing of missiles/objects which may cause injury to any other person; riding a horse across the ground; riding a bicycle; driving on the ground in a motor car, motor cycle or trailer; leaving a motor vehicle on the ground; skateboarding; ball games, which will cause danger to other people; archery; field sports (javelin, hammer, discus or shot); driving, chipping or pitching a hard golf ball; flying of model aircraft, hang gliders or hot air balloon; and Making a continuous noise as to give reasonable annoyance to other persons.

A copy of the full byelaws is available on the website and in the Library.

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. Members of the public have an opportunity to address the Full Council during the Public Open Forum.

Future meetings are as follows:

Planning	Monday, 7 March
Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 22 March
Planning	Monday, 28 March
Full Council	Tuesday, 29 March
Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 5 April
Finance	Tuesday, 12 April
Grant Applications	Tuesday, 12 April
Planning	Monday, 18 April
Full Council	Tuesday, 26 April
Annual Parish Meeting (8.00 pm)	Wednesday, 4 May
Planning	Monday, 9 May
Annual General Meeting	Wednesday, 11 May
Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 17 May
Full Council	Tuesday, 24 May

Minutes of Full Council meetings, dates of Council and committee meetings, contact details for the Clerk and Councillors are available on www.brixworthpc.org.uk and in the Library.