



Message from the Chair of Brixworth PC

Welcome to this super-sized issue of your Parish Council Newsletter and Annual Report.

So how is the Parish Council doing with serving the village? (I can hear your answer from here!). But seriously, we want you to have a say in how we spend your money. We think we've got it right, but do you think we've got it right? Look for the Village Questionnaire in this issue of the Bulletin – and return it!! Your opinion counts!

Remember, the details of all our meetings are on our noticeboard near Ken Troops, and you can read all about it, as ever, on www.brixworthpc.org.uk. Even better, call in on one of our meetings – we'd love to see you.

Cllr Ian Barratt— Chairman

Your Parish Council wants you to tell us what you think about Brixworth

The time has now come to update the Parish's plan for the future so that the Parish Council can ensure that it focuses on the areas that are of most importance and concern to you. So Inside this edition of the Bulletin there is a questionnaire asking for your views on the village and what should be the Parish Council's priorities for the future.



Tell us what you want Brixworth to be like!

Parish questionnaire

Please take a few minutes to fill the questionnaire in and return to either the Library foyer, K Troops Green-grocers or, if you prefer, you can complete it on-line at www.brixworthpc.org.uk. It is your chance to have your say and help us set the priorities for the future.

The Parish Council will consult further when we have produced a plan and draft priorities for the village's future.

What does the Parish Council do for Brixworth?

The Parish Council is directly responsible only for some things that effect the quality of village life. However, it can influence service providers, such as Daventry District Council and Northamptonshire County Council. We can also try to influence other providers of services such as the police and bus companies.

What is the Parish Council responsible for?

Recreation Grounds and Playing Fields:

- o The Ashway Playing Fields
- o Spratton Road Recreation Ground
- o St David's Recreation Ground

Various Public Open Spaces including: -

- o The Millennium Garden, Church Street
- o The Pocket Park, Eaglehurst
- o The Pound, Harborough Road/High Street

Grass cutting and litter picking at:

- o The Heritage Centre
- o Holcot Road, large green
- o Recreation grounds and playing fields
- o Various small Public Open Spaces
- o The Village Hall green.

Bus shelters, litter bins and benches

Support and grants to community groups

Ashway Changing Rooms

Brixworth Community Centre

How much does your Parish Council cost you and how does it spend your money?

The Parish Precept for 2010/11 will be £97,710, a cost of approx. £1.00 a week for a Band D household.

What does the Parish Council spend your money on:

Recreation Ground Maintenance	40%
Village Maintenance	6%
Administration/Running Costs	40%
Grants for voluntary organisations	10%
Support for Brixworth Police Office	4%

Change of Parish Councillors

Frank Wiig has resigned from the Parish Council after many years of commitment to the village. He will be missed by the Parish Council. As a result of Frank's resignation we now have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If anyone is interested in becoming a Councillor please contact the Clerk on 881243 or email clerk@brixworthpc.org.uk.

David Parnaby's commencement as a Parish Councillor was announced in our last edition. David has lived in Brixworth for almost fifteen years. He is married to Paddy and has two sons and one daughter. Born in Cumbria, he was educated there prior to attending Trinity College, Dublin, where he studied law. Graduating in 1964, he spent five years in law in London and Hampshire before joining the Royal Air Force in 1970. During his Royal Air Force career he served in a number of command and staff posts in the United Kingdom, Gibraltar and Germany.



After retiring from the RAF in 1996, he became County Executive of St John Ambulance, Northamptonshire before joining the Ministry of Defence, Defence Logistics. He served there initially as Customer Liaison Officer for the Royal Air Force and finally as Senior Customer Liaison Officer with responsibility for all three Services. He finally retired in 2009. His principal interests centre on golf, theatre, opera, history and classic motor cars.

A listening Parish Council

As well as asking the village's view through the Parish Questionnaire the Parish Council is going to start Parish Councillor Surgeries on a trial basis. The surgeries are aimed to give residents of Brixworth the opportunity to talk to their Parish Councillors.

Surgeries will be held from 10.00 am until noon on the first Saturday of the month in Daventry District Council Office at Brixworth Library/Community Centre: 4 June, 2 July, 6 August, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November, 3 December.

We look forward to seeing many of our residents.

Freedom of information

Under the Freedom of Information Act every public authority, including the Parish Council, has a duty to maintain a publication scheme. Publication schemes provide a crucial role in supporting and providing a greater openness and transparency across the public sector. You can download the Parish Council's publication scheme and guide to information on the Parish Council's website or view it at the Library. If you have any questions about either of these documents please contact the Clerk.

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 pm. Members of the public have an opportunity to address the Council at the Full Council meeting, during the Public Open Forum session. At any Committee Meeting members of the Public will be allowed to participate in the debate, but will not be able to vote.

Future meetings are as follows:

Planning	Monday, 6 June
Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 7 June
Planning	Monday, 27 June
Full Council	Tuesday, 28 June
Planning	Monday, 18 July
Recreation & Amenity	Tuesday, 19 July
Full Council	Tuesday, 26 July
Highways & Environment	Tuesday, 2 August
Planning	Monday, 8 August
Full Council	Tuesday, 30 August

Agendas are displayed on the notice board and on the website at least four days before. Please check for any changes. Contact details for the Clerk and Parish Councillors and Minutes of meetings are available on www.brixworthpc.org.uk and in the Library.