

# Brixton Parish Council Annual Newsletter



## For 2016-2017



## **The first annual newsletter from the Parish Council to all Residents in Brixton Parish**

This newsletter is part of continuing to improve communication from the Parish Council to parishioners. Let us know what you think.

### **Sherford**

Planning and development of Sherford New Town is a major feature on the monthly Parish Council agenda. Parish Council representatives attend regular Sherford Liaison Meetings with Plymouth City Councillors, South Hams District Councillors and the Sherford Consortium to update on progress in the new town. South Hams District Council (SHDC) has approved a variation to the original planning application for Sherford and there will be a public consultation on the detail for the reserved matters.

Cllr Helen Williams has been nominated by Brixton Parish Council to the Sherford Community Land Trust.

### **Planning**

Throughout the year the Parish Council has been consulted by SHDC on up to 40 planning applications, most of which required a site visit of a minimum of three councillors. The Parish Council objected to an application for circa 29 houses on a site originally identified as employment land at Canes Orchard; this was conditionally approved at South Hams Development Management Committee in May. The Parish Council objected to an application for 64 houses at Stamps Hill which was refused by SHDC in August. The Parish Council has objected to an application for 25 bungalows for people aged over 55 at Venn Farm; a decision is due from the District Council.

### **Brixton Neighbourhood Plan**

Planning remains a critical issue for this parish on the urban fringe of Plymouth. The Parish Council set up a Neighbourhood Plan Group in 2015. This group has met weekly throughout the year and contributed to the consultation on the Plymouth, South Hams & West Devon Joint Local Plan. There will be a six week period of further consultation in the parish and with statutory consultees on the final draft of the Brixton Neighbourhood Plan, which is based on the information collected from the community through questionnaires and consultation events held over the past year. Look out for details on the Parish Council website [www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk).

### **Traffic Management**

The Traffic Management Group representing local people and Parish Councillors meets quarterly with Nick Colton, local Devon County Highways Manager, and Andy Potter PCSO. The group identifies issues of road safety and environmental matters relating to traffic and informs the Parish Council meetings for decisions. If you have concerns about road safety please let the Clerk, Kirstie Aldridge know - email: [brixtonpc@talktalk.net](mailto:brixtonpc@talktalk.net) or if you need to report a problem on the Highways <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem>

### **Footpaths**

The network of footpaths across the parish is walked by parishioners quarterly who give feedback on their condition to the P3 group (Parish Paths Partnership) ensuring that the paths remain safe and accessible. Please let Councillor Wakeham or Councillor Huxtable or the Clerk have any information on the state of the footpaths.

### **Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm**

Brixton Parish Council is part of Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm project which works across the parishes of Brixton, Wembury, Yealmpton, Newton & Noss and Holbeton. It aims to support people with dementia and their families in these parishes to remain active and involved in the community. If you would like to know more please contact Maxine on 07450206312.



## **Communication**

All documents relating to the work of the Parish Council including the 'Welcome Pack', are available to view on [www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk) A Brixton Parish Council App is accessible via the 'app store'. Parish Council notices are posted on the '*I love Brixton*' Face Book page and on the Parish Council notice boards in the village and at Carroll Island. A Parish Council email correspondence list is used by the Clerk to send out any important information relating to the parish directly to residents. To join this list please email [brixtonpc@talktalk.net](mailto:brixtonpc@talktalk.net). The Brixton village website, [www.brixton-village.co.uk](http://www.brixton-village.co.uk) funded by the Parish Council and the Feoffee Trust, is an excellent resource and source of information about what is happening in the Parish.

## **Community Emergency Planning**

The Parish has a Community Emergency Plan and Community Emergency Team of councillors and local people. A copy of the plan will be placed on the Parish Council website once it is finalised.

## **Commendations**

Brixton Parish Council won the Foundation Award of the Local Council Award Scheme in 2017. This award demonstrates that the Council, through the Clerk, Kirstie Aldridge, has all the documentation and information in place to operate lawfully and to the required standard practice for parish councils.

## **Projects for 2017 / 2018 include:**

### **South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) signs**

Plans for new village signs displaying the importance of the AONB will be erected at either end of the village on A379.

### **Bee Friendly Parish**

The Parish Council plans to become a 'Bee Friendly Parish' through a wild flower planting project during 2017/2018. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to be involved.

### **Telephone kiosks**

The two red telephone kiosks, on The Green and at Fordbrook, have been purchased by the Parish Council. Working groups are being set up to plan their future use. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to be involved

### **Bus Shelters**

The four bus shelters were refurbished in 2016. Plans to repair the damaged bus shelter in the village are in hand.

### **Qualifications**

The Clerk is studying for the CiLCA Qualification as Brixton Parish Council is working towards becoming a Quality Council.

### **Brixstix**

Plans are in place to further upgrade the play space off Elliot's Hill in Brixton

## **BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Brixton Parish Council meets on the last Wednesday in the month at 7.00 p.m. usually in the Community Room, St. Mary's School, Brixton (except in August when there is no meeting). Parish Council meetings are held in public and you are welcome to attend and raise any local issues you have during the open forum at the start of the meeting. Alternatively, you can contact the Clerk or one of your parish councillors, details overleaf.



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