



WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER NEWS BULLETIN FROM BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL

THANK YOU

Brixton Parish Council News Bulletin

Welcome to the December and last news bulletin of 2021 from Brixton Parish Council (BPC).

Next parish council meeting

The December meeting of Brixton Parish Council has been postponed.

The Parish Council cannot meet remotely due to the expiry of remote legislation on 7th May 2021. Due to rising COVID-19 case numbers and to ensure the safety of councillors and parishioners alike BPC have decided to postpone the December meeting,

Brixton Parish Council's next meeting is on Wednesday 26th January at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Brixton (TBC)

BPC will continue to monitor the Government advice and inform parishioners of future meetings on social media, noticeboards and BPC and BrixtonDevon websites,

Brixton Parish Council has a Business Continuity Plan which it is following, this can be viewed on brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk. This ensures that the successful running of the parish council can continue

LCAS Quality Gold Award

Brixton Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has won the prestigious Quality Gold Award as part of the national Local Council Award Scheme awarded by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

This award recognises that the parish council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement.

The award also recognises that Brixton Parish Council goes above and beyond its legal obligations, leading its community and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further.

The Award Scheme report highlighted the council's particular areas of strength, including its Business Plan, Neighbourhood Plan, and Community Emergency Plan, community engagement in connection with Public Rights of Way, Traffic Management and Climate Change & Environment working groups.

Brixton Parish Council is working tirelessly behind the scenes and would like to provide the following updates:

Traffic Calming Red Lion Hill / Stamps Hill

BPC have met with Gina Small, SHDC Urban Fringe Team and 2 DCC officials to discuss traffic volumes, speed and unsuitable use of HGV's on Red Lion Hill and Stamps Hill. S106 funding from the Sherford development is available for this project. The DCC proposals will then be subject of public consultation.

Community Speedwatch

If you would like to join the team please contact our Parish Clerk Kirstie Aldridge for more information clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk.

Highways

BPC Traffic Management Working Group continues to meet remotely with DCC Highways Officer on a quarterly basis and the latest meeting was held on 13th December. If you have any highways related issues or any questions for a future meeting please email clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Quiet Lane Status

BPC have requested that the lanes to the north of the village are approved for a trial Quiet Lane Status.

River Yealm Water Quality Working Group

In March BPC set up a group working, with Wembury PC, Newton & Noss PC and Yealmpton PC, along with other interested parties to work with Environment Agency and South West Water to look at the quality of water in the River Yealm particularly relating to the discharge of sewage into the river at times of heavy rainfall. This group meets monthly. The group is in the process of analysing data that has been received from a recent Freedom of Information enquiry from SWW and Environment Agency.

Community Emergency Plan

Brixton Parish Council Community Emergency is being led by Helen Williams, on behalf of Brixton Parish Council.

This Community Emergency Plan will be updated at the January meeting of Brixton Parish Council.

Cofflete Creek

Brixton Parish Council have purchased the parcel of land at the head of Cofflete Creek on the site of the former Cofflete Mill.

The aim is to create a community amenity space for the residents of Brixton Parish, through careful consideration of the significant historic and environmental value of this piece of land to the community.

Work is ongoing to clear the area with some trees being removed due to ash dieback and safety concerns.

An interpretation board is being designed to be located on the lower site along with benches.

Play provisions

Brixton Parish Council are looking at a replacement play tower for the Brixstix play space.

Discussions have started regarding facilities for older children.

Brixton Parish Environment Working Group

The first public meeting of this group took place in April with interested councillors and parishioners from both Brixton and Sherford. The group Terms of Reference can be found on www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk.

BPC Environment Policy has been updated and an action plan formulated. These can both be viewed on BPC website www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk

The group meets monthly and everyone is welcome to join. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th January at 7pm via zoom when Nigel Mortimer, Estuaries Officer - South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty will be discussing the impact of climate change on the environment of the River Yealm. The link for this meeting will be published on BPC website nearer the time.

Sherford has its own environmental working group with residents from the town and neighbouring Sherford Road creating the Sherford Community Park and Open Spaces Group, with support from the Community Land Trust and gaining RHS affiliation. They have been working with YGS Landscaping, who manage the green spaces, and the Urban Fringe Team on establishing working areas in the Country Park.

They have been planting wildflower starts, managing undergrowth and infestations of Ragwort and undertaking bluebell planting.

Carrollsland

The Bee Wild Group have visited Carrollsland and looked at the trees and flowers. An area has been identified for wildflower planting and the management company has given their approval for this to commence.

The Bee Wild group has planted daffodil bulbs at Elliot's Hill, behind the bus stop opposite Winstone Lane and in the Feoffee Park.

Village decorations and The Green

Brixton Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Wills and Jennifer for the fabulous decoration that adorn the lamp posts in the village. They really are stunning.

BPC would like to thank Fordbrook Nursery for donating a Christmas Tree that Cllr Arran has placed on The Green and decorated.

The village is really looking festive.



Next meeting of BPC

The next meeting is scheduled for pm Wednesday 26th January at 7pm (TBC)

To keep up to date with the parish council please visit our website

www.brixtonparishcouncil.org

or by following the

LOVEBrixton Devon or Brixton Village Facebook pages

You can also download the Brixton Parish Council App from the App Store.

BPC meetings for 2022

(These are subject to change)

- Wed 26th January
- Wed 2nd March
- Wed 30th March
- Wed 27th April
- Wed 25th May
- Wed 29th June
- Wed 20th July
- August – no meeting
- Wed 28th September
- Wed 2nd November
- Wed 30th November
- Wed 14th December





