



WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY NEWS BULLETIN FROM BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL



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## Brixton Parish Council News Bulletin

Welcome to the February and first news bulletin of 2023 from Brixton Parish Council (BPC).

The Parish Council meets monthly in the Community Room adjacent to the school. The location of our meetings is constantly reviewed as we are mindful of the safety of parishioners and councillors alike. All working group meetings are continuing via zoom.

BPC is looking into the possibility of streaming meetings and undertook a trial meeting in October and will be trialing this again at their February meeting. Watch this space for more news on streaming meeting during 2023.

Brixton Parish Council has a Business Continuity Plan. This can be viewed on [www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk) along with the councils' other policies.

### District, Town, and Parish Council elections – 4th May 2023

There will be District, Town, and Parish Council elections on the 4th of May 2023, when all Councillors will retire and those wishing to re-stand will be required to submit a nomination paper. All information will be cascaded on the SHDC website regarding standing for one of these positions.

### Coronation of King Charles III – May 2023

Following the success of the Platinum Jubilee working group, a working group will be set up to plan for the forthcoming Coronation. Please keep an eye out for information regarding this on the noticeboards and websites.

### Cost Of Living Crisis

BPC is mindful of the 'Cost of Living' Crisis and a small working group is meeting regularly to discuss this. A Community Help Box located in the porch at St. Marys Church contains cleaning and hygiene products funded by BPC, Brixton Feoffee Trust and donations. A Warm Hub is open in 'The Foxhound' Mondays and Thursdays from 11.00-12.00 and 3.00-5.00pm. Free soup is provided in the morning and tea and cake in the afternoons.

### Parking in Brixton

BPC held two open community consultation events in October, approx. 20 people attended the events. The responses from these events have now been collated and a working group is in the process of being set up.

Parking on the pavement is an issue in the parish, particularly on the A379 in the village. Did you know it is illegal to park in the area in front or behind the bus stop? There is a single yellow line denoting a bus stop and parking here is an enforcement offence. Please think about parking considerably.

BPC are currently looking at the placing low maintenance planters on the pavement along A379 to ensure there is no parking on the pavement.

### Traffic Calming Red Lion Hill / Stamps Hill

BPC is in discussion with 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. DCC have completed site audits & data analysis and external consultants are currently working on proposals which will then be the subject of a public consultation led by BPC.

### Community Speedwatch

The last Speedwatch session was successfully carried out and several vehicles were found to be over the limit. With the onset of Spring not too far away, the weather will be suitable for more frequent sessions. If you would like to join the team of volunteers please contact our Clerk Kirstie Aldridge [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto: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 in January.

If you have any highways related issues or any questions for a future meeting please email [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

### River Yealm Water Quality Group

This working group with the 7 Riparian Parish Councils in the River Yealm Catchment area together with other interested parties continues to meet to work with Environment Agency and South West Water to look at improving the quality of water in the River Yealm particularly relating to the discharge of sewage into the river at times of heavy rainfall. You can help by only flushing the 3 P's down the loo i.e. pee, poo and paper. Or volunteer to become a 'Yealm Dipper' to help monitor the water quality of the river for more information email [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

### Land at Cofflete Creek

BPC owns 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. During 2023 BPC will focus on the higher area and a plan is in the process of being produced and costed. If you would like to become involved with this project, please email [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

### Brixton Parish Environment Working Group

This group continues to meet monthly via zoom and the BPC Environment Policy has been updated and an action plan formulated. These can both be viewed on BPC website [www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

The next meeting will be held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7pm via zoom. The details to join the meeting and the agenda will be published on the website nearer the time.

### Bee Wild Group

The Bee Wild Group regularly meet to look at how to tackle climate change and protect nature. They are currently working on plans to schedule several events as we head towards the spring and summer months.

The group have received several applications for water butts and the lucky recipients will be contacted soon.

Please look out for all the spring flowers and trees coming into bloom soon.

### Community Land Trust

BPC appointed Steven Williams as its nominated representative on the Board of Directors for Sherford Community Land Trust last year. Steven is providing regular reports to BPC at their monthly meetings with a copy of the report available to read on BPC website.

### Thank you!

BPC would like to express their thanks to Helen Williams for all her work with the Community Emergency Plan and Snow Warden.

### Next meeting of BPC

The next meetings of BPC are scheduled to take place on:

- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

There is a calendar of events available on the BPC website.

To keep up to date with the parish council please visit our website [www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk) or by following the following Facebook pages:

- LOVEBrixton Devon
- Brixton Village

If you have any question or queries regarding the work of BPC please do not hesitate to contact Kirstie Aldridge, Clerk via email [clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk)





