



WELCOME TO THE JULY NEWS BULLETIN FROM BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL



July 2024

Welcome to the July bulletin from Brixton Parish Council (BPC).

The Parish Council meets monthly in either the Brixton Community Room (adjacent to St Mary's school) or Sherford Community Hub, with the June meeting held in Carrollsland. The meeting location will be rotated and advertised prior to the meeting. Councillors welcome the opportunity to meet parishioners in the other areas of the parish. Please come and say hello!

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.

Brixton Parish Council has a Business Continuity Plan. This can be viewed on www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk along with the councils' other policies.

BPC has recently co-opted two councillors to the parish council Premila MacLennan and Tony Carson and now have a full complement of parish councillors.

Brixton Parish Council website

BPC has changed the details of the parish council website
www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Brixton Parish Council councillor emails

BPC councillors can now be contacted using the following emails:

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premila.maclennan@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

tony.carson@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Traffic Calming Red Lion Hill / Stamps Hill

BPC is working in conjunction with our District Councillors and DCC County Councillor Hart to reduce the speed limit between Red Lion Hill / Stamps Hill to Sherford.

At present the road closure expires on 31st July 2024.

Monkey Lane

DCC is in the process of applying for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Monkey Lane to be downgraded to a multi-use lane (Pedestrians, Cyclists and Horse Riders) with a prohibition of vehicles except for access. This will be referred to Highways and Traffic Orders Committee and timescales are approx. 6 months for the scheme to be implemented.

Highways

BPC Traffic Management Working Group continues to meet remotely with DCC Highways Officer on a quarterly basis and the next meeting will be held in October. If you would like to attend or have any highways related issues or any questions for a future meeting please email

clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.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. For more information email clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cost Of Living Crisis

BPC is mindful of the 'Cost of Living' Crisis and a small working group of representatives from the community meets regularly to discuss this. A Community Help Box located in the porch at St. Mary's Church contains cleaning, hygiene products and tinned food funded by BPC, Brixton Feoffee Trust and donations. These items are being regularly used. The warm hub in The Foxhound is popular on Thursday afternoons and will continue as a regular community event to help reduce isolation and loneliness. Please come along for a chat.

Brixton Community Book Swop

The Brixton Community Book Swop is located in St Mary's Church and is available daily when the church is open from 10am - 4.30pm. There are books for all tastes including a selection of children's books. If you don't have a book to swop please just come and borrow one. There is no membership required or recording of book borrowing - just come along and swop your book. The library of books is expanding daily and well worth a visit.

Parish Plan 2012

The Parish Plan 2012 is currently being reviewed for discussion at the July parish council meeting. The review document will be available to view on the parish council website www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk. This plan has now been superseded by the Neighbourhood Plan and BPC Business Plan.

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. BPC is now looking at creating a project plan for the higher section which will be the subject of community consultation.

Brixton Parish Environment Working Group

This group continues to meet regularly via Zoom with the next meeting on 19th September. All are welcome to join the meeting and the Zoom details will be placed on the website nearer the time.

The grass bank behind the bus shelter on A379 (at the bottom of Red Lion Hill) is due to be discussed at the next parish council meeting and the land beside the bus shelter on the opposite side of the road (Winstone Lane) will be planted in September. The grass will not be cut back to the fence due to the presence of slow worms in this area. A new planter will be placed in this area in September.

Following the success of the recent 'Living Churchyards: Managing God's Acre' talk in St Mary's Church, there are some exciting walks being planned for late summer / autumn which will be advertised on the website, Facebook and the noticeboards. Watch this space!

Bee Wild Group

The Bee Wild Group regularly meet to look at how to tackle climate change and protect nature.

Defibrillators

Brixton have SIX defibrillators at different locations in the parish. The sites are as follows:

- Outside Venn Court
- Outside the main entrance door to Brixton St Mary's Primary School
- In the former phone box on The Green
- In the former phone box at Fordbrook
- Plymstock Albion Oaks, Horsham sports field
- Entrance to Chittleburn Business Park

Forthcoming meetings

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

- 25th September – Brixton
- 6th November – Sherford
- 27th November – Brixton
- December – no meeting

Any changes will be conveyed on www.brixtonparishcouncil.gov.uk and the facebook pages.

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.gov.uk or by following the Facebook Community 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.gov.uk

