



WELCOME TO THE MARCH NEWS BULLETIN FROM BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL



March 2024

Welcome to the March 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 being held in Carroll Island. 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.

Traffic Calming Red Lion Hill / Stamps Hill

BPC is in discussion with DCC officials regarding plans for traffic calming measures along Red Lion Hill and Stamps Hill. s106 funding from the Sherford development is available for this project. DCC is currently working on proposals which will then be subject to a public consultation led by BPC.

Monkey Lane

DCC have issued a request 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 April. If you would like to attend or have any highways related issues or any questions for a future meeting please email

clerk@brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Vehicle Activated System (VAS)

A new VAS solar powered sign has been purchased and will be placed along A379. This will be moved on a regular basis to encourage drivers to abide by the speed limits.

Sherford Road

The Sherford Road Traffic Calming public information event took place at Sherford on 21st February 2024 to show the plans for improvements to Sherford Road. Notes were made at the event of the most frequently asked questions which can be found on Sherford website.

<https://sherford.uk/news/>

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.org.uk

Cost Of Living Crisis

BPC is mindful of the 'Cost of Living' Crisis and a small working group 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 extremely 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.

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.

Brixton Parish Environment Working Group

This group continues to meet regularly via Zoom with the next meeting on 9th May. All are welcome to join the meeting and the Zoom details will be placed on the website nearer the time. There are some exciting events being planned for the spring / summer 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.

Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a co-opted member on Brixton Parish Council. To find out more about Brixton Parish Council please visit our website, www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.uk or to know more about the vacancy please contact the Chairman, Liz Hitchins 01752 880715.

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



Brixton Neighbourhood Plan 2014-2034

BPC is delighted that the modification to the plan was 'made' by South Hams District Council on the 7th of March.

2024 meetings of BPC

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

24th April – Sherford
 22nd May – Brixton
 26th June – Carrollsland
 17th July – Sherford
 August – no meeting
 25th September – Brixton
 6th November – Sherford
 27th November – Brixton
 December – no meeting

Any changes will be conveyed on www.brixtonparishcouncil.org.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.org.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.org.uk

