



Brizlincote Parish Council Newsletter

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The Chairman's Message

Well we have just had an unopposed election and I am pleased to say every post on your new council has been filled. A list of councillors elected to serve you appear at the end of this newsletter.

I intend that your council will pursue a programme of priorities which you have set in your responses to our survey of last May. These include traffic calming measures, the preservation and management of our green spaces and woodland through the adoption of a Parish Plan and further development of our community initiatives such as the Annual East Side Art Competition and Brizlincote in Bloom competition to name but a few.

Our past Chairman, Councillor Colin Wileman resigned from the council in April to concentrate on his duties as a Borough Councillor. We were sad to see him go and his effort and dedication on your behalf will be sorely missed. I hope I will be able to live up to the high standards he set.

Best wishes to you all

Councillor Robin Ludford-Brooks



Nature Walk

After a lot of hard work clearing parts of the route which had become overgrown, the information boards and finger posts were installed on the new nature walk. This was accompanied by an issue of leaflets to every household in the Parish. This work, on your behalf has met with general approval and the footpaths through the fields show signs of being well used again.

This was to be followed by an official opening but before this could be done, we experienced the first of a series of acts of vandalism to the finger posts. The initial damage was quickly repaired but within days more damage was done. The culprits still have not been clearly identified but are believed to be limited to one or two individuals. This has been very disappointing for us as it has no doubt been for some of you. If you do have any information, please pass on to the Clerk or the Police .

Your Council is proposing to make further repairs and improvements in the coming weeks so that an official opening can take place.

Defibrillator

Since the successful installation of the community defibrillator last Autumn, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the manager and staff at Tesco Express who have conducted the mandatory checks as part of the legal requirement of Governance. They have done this on a weekly basis and completed the online record without fail. A superb example of supporting Community initiatives. Once again, thank you.

Neighbourhood Plan update

Firstly, thank you to those who took the time to complete and return the questionnaires issued with the last newsletter – we can only act upon what you feed back to us, and of the 2300+ houses in Brizlincote we received 164 returns – a maximum of 7%.

26 positive points were identified with 9 of these being repeated by 10 or more responses. The top 5:

- Quiet area
- Good range of shops and takeaways
- Green spaces
- Easy access to town
- Nice views and walks

34 concerns were raised, many of these by 1 or 2 returns with 8 being repeated by 10 or more responses. The top 5:

- Pavement parking
- Increased traffic speed
- Building of new houses
- No community centre/pub
- Problems with school parking

Each of these were all your individual responses but you may also recall there was a tick list of 12 specified areas for improvement and/or investment. Overall, each of these areas were selected with one almost unanimous – “protection of existing green spaces”.

So how does this help us to consider preparing a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is one of several different planning tools but it is primarily about the use and development of land and buildings.

The latest development on the Model Dairy Farm at Grafton Road is the last possible large scale piece of land for development as Brizlincote is now very saturated with development. As a Brownfield site, it was always identified in the Local Plan (2012-2013)– Eaststaffsbc.gov.uk for housing development but there is no other site in Brizlincote identified in the Local Plan.

Our preferred alternative, based on your responses as well as our research and advice undertaken is a Parish Plan.

This serves the purpose of reflecting the views of all sections of the community; identifies which features and local characteristics people value; identifies local problems and opportunities and spells out how residents want the community to develop in the future. Essentially, a Parish Plan can include everything that is relevant to the people who live and work in the community from employment and playgrounds to the design of new buildings and protections of hedges, ponds and green spaces. For additional support, we would also look to producing a Neighbourhood Development Order which can be used to specify changes of use on allocated sites, for example not allowing house building on a site but instead planting a new woodland/create a protected open space.

We hope you found this update interesting. If you have any further points to raise please email the Clerk - clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk

New Parish Councillors

Barry Marsden

I have lived in the Parish for over 30 years. I am Lancastrian by birth, having had a long career in Retail Food as a Senior Buyer and then as a Fundraising and Marketing Manager for a charity dealing with sight loss.

I then spent a few years in the eye department at Burton Hospital running a help desk giving advice and support to people who had just found out that their sight was deteriorating.

The subject of sight loss is close to my heart as I have had sight loss since I was a boy. To this end, as my sight was getting worse and would continue to do so, I began the journey of applying for a Guide Dog. I was eventually matched with Woody last November, he is now my carer and my best friend.

I decided to apply to become a Parish Councillor with the aim of making a difference, especially in the field of Disability Rights and mainly keeping our Parish fully accessible to people with any form of disability.

So, if you see Woody and I about the Parish, please do stop me for a chat and bring to my attention any problems of access you may find.



Sarah Moss

Originally from Burton, I travelled around whilst I was younger and finally settled in Stapenhill 11 years ago after completing my textiles degree.

My two children were born and raised here and I like to get involved with things in our local community that have a direct effect on our children.

I am a volunteer for 3 local charities; school PTA, Scouts and SSAFA. I hope that by joining the Parish Council will help provide a voice for local families on the things that are important to them.



Rita Page

Born in Burton upon Trent, I moved to Brizlincote 20 years ago. I have always enjoyed getting involved with my surroundings and when an opportunity came to join the Parish Council I decided to take it and hopefully be able to help keep Brizlincote the best place to live.

As I am retired I joined the Burton U3A, my hobbies include walking, photography and crafts.

I am an active member of Brizlincote Valley WI, and hope to get them involved in as many projects as I can.



Walid Qneibi

I have lived in Brizlincote for thirty years, although there were some intervals where I lived and worked overseas, also in different parts of the UK due to work for several multinationals.

At present I run my own business in the hospitality industry and strategic management consultancy. As a member of the Council I am interested in pursuing your concerns throughout the whole Parish.



Stapenhill Road Crossing

Stapenhill Road (A444) acts as a large, artificial barrier for Brizlincote residents wishing to access the Washlands and Burton Town Centre on foot. With the speed and volume of traffic as it is now, we are convinced that this means residents as a whole are more likely to use their car to access the Washlands or the town centre.

We want to encourage more Brizlincote residents to use the Washlands and travel to the town centre by foot and this starts by ensuring the route is safe.

In light of the above and in response to resident feedback, Staffordshire County Councillor for Brizlincote, Conor Wileman with support from East Staffordshire Borough Councillor, Bernard Peters, worked with the County Council to understand how funding might be obtained.

We recognised that a likely consequence of the new Drakelow development going ahead over the border in South Derbyshire was an increase of traffic on A444. In addition, East Staffordshire Borough Council has ambitious plans to improve the Washlands.

On this basis, Staffordshire County Council has therefore agreed that a proportion of the funding secured to reduce the impact of development on communities (s106 funding) should be spent on a new pedestrian crossing on Stapenhill Road. Its location is likely to be between Spring Terrace Road junction and the entrance to Stapenhill Hollows car park.

As this stage, it is still undecided as to whether it will be a zebra or signalled crossing. This will come down to the average speed of vehicles travelling on this stretch. Speed monitoring will take place in May 2019 to determine which type of crossing is suitable for the above location.

Your local Councillors will look to secure the earliest date for installation.

Briz Valley WI Litter Pick

Brizlincote Valley WI are organising a Litter Pick in Brizlincote on Saturday 29th June and Sunday 30th June 2019.

If anyone in the community of Brizlincote would like to help with this and get involved, please email ritapage376@gmail.com and Rita will let you know the full details.



Can we give you money?

Brizlincote Parish Council has limited funds available to assist non-profit making community organisations located or operating in the Brizlincote Parish for the benefit of local residents.

Any organisation, club or society wishing to apply for grant aid must make a written application using the Parish Council's Grant Application Form. This application will be discussed at the next Parish Council monthly meeting against criteria set by the Parish Council. The Parish Council's Grant Application Form can be downloaded at: www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk.



Art Competition Results

Well Done to all of the young artists who took part in the **East Side Arts Competition 2018** and **Congratulations** to our Winners!

EAST SIDE ARTS COMPETITION 2018 was supported by Brizlincote Parish council and Stapenhill Parish Council and encompassed all of the schools within the area. The Natural World in Winter as seen in the British Isles was the theme of the competition and related to animals, birdlife and scenery.

Cinema tickets for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes were awarded to winning entries for both the categories of Primary School and Secondary School. These were valued at £75 for 1st prize, £50 for 2nd prize and £25 for third prize.

Participating schools included Tower View, Winshill (Junior), Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy (secondary) and Paulet High School and Sixth Form College (secondary). All the Artwork entries were on display at the Brewhouse in Burton for 2 weeks during February and the total of 360 entries made a vibrant and colourful display by our local young artists. Short-listed entrants were invited to the Brewhouse for final judging on 16th February 2019.

The wide variety of different perspectives and subjects chosen by the participants made final judging a hard task for the Mayor and Mayoress.

WINNERS:

Category: Secondary School

- 1st Aetana Banta (Paulet)
- 2nd Kirstin Gillibrand (Paulet)
- 3rd Gabriella Krolikowska (Robert Sutton)

Category: Junior School

- 1st Yuri Oliferuks (Tower View)
- 2nd Tabya Mehmood (Tower View)
- 3rd Jacob Channon (Tower View)



Winners with Councillor Colin Wileman, Councillor Rebecca Brady and the Mayor and Mayoress Chris and Jane Smith.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in making a success of the Art Competition with a special mention to the schools themselves for their efforts.



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Our aim as always is to make Brizlincote a colourful and vibrant place to live and we hope everyone enjoys the green and colourful displays of the flower-beds and wild flower areas. If you like what you see or have ideas to enhance these areas and have some spare time, would you like to become one of our invaluable volunteers?

We also have a small group of volunteers who help us to deliver the newsletter within the Parish. Could you be one of them? It is only required twice a year, but is of great assistance to your Parish Council. If you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities, please contact the Parish Clerk. All assistance is greatly appreciated.



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Brizlincote Parish Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, in the ICT Suite, Violet Way Academy and Nursery with a "Public Session" starting at 7.00 pm (The ICT Suite is at the rear of the Academy).

Can We Have Your Feedback Please?

Contact Barbara Roe, Clerk, Brizlincote Parish Council; email clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk

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web: www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk .

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IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN TO PREPARE YOUR GARDENS FOR OUR ANNUAL GARDENING COMPETITION

Entry form (below) can also be down-loaded from our website or requested from our clerk

 <p>Brizlincote Parish Council</p>	<h2 style="color: white;">Brizlincote in Bloom</h2> <h3 style="color: white;">Gardening Competition 2019 - Entry form</h3> <p style="color: white;">Open to all residents of Brizlincote Parish - Closing date 12th July 2019</p>
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Name:	Address:
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<p><i>Please indicate which garden competition you want to enter by ticking box.</i></p> 	Best front garden (First prize £100 Gardening Voucher)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Best rear garden (First prize £100 Gardening Voucher)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Best use of a sloping garden (First prize £100 Gardening Voucher)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Best use of containers/tubs (First prize £100 Gardening Voucher)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Best hanging basket (First prize £50 Gardening Voucher)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Best young gardener (7-16 years) (First prize £50 Gardening Voucher)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Judging will take place on Sunday July 21st 2019 – Judges' decision is final.

The judges are to be announced. Our aim is to create a Brizlincote which is a vibrant and colourful place to live. So come on Brizlincote let's get gardening. **Each category requires a minimum of three entries to run.**

Please email entry to clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk or post to: Brizlincote Parish Council, 47 Hall Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton Upon Trent, Staffordshire, DE13 9BX. Closing date 12th July 2019.

GOOD LUCK!

