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BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR BRIZ VALLEY?

Brizlincote Parish Council will soon have to comment on a planning application being submitted to East Staffordshire Borough Council (ESBC) for the development of part of the Model Dairy Farm, Grafton Road. This will be potentially a substantial residential development.

The Brizlincote Parish Council would like to recommend that ESBC should inform developers and other interested parties about what the Parish Council will expect regarding contributions to community facilities; namely the provision of a community centre for the Parish.

Why is a Community Centre Important?

It would enable volunteering, the establishment of community groups and the means by which local residents can be genuinely empowered. For example a community centre could host:

- Parish Council meetings, Residents meetings
- Pre-school groups, Toddler groups
- Adult education classes
- Social gatherings and services that address a range of social needs

Providing these facilities at a local level, in a convenient location, increases their accessibility for users and reduces the need to travel. These facilities further raise quality of life through creating community cohesion, recognition of the parish, and creating opportunities for information sharing and participation in community activity.

We need your comments

The Brizlincote Parish Council invites the residents of the Parish to comment on the proposal for a community centre. We would like you to consider the following questions

- Do you want a community centre for Brizlincote parish?
- Would you be happy for costs of running and managing such facilities to increase the Council Tax and the Parish Precept?
- Would you be able to give voluntary help in such a project?

Contact Us!

Feel free to send us your suggestions and comments on anything relevant to the proposed Community Centre. You can contact the Council by post, telephone or email, or by using the online contact form on the website. The Clerk to the Council is Liz Court, Fox House, Tythe Barn, Alton, Staffordshire ST10 4AZ. Tel: 01538 702077 Email: clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk

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EVER WONDERED?

What is a Parish Council?

What are the responsibilities of a Parish Council?

How a Parish Council works?

Welcome to the first edition of the Brizlincote Parish Council's Newsletter. We hope to make you aware of the existence of your local Parish Council and its functions.

Did you know... that despite having a Stapenhill postal address you are resident in the Parish of Brizlincote?

The Parish of Brizlincote was formed on the 1st April 2003. The land now within the Parish was formerly in the wards of Stapenhill and Winshill. The Brizlincote Valley is only the upper part of the Parish. The lower part of the Parish includes the playing fields and pleasure grounds which run alongside the River Trent, Stapenhill Cemetery and Scalpcliff Hill. Elms Road, Stapenhill Road, Clay Street and Malvern Street residents may be surprised that they are all within the Brizlincote Parish, with the boundary running along Spring Terrace Road. The Stapenhill Post Office is also within the Parish boundary.

Did you know... you have a local Parish Council to represent your interests?

The Brizlincote Parish Council has responsibilities for the following:

- The provision and upkeep of certain local facilities.
- Act as a channel of local opinion to larger local government bodies, and as such has the right to be

consulted on any planning decisions affecting the Parish.

- Giving of grants to local voluntary organisations, and sponsoring public events.

The Parish Council meets monthly, and comprises of the following members;

- Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk
- Two East Staffordshire Borough Council (ESBC) Councillors who represent Brizlincote
- One Staffordshire County Council Councillor who represents Burton Tower ward

The ESBC councillors and Staffordshire County Councillor attend the Parish Council meetings to provide local information and feedback to their respective councils any issues raised at the meeting.

Are you interested in finding out how your Parish Council functions?

If so come along to one of the Parish Council Meetings, which are open to the public, held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Violet Lane Infant School commencing at 7:00pm.



Dates of 2010 Parish Council Meetings

Thurs 21st January
Thurs 15th April
Thurs 15th July
Thurs 21st October

Thurs 18th February
Thurs 20th May
Thurs 19th August
Thurs 18th November

Thurs 18th March
Thurs 17th June
Thurs 16th September
Thurs 16th December

Date of 2010 Annual Parish Public Meeting

The Parish AGM will be held on Thurs 29th April, time and venue to be confirmed.

Financial Responsibilities

Residents pay the 'precept' that is decided by the Parish Council every year to meet its budgeted expenditure and to carry out the needs of the parish. The precept is the Parish Council's share of the council tax collected by East Staffordshire Borough Council.

East Staffordshire Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council also spends money on behalf of Brizlincote Parish Council for responsibilities not yet devolved to the Parish (e.g. Highways, Cemeteries etc.). The Parish Council must publish the parish budget showing how and where the precept will be spent: the decisions to approve the expenditure, before the next financial year, are made at a council's public meeting and these resolutions are recorded as minutes.

Brizlincote Parish Council's New Website

Brizlincote Parish Council's new website

was launched on August 6th 2009. Visit the website to discover information about the Brizlincote Parish and the Brizlincote Parish Council. The website address is **www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk**.

View maps to show the location of the Parish, look at the photo gallery where images taken around the Parish can be viewed, including historic images taken during the development of the Brizlincote Valley.

You will find information on the history of the Parish and the Council, agendas for forthcoming council meetings and minutes from previous council meetings. This also extends to residents' meetings and PACT (Partners and Communities Working Together) meetings, while forthcoming meetings of all of the above are highlighted on the calendar page.

All Meeting Minutes and Agendas of the Brizlincote Parish Council are now available on the website, at Burton Library and on the Notice boards situated at the Tesco store (Best Avenue) and The Co-Operative store (Woods Lane).

Gardening Competition

The Brizlincote Parish Council is to promote a gardening competition to run concurrently with the Burton in Bloom competition 2010. There will be four main categories; (i) The most improved garden (ii) The best hanging basket (iii) The best improvisation of a sloping/steep garden (iv) As a fun item there will be a scarecrow competition

There will be cash prizes awarded for each category.

BrizFest 2010

After the success of BrizFest 2008, the event organisers are staging an improved BrizFest again on September 19th 2010 at 2.00 pm. By popular demand, BrizFest 2010 will have more food outlets, stalls and activities in the arena. There is a possibility BrizFest will go into the early evening with a BBQ & live music.



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WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

- Would you like further Newsletters to be produced?
- If you do; how frequently produced Monthly or Quarterly?
- Do you feel there are sufficient local amenities?
- If not, please tell us what you feel the Parish lacks
- Do you feel there should be signs to inform visitors when they enter the Brizlincote Parish?

Feel free to send us your suggestions and comments on anything relevant to the Parish Council. You can contact the Council by post, telephone or email, or by using the online contact form on the website. The Chair of Parish Council is:

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