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BRIZLINCOTE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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PARKING MAD

Inconsiderate parking outside schools is an endemic problem; this is often in spite of measures such as zig-zags and double yellow lines being employed. These photographs were taken by members of the Brizlincote Parish Council on the morning of Monday 17th October 2011 outside Violet Way Academy in the hope of highlighting some of the offending motorists. In all of these cases the cars were parked for over ten minutes! The number plates have been obscured, but it is hoped the drivers will still be able to recognise their vehicles.

"Violet Way is the largest school of its type in the county of Staffordshire, the age profile of pupils means that all children must be collected by an adult," explains Head Teacher Dr Dianne Marshall. "In the past we have had initiatives such as 'walking bus' and 'walk to school weeks', both with limited success. Due to our concern for the children we have also instigated PC visits at the school gates at the end of the school day, this is in an attempt to stop irresponsible parking and turning in the school drive: again, limited success. I have also stood there myself and placed bollards across the drive. Successful, but unsustainable! School newsletters regularly request parents to take care, most are very helpful and only a minority take no notice!"

It is this small minority that are putting the children of Violet Way Academy in danger. Please stop it now!



Parking restrictions are there for a reason, please respect them and help to keep our children safe

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

On 29th November 2007 seven residents, along with two Police officers, met with Parish Councillors to consider a Parish Plan. Churches, schools, medical centres and many other groups had been invited and four apologies were recorded.

The meeting has been postponed from an earlier date and the Parish Council concluded that it would arrange a further meeting when a website and maybe a newsletter would provide more publicity.

7pm on Thursday 10th November at Violet Way Academy is the date for the meeting to discuss a Parish Plan, please come! Hopefully Brizlincote can produce a Parish Plan containing a vision for this community and plans to achieve it. Ideally a steering committee can be elected at the meeting, which will consult all residents over the next month or two with a view to providing the Council with a plan by next spring.

Geoffrey Willett (Chairman)

Who can get involved?

Any resident of Brizlincote Parish. If you have had this newsletter delivered to your house, you are eligible.

What is a Parish Plan?

It is a document that identifies the current needs and priorities for your community and will act as a guide to future improvements.

What use is a Parish Plan?

They have proved effective in many other towns and villages in making their views and hopes known to local authorities and national organisations.

How will the Parish Plan be set up?

Initially there is a meeting on 10th November at The Violet Way Academy at 7.00pm where it is hoped a Parish Plan Steering Group will be set up. This will be a group which is independent from the Parish Council, probably consisting of 8-12 individuals from the community. We hope that these individuals will be representatives from local groups as well as the general public.

What will the Parish Plan Steering Group actually do?

They will consult with the local community. This is most often achieved by using a survey to identify any issues, then analysing the returns and looking at possible ways to resolve concerns or implement ideas that are identified. This information will then be fed back to the Community before a document is put together which will be distributed to every household in the Parish.

Sounds interesting! What was the meeting date again?

10th November at The Violet Way Academy

Will there be coffee?

If you bring a flask, yes!

**PARISH
PLAN
FREQUENTLY
ASKED QUESTIONS**

See you on 10th November at The Violet Way Academy at 7:00pm!

Brizlincote in Bloom 2011

Gardening Competition... Results

Councillors Bill Warrilow and Graham Lomas accompanied the three judges from The Greenhouse Centre as they judged the second Brizlincote in Bloom Gardening Competition, on Saturday the 23rd July.

**The Best Front
Garden was won by
Pat Burns of 221
Woods Lane**



**The Best Floral
Display was won by
Anthony Muldoon of
73 Grafton Road (Bob
Luzny collecting on Mr
Muldoon's behalf)**

**The Best
Improvisation of a
Sloping Garden was
won by Sylvia and
Gerald Green of 16
Derwent Road**



The winners were presented with their certificates, gift vouchers and shields at an award ceremony at Byrkley Garden Centre, hosted by East Staffordshire Borough Council for winners of the Burton in Bloom competitions.

Councillor Lomas said that it is always an enjoyable morning visiting gardens around the parish, seeing what wonderful results the entrants have achieved with their hard work in the garden.

If you did not enter your garden in this year's competition, why not think about entering in 2012? We are hoping to have a fourth category...The Best Rear Garden.

Following the appeal in the last newsletter, there has been an amazing response with 50 residents getting in touch to raise a total of 24 problem areas, which are as follows;

*Ashbrook
Brizlincote Street
Celandine Close
Cottesmore Close
Cricketers Close / Greenvale Close footpath
Derwent Road
Doveridge Road
Eaym Close
Foxglove Avenue
Franklin Close
Glenista Close
Gloucester Way
Heritage Way / Maltings corner
Holme Farm Avenue
Jasmine Close
Leander Rise
Marlborough Crescent
Morley Close
Newby Close
Quorn Close
Redwood Drive
Thorpe Close
Violet Way / Foxglove Avenue corner
Yarrow Close*



The current position is that the Parish Council are seeing how many of these can be funded. To ensure the best use of public money, a letter has been sent to the Staffordshire County Council asking that if the Parish Council pays for the actual Grit Bins, would the County Council be prepared to fill them each year, we are currently awaiting a response.

Regretfully the process of local government is painfully slow, so it is not possible to give any indication on how many bins will be provided and when they will be installed, however the wheels are now firmly in motion and we hope to have positive results soon. Thank you for your interest in this matter and for your patience. Further updates will follow in future editions of the newsletter.

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Dates of 2011 Parish Council Meetings

Thurs 17th November Thurs 15th December

To be held at Violet Way Academy with a prompt 7:00pm start

FEEDBACK PLEASE!

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.

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Help Required!

This newsletter is written and distributed entirely by volunteers. With over 2,000 houses to reach, we are asking for some help with the delivery. If you feel able to give us an hour or two of your time please contact Cllr Graham Lomas on 01283 538721. Thank you!

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