



Brizlincote Parish Council Newsletter

Issue 18 March 2015

Do you have the time, energy and long term commitment to be a Brizlincote Parish Councillor?

Parish Council Elections May 7th 2015

A number of existing councillors do not intend to re-stand at the Elections in May. If you would like to become a Parish Councillor please come to our meetings to see first-hand what the role involves.

Brizlincote Parish Council has eleven councillors representing the parish. They are elected by people who live in the area providing a contested election is held e.g. if eleven people seek election, there will be an “uncontested” election, which means that there will be no poll and the candidates will be automatically “elected”. If more people seek election than seats available there will be a “contested” election and a poll will take place. Any remaining seats have to be filled by “co-option”, or in other words the council can choose to appoint a new member of the council rather than the electorate choosing who it elects.

Eligibility criteria

You must be at least 18 years old on the day of your nomination, be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or European Union citizen and meet at least one of the following four qualifications:

1. A local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination
2. You are an owner or tenant of land or premises in the parish before 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election
3. Your main or only place of work during these 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish
4. You have lived in the parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

You cannot stand for election if you are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order or have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the UK of any offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.

Interested?

As a councillor you can become a voice for your community and affect real change. You need to have the concerns and best interests of the parish as a whole at heart. Councillors are community leaders and should represent the aspirations of the public that they serve. Parish Councils are the most local part of our democratic system and are closest to the public. Why don't you stand for your local parish council and see what difference you can make to your local community?

The notice of the election will be issued on 13th March 2015, and any prospective Councillor will need to complete a Nomination Form which will be available from both ESBC and the Parish Clerk, and hand it in to the Returning Officer at ESBC by 4pm on 9th April 2015.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Liz James either by email: clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk or by phone: 01538 702077 if you are interested in becoming a parish councillor.

Caught on Camera in Brizlincote

Our last newsletter article 'Caught on Camera in Brizlincote' appeared to imply that it would be ok for blue badge holders to park in the locations shown. This is most definitely not the case.

Whilst they are permitted to park on double yellow lines this is not without restrictions, which are quite extensive.

The ones applicable to this particular situation would appear to be as follows:

- Parking opposite or within 10 metres (32feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.
- Parking where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users.
- Parking on a pavement unless signs permit.

A general comment is - Do not park where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users.

Thanks to Mr John Illingworth for pointing this out to us.

Stapenhill Hollows Cricket Surface

Work will soon start on replacing the all weather cricket surface on Stapenhill Hollows. Weather permitting the work should be completed in early March 2015. This project is being funded by Stapenhill & Brizlincote Parish Councils at a cost of £2085.00 each.

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Vacancy for Clerk to the Council

Salary Scale LC2: SCP according to experience and qualifications: 11 hours per week pro rata.

The Parish of Brizlincote lies within the Burton upon Trent in the East Staffordshire Borough Council area. The Parish has a population of around 5,000 and the Council currently consists of 11 members.

Applications are invited for the post of Clerk to the Council. This is a part-time post monthly comprising of 11 hours per week. Council meetings take place monthly usually on the third Thursday evening of each month. Other daytime and/or evening meetings will be scheduled on an ad hoc basis as required.

The post-holder will be the Council's Legal and Responsible Financial Officer and should have experience of managing budgets, financial accounts, PAYE, minute-taking and correspondence.

The successful applicant will be computer literate, will ideally have previous local government experience and will be expected to have first class communication, initiative and interpersonal skills. The Clerk will be expected to work from home under their own initiative.

The conditions of employment and remuneration will be based on the National Association of Local Councils' recommendations.

Applications consisting of a letter of application and CV should be returned by **Tuesday 17th March 2015** to:

The Chairman of Brizlincote Parish Council,
c/o Fox House,
Tythe Barn,
Alton,
Staffordshire ST10 4AZ (marked private & confidential)

Interviews will be scheduled for the evening of the **26th March 2015**.

The Council welcomes informal discussions prior to application.

Please contact:- Liz Court (Clerk) barabarani@aol.com

Tower Road to Elms Road Track improvements



ESBC has recently carried out re-stoning of part of the track surface, jointly funded by Brizlincote Parish Council and ESBC. About 150 metres of track has been upgraded. The Brizlincote Parish Council would like to express their thanks to Andy Mason of ESBC for putting so much effort into project managing the improvements.



One Way System in Place at TESCO EXPRESS

Tesco Express has recently introduced a one way system for motorists entering and exiting the carpark.

Entry is from Best Avenue and the exit is onto Beaufort Road.

Brizlincote Parish Council had written in the past to the site owner requesting a risk assessment concerning the parking situation, and had suggested that a one way system might be appropriate.

Final Message from the Chair

This will be the 18th and last time of writing this letter, since I shall not be standing for re-election to the Parish Council on 7th May. I cannot be sure of having the energy the job deserves in 4 years' time.



It will soon be 10 years since I was first co-opted on to the Council, becoming Vice Chair in 2006 and Chair in 2008. This is but a short time compared with the long service others give, but they start at a younger age. Brizlincote Parish Council is a young council in which I have been active for 5/6 of its short history, and I think it merits a fresh leadership for the years ahead.

Clearly there are frustrations in the job; e.g. County and Borough Councils seem unsure who owns some pieces of land like the strip between your boundary fence and the pavement. This can lead to unfairness and cause difficulties in maintaining the chief asset of the area – the green spaces.

Yet even more evident is the pleasing aspects of being a Brizlincote Councillor. I think of the team I have worked with – e.g. Bill Warrilow a reliable, hardworking Vice Chair who had to preside over the hardest meeting – the only one I could not attend in the last 6 years – but who showed interest in many areas like SpeedWatch and Green Spaces.

Graham Lomas has devoted many hours to work outside of meetings – Brizlincote in Bloom and most helpfully in producing the Newsletters.

Cedric Insley after being Borough Councillor & Mayor continued in the 'Lower Court'. It has been good to have Cedric and Michael Ball keeping us aware of the needs of the old Stapenhill end of the parish.

Peter Lyne joined us in May 2011 and has done more than just keep an eye on the Model Dairy Farm.

Adrian Cowan is the most recent member and a very welcome threat to both speeding vehicles and litter droppers.

Finally, I thank Founder members like Arthur Goldstraw (later with Ruth) and Jim Muir who among other responsibilities and along with Bill Warrilow have given me a sense of security in judging plans.

Beyond the Council must go much appreciation to all who share in the distribution of Newsletters and the Women's Institute for caring for flower beds along with the volunteers who share in this work on the Washlands.

Who could have been more fortunate than me in taking the Chair, just as Liz Court was appointed as Clerk. She has been outstanding in keeping the books and also keeping time, despite the journeys in all weathers from Alton. I wish her success and fulfilment in her new role training to be a midwife.

I also wish Jim Muir and Sue Greer better health and a good 'retirement' in Cornwall.

Geoffrey Willett

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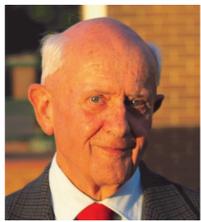
Staffordshire County Council News

Staffordshire County Councillor Conor Wileman reported to Brizlincote Parish Council that he had funding to deal with speeding and parking issues within Brizlincote Parish.

A sum of £5,000 will be available for speeding reduction schemes for the year 2014-15 and so will need to be spent before 1st April 2015, these funds might be spent increasing the size of speed bumps on Beaufort Road.

He has also secured £10,000 that will be spent in 2015-16, towards the off road parking scheme being proposed on Violet Way to ease school parking issues.

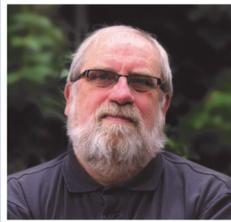
Councillor Wileman explained the importance of securing the funding stating that it is a positive move on behalf of the Council. We can now hope to make the valley a safer place for our children.



Cllr Geoffrey Willett



Cllr Cedric Insley



Cllr Jim Muir



Cllr Peter Lyne



Cllr Michael Ball

Brizlincote Parish Council News

Five Brizlincote Parish Councillors (pictured above) have decided not to re-stand for the Parish Council at the next election on the 7th May 2015. The Parish of Brizlincote will be losing a lot of experienced councillors, and also the current Parish Clerk (Liz James pictured right) is resigning to pursue a new career.



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Can We Have Your Feedback Please!

Send us your comments by contacting **Liz James**, Clerk of the Brizlincote Parish Council; email clerk@brizlincote-pc.org.uk, Phone **01538 702077**, or online www.brizlincote-pc.org.uk.

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Brizlincote Parish Council Meetings for 2015

Thursday 19th March

Thursday 16th April

Meetings are held at Violet Way Academy & Nursery with a prompt 7:00 pm start