

NEWSLINK



H M Queen Elizabeth II

1926 - 2022



It is with a deep sadness that the
Brympton Parish Council
acknowledges the passing of our
much loved and respected Queen,
Elizabeth II, and in doing so,
extends its full support to our new
King Charles III.
Long may he reign.



BPC Chairman's Notes

Parish council did not meet in August. Our next meeting is September the 28th in The meeting room at St James Church BA20 2EZ. For sat nav users, the car park is at BA21 3RL It is hoped we will be in Lufton Community Hall (details in this edition) for our October meeting!

The Parish Council will be up to full strength (12) by our October meeting, all being well.

I feel we have an excellent team of councillors now with a breadth of expertise and experience.

Marie Attrill, our clerk, is now 18months into the job, and has assimilated and mastered the nitty gritty of a difficult and detailed role.

Bob Brookes (vice chair) is doing sterling work, reviewing and overhauling our policies, upgrading our website, improving our communications, and putting together Newslink. (As well as helping to organise Golden Oldies)

We have three District councillors, Barbara Appleby, Jeny Snell and Peter Seib, who represent the parish at SSDC. This body will disband in April 2023 !

Jenny and Peter are also Parish councillors and County Councillors, who we trust to represent the Parish at County level, and when it becomes a Unitary Council in 2024!

We are also blessed in the expertise of the new members who stepped into the council early in the summer, many have very busy day jobs, families, and other responsibilities, so giving of their time to support the Parish is very welcome, and I thank them for that.

For those long serving councillors who give continuity to Brympton Parish, often working quietly in the background getting jobs completed, and supporting community efforts, I thank them for their service.

Parishioners are always welcome to attend our meetings, and we invite suggestions for community improvements, via our website or contact the Clerk on 07563 819163

Brympton Parish Council at Sept. 2022

Chair : Graham Pritchard

Vice Chair : Bob Brookes

Stephen Attrill

Daniel Croke

John Hanson

Paul Herbert

Trisha Lawford

Tony Power

Peter Seib

Roger Simonite

Jeny Snell



BGO's Away Day



Brympton in Bloom



Lufton Hall Opening Soon

Lufton Community Hall

Although progress continues to getting the Community hall open, a major delay has been encountered in the work to re-programme the alarm system. We expect this now to be completed by the 3rd week in September and hope to then progress to a speedy opening of the facility.

We apologise for this delay.

Good news is we have a volunteer for the role of Booking Secretary, not only a member of Augusta park community, Sarah King is also a hard working member of the Stanchester school team. Over the next few months we intend to build a team around Sarah to form a management committee to run this community facility.

This committee will require, a chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, and trustees to operate the Hall, and it is envisaged that time required will be about 2 hours per month once established.

Thank you to Sarah, and, to all others who have a skill, they wish to offer in support of the community hall management, please contact Brympton Parish Council Clerk on 07563 819163 for an informal chat.

We will also soon have a dedicated phone number for bookings and enquiries and will post this on Facebook once established.

Brympton Parish Council

Sub-Committees & Working Groups

In order to expedite its work and reduce the need for detailed discussion at its main monthly meetings, the BPC has appointed several sub-committees and working groups to do the "leg work". Some of these sub-committee and working group meetings are open to the public, details can be found on the BPC notice boards and in the website. These comprise:

Budget Working Party

Christmas Lights Working Party

Communications Working Party

Environment Working Party

Open Spaces & Play Areas Working Party

Litter Picking Working Party

Lufton Community Hall sub-committee

Policies & Procedures Working Party

Brympton Environmental News

In conjunction with the SSDC and the Brympton Parish Council, the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust (YRCT) has been leading the programme to effect important improvements in the “natural world” of Brympton.



In July, Brympton Parish Councillors Trisha Lawford and Bob Brookes attended on behalf of the BPC a Britain in Bloom judging at the Alvington Pond which was organised by the Yeovil Rivers Community Trust. Whilst there, they took the opportunity to have discussions with Lorna Mann, the Project & Engagement Officer with the YRCT and Steve Fox from the SSDC to discuss the results of recent checks of the water quality in the Ponds and Streams in Brympton. In particular, they were interested in the phosphate levels as this issue has been a significant ongoing concern for those interested in, and responsible for, our natural environment.

Immediately following the last BPC council meeting on 27th July, the Clerk and Councillors attended a bat watch event at Alvington, led by Laura Mann of the YRCT

Also during the school holidays, Laura led a pond clearing event at Preston Primary School which was supported by the Chair of the Council, Graham Pritchard and other volunteers. Further work building insect habitats, and planting different pond plants will be completed this month

During August a group of YRCT volunteers commenced work to improve the ponds in Oak Tree Park with the support of the SSDC and the BPC. Despite the pond being dry and the ground being hard, work on a habitat bank went well. In early September, activities continued involving some light maintenance to the newly dug island, moving soil to use on the habitat bank when it is complete and some stone dug out from the planting scrapes. Interestingly, despite the pond area being dry the group came across a lot of frogs and even a newt.

The photo to the right shows one of the many well-camouflaged frogs at Abbey Manor who posed nicely for a photo.

During September and October further work is planned to continue at both of the ponds.

Also during August the volunteers made great progress clearing nettles at Alvington



Bird box inventory. The YRCT is on the lookout for anyone interested in helping with their bird box inventory. They have a wide collection of bird boxes suitable for different species that we would like to record as part of an inventory before they are installed at various locations across the local area. If you are a keen birder and would like to help with this project, please contact the YRCT

Brympton Golden Oldies



There is no excuse now to say that you have not heard about the Brympton Golden Oldies, our presence at the Abbey Community Hall on Monday mornings is now writ large thanks to the new banner funded by the generosity of the BPC

On the 5th September the Golden Oldies enjoyed a day out, a coach trip to the Monkton Elm garden centre near Taunton. Despite the very gloomy weather forecast of thundery showers, we were all very lucky as the weather stayed dry but dull throughout, no need for all the raincoats.



A full load about to set out for home



Two of the organisers caught chatting up the coach driver



A great day out with good food and much shopping. Next trip? who knows, could be rock climbing, or there again, probably not!!

BPC News Snips

1. Safety concerns have been raised over entrances and exits to Oak Tree Park from Stourton Way, following the death of a pet recently. There is an uptick in speeding at times and this also presents a serious safety concern.

Community safety is a standing item at Parish Council, and this will be discussed at our September meeting, to find, if and where, further improvements can be made, i.e.: safety barriers, improved traffic calming measures!

2. Dog and waste bins are a contentious issue as we have lost a large number in the Parish. The BPC fund replacement items as soon as they are required, however, responsibility for installing them rests with the SSDC.

Service delivery is the contentious item with the district council at present.

The BPC will, however, persevere until we achieve full replacement!

Cllr Roger Simonite