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Meetings Calendar 2015/16

Full Council Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and additional meetings, to primarily consider planning applications, are held on the fourth Monday of each month.

7pm 29 March 2016

7pm 11 April 2016

7pm 21 April 2016 Annual Parish Meeting

7pm 25 April 2016

7pm 9 May 2016

7pm 23 May 2016

In addition to money and debt advisers, the Project also has two mental health support/caseworkers who will look to support anyone who may be struggling not only with their finances, but also with their mental health.

Telephone: 01823 461099 or 01271 343111 or email: enquiries@wisermoney.org.uk

Leaflets are also available from Braunton Parish Council Office.



Free Money and Debt Advice Service

The Wiser£money Project is a not for profit project (funded by the British Gas Energy Trust) which involves Mind Taunton & West Somerset, Encompass South West and Wessex Resolutions CIC and is specifically designed to help and support people, especially in rural communities, with a free money and debt advice service, help with budgeting, fuel poverty and maximising income etc.

Contact your Councillors

West Ward:

Cllr Dave Bennett,

Cllr Brad Bunyard,

Cllr Mrs Jasmine Chesters,

Cllr Mrs Caroline Chugg,

Cllr Peter Lord,

Cllr Linda Wellstead,

Cllr Wayne Withey,

East Ward:

Cllr Miss Katy Beardshall

Cllr Robin Bonds,

Cllr Miss Gwen de Groot.

Cllr Roy Lucas,

Cllr Derrick Spear,

Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Spear,



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Photo - Pete Cox

Parish Council takes on County's grass verges

Braunton Parish Council is taking on Devon County Council's urban highway grass cutting service. Following a disastrous year of complaints the County Council agreed to devolve services to the Parish Council. The grassed areas to be cut comprise of approximately 32,136 square metres and are situated throughout Braunton, Knowle and Wrafton.

In April 2015, due to financial cuts, Devon County Council drastically reduced its grass cutting service changing its policy to only control growth on the highway for the following safety reasons:

- To maintain visibility areas / splays for highway users;
- To provide forward visibility to signs.

The Parish Council's Parks and Gardens Committee began discussions last autumn about the best way of taking on responsibility

for the management and maintenance of the County's grass verges. It is pleased to announce that it has managed to secure funding to provide six full cuts of the grass verges for this year.



Photo left to right: Cllr Mrs Spear, community volunteer and Cllr Spear.

The visual appearance of our village is important to local residents and businesses and ensures that our tourism continues to flourish during peak season. The Parish Council have managed to obtain funding towards maintaining the County's grass verges for 2016/17 but it will need to consider ways that it can make the service more sustainable in the future.

Braunton Parish Council

requires a

Relief Caretaker

Duties include all the caretaking and cleaning of the Parish Hall, associated rooms and offices.

You need to be reliable, conscientious, physically fit, have experience with customer relations, with a mature and flexible attitude to work and able to work within a small hardworking team.

Hours are variable to cover absence of permanent caretaker from Monday – Saturday (Sundays, Bank Holidays as and when required)

For further details please apply to:-

The Clerk, Council Offices, Chaloners Road, Braunton EX33 2ES

Closing date for applications: 12 pm on Monday 11 April 2016

Braunton Burrows Livestock Zones: A Guide for Dog Walkers

In recent months Christies Estates have launched a new initiative to improve communications and provide information for the public, and particularly dog walkers, using Braunton Burrows. There is a new 'Braunton Burrows Public Information' Facebook page which is constantly updated with the latest news regarding livestock movements, so that the public can avoid cattle with their dogs.

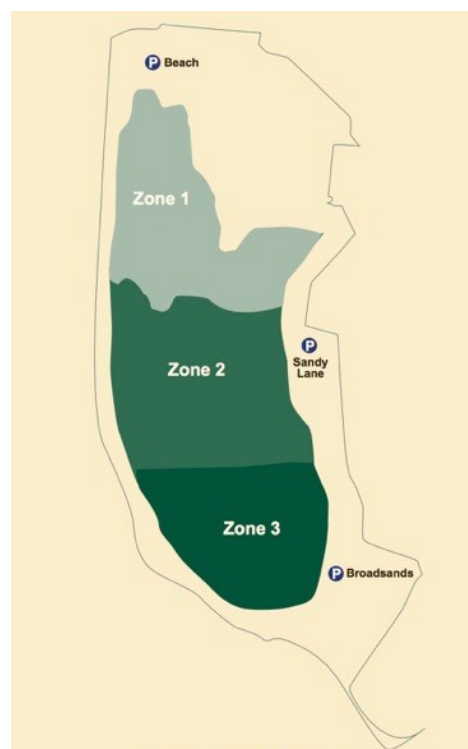
Braunton Burrows is part of a working estate and Christie Estates gives permission to the public to walk and enjoy the Burrows. Livestock are grazed in up to 2 of the 3 'zones' at any one time. The grazing, which forms part of the Estate's Stewardship Agreement with Natural England, reduces the take-over of scrub and benefits the flower-rich dune grassland for which the Burrows are renowned (giving it status as a UNESCO Biosphere).

Zone 2 (accessed from Sandy Lane car park) is the most popular zone for dog walkers as it provides an easy route to the beach. However, it also provides the best grazing for cattle so is frequently stocked with livestock, leading to potential issues with dogs off leads (estate guidelines request that dogs are under close control at all times and kept on leads in zones where there is livestock).

In response to public feedback, the Burrows team are working on a proposal to help provide dog walkers with more 'cattle free' options. They are applying for Fullabrook Grant funding to extend a fence line which would provide easy access to Zones 1 and 2 (and the beach) from Sandy Lane car park. The funding would also support the creation of an easy accessible six acre dog walkers' meadow by the car park, which would be particularly useful for those with limited mobility.

They are asking for letters of support from local people to include with the grant application. Supporters of the proposals are asked to write, noting how the works would help to improve their Burrows experience, to brauntonburrows@gmail.com.

A new dog walking leaflet also provides guidelines and answers some frequently asked questions.



It can be picked up from car park kiosks, Braunton vets and Top n' Tails pet food shop. A PDF version is also available by emailing the above address.

Please remember to clean up any dog fouling, bag it and take it home to dispose of or use one of the dog waste bins provided. THANK YOU

Update since going to print ...

Please note that from March 20th, cattle will be grazing in ZONE 1 + ZONE 2. Walkers are asked to please keep dogs on leads in these zones. If you would like to walk your dog in a livestock free area then please use ZONE 3 (accessed from Crow Point and Sandy Lane car park (via the American Road)). For the very latest updates, please check the 'Braunton Burrows Public Information' Facebook page. Non-Facebook account holders can access this by entering the term into a search engine such as Google.

Thank you!

Zone 1: Area extends from Saunton Beach car park to Sandy Lane car park. Access is from both car parks. From Sandy Lane turn right at the main gate and follow the path to the first kissing gate. Pass through Zone 2 in the direction of the beach until you reach the perimeter fence (*note in Zone 2, please keep your dog on a lead).

Zone 2: Area extends from Sandy Lane car park, south to J Lane (the sandy track which leads off to the beach from the American Road). Note the fencing that segregates Zones 2 and 3 is on your left if you are walking to the beach along J Lane. Access is from Sandy Lane car park.

Zone 3: Area extends from Broadsands car park (at Crow Point via the Toll Road), north to J Lane. Note the fencing that segregates Zone 3 from Crow Point is on your right if you take the boardwalk to the beach. Access is (north) from Broadsands car park and (south) from Sandy Lane car park, via the American Road.

Contact: brauntonburrows@gmail.com

Facebook: Braunton Burrows Public Information (for latest updates)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Westmead House is seeking Volunteers. Could you spare a few hours a month to spend time with our residents?



We are looking for individuals to spend time getting to know our residents and support them enjoying their interests. By becoming a befriender, you could make all the difference to someone's life.

For more information on volunteering at Westmead House please contact:

Marie Govier, Volunteer Co-ordinator
Westmead House, Saunton Road, Braunton,
EX33 1NL
Telephone: 01271 815195
Email: marie.govier@leonardcheshire.org

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Car Park Permits

It's that time of year again! Don't forget to renew your car park permit from 1 April 2016. Permits are available to everyone including non residents and businesses. To apply for a permit please visit our website or contact Jane at the Braunton Parish Council Office. The price remains the same at £175 for the year. This effectively gives you 313 days parking for less than the cost of 48 days (based on the daily rate of £3.70). Parking is free on Sundays.



Calling all Parishioners!



The Corps of Royal Engineers have requested assistance in identifying Royal Engineer activity that has taken place in North Devon, specifically within our Parish.

While British military engineers can trace their history back to 1066, in 1716 the engineers and

artillery were put on to separate establishments and have since developed their own unique identities and rich heritages. The Corps of Royal Engineers, or Sappers as they are known, has been involved in every conflict or major operation the British Army has undertaken ever since. Sapper 300 will see a series of events being run throughout the country to celebrate these last 300 years.

Here in North Devon, 24 Commando Engineer Regiment are marking the

event with an open day at Royal Marines Barracks Chivenor on 21 May 2016 and are seeking to find out all they can about their Corps history and connections to local community. They would be extremely grateful if you could please dig deep into your archives and help them to see what they can find. Contact: Capt. Mark Woodward 24 Commando Engineer Rgt. Royal Marine Barracks, Chivenor Barnstaple EX31 4AZ Tel: 01271 857232 Email: Mark.Woodward586@mod.uk