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## *Annual Civic Service*

The annual Civic Service, for Braunton Parish Council took place at St Brannock's Church on Sunday 18 February 2018. Its theme was 'Live Well in Braunton – Connecting the Community'.



As part of Braunton Parish Council's Civic Service, the Chairman, Councillor Derrick Spear, chose to dedicate the service to the newly formed initiative 'Live Well in Braunton – connecting our community'.

The aim of this initiative is to link the organisations that are already established in our community to each other and to the GP surgery building a 'Community Network' to support people living in and around Braunton.

Dr. Susanna Hill, Chair of the Live Well in Braunton Committee, gave a presentation at the Civic Reception. She said "The project will recognise the huge detrimental impact that loneliness and isolation can have on our health and wellbeing and the enormous benefits of having a sense of purpose through helping and being with other people."

The Live Well in Braunton project is already well supported and has a dedicated committee of 11 members from a cross section of the community all helping to bring this great venture to fruition.

The Chair Councillor Derrick Spear said, "I am delighted to support this fantastic community led initiative by helping to raise its profile by choosing it as the theme for my annual Civic Service. I believe it will provide greater well-being and health benefits to those who live in our community". The Chair was also pleased to present the Live Well in Braunton Committee with a cheque for the sum of £237.34 which was collected during his Civic Service at St. Brannock's Church.

The Committee is working on obtaining funding towards appointing a central co-ordinator whose role will be to link people with identified needs to different organisations in the Community. Trish Parsons, a member of the committee, is beginning to map what organisations already exist in the area by producing an 'Adult Directory' and is appealing for any information regarding existing activities in the community. Please contact her by telephone 01271 269461 or email [trish.parsons@gmail.com](mailto:trish.parsons@gmail.com)

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

**Tuesday 1 May 2018**

The Chairman of Braunton Parish Council would like to invite all Braunton residents and business owners to the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on Tuesday 1 May 2018 in the Parish Hall.

The Parish meeting is an opportunity to find out about the work of the Parish Council over the past year and to meet local Parish Councillors.

Cheque presentations will be made to local community organisations which have been awarded Parish grants.



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## Braunton's Gardeners

Braunton's grass verges are now being kept neat and tidy by the Grounds Team at Braunton Parish Council (BPC). Having taken over the grass cutting from Devon County Council in 2015, BPC has taken the cutting in-house with the help of a contractor over the busier periods. BPC has part-exchanged existing equipment and purchased an ex-demo pedestrian commercial mower and a trailer as well as taking on a new member of staff to help with the additional work load. The new pieces of equipment have been part-funded by revenue from our car parks.

We would like to introduce you to our Grounds Team at Braunton Parish Council, (from left to right) - Dan, Gary and Phil.



I think you will agree that the team have made a wonderful start to the work on the verges so far this year and will be carrying out further improvements in other planted areas throughout the summer to help keep the area looking smart.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many local volunteers who maintain and plant the County owned flowerbeds and planters around Braunton and others who regularly take pride in our village both in and around the Square and outlying areas.

## Car Park Revenue

As well as the management and resurfacing of the car parks, the revenue from our Caen Street and Chaloners Road car parks provides important funding for various local projects and community organisations. It has been used as matched funding for projects such as the new play park equipment and the Work Hub. It helps to maintain Parish owned buildings, such as the Parish Hall and Braunton Countryside Centre; it contributes to costs of services such as the emptying of dog waste bins and our litter bins and it will also help us to invest in some energy efficiency measures over the coming year.

## Parish Grant Awards

The car park revenue has also helped us to support grants to charitable community organisations which provide valuable services in our village. The grants, which will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 1 May, have been awarded as follows:

CHRIST CHURCH	£500
KNOWLE COMMUNITY GROUP	£1000
ST. ANNE'S CHAPEL, SAUNTON	£250
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BRAUNTON (Towards the upkeep of the graveyard)	£1400
BRAUNTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM	£1750
TORRIDGE, NORTH DEVON, MID DEVON AND BUDE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU	£400
ROTARY CLUB OF BRAUNTON (Towards planting around the village)	£300
BRAUNTON VOLUNTEERS	£950
N DEVON ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST (Countryside Centre)	£500
BRAUNTON TWINNING ASSOC.	£200
BRAUNTON BOWLING CLUB	£3000
BRAUNTON LIBRARY	£500
BRAUNTON LIGHTS	£200
BRAUNTON CAEN ROTARY	£1000

## *New Play Equipment for Two Braunton Play Parks*

**Children in Braunton are enjoying playing on new equipment installed by the Parish Council in two of its busy play parks.**

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that it has installed 5 new pieces of exciting play equipment in two of its play parks, including a multi-activity play unit, pirate ship and basket swings.

Cllr Derrick Spear, Chair of the Braunton Parish Council, said "I am delighted that we have this excellent new range of equipment for the young people in the village to enjoy."

Following a consultation with pupils from Caen Primary School, children visiting Chalons Road Play Park will now be able to enjoy a new basket swing together with a fantastic multi-activity climbing frame (pictured), perfect for developing upper body strength, coordination and balance. This equipment, together with a new duo rocker for toddlers and a new pathway, has been funded by Braunton Parish Council and North Devon Council's Section 106 fund.

At another popular play park, children at Mowstead play area will have hours of fun on a new basket swing funded by Braunton Parish Council and North Devon Council (Section 106 funding). Also at Mowstead, youngsters will be able to let their imagination run wild and practise their best pirate impressions aboard this fabulous pirate ship with slide (funded by Investing in Devon from Devon County Council and Braunton Parish Council).

Cllr Trish Parsons, Chair of the Parks and Gardens Committee said "We are grateful to North Devon Council and Devon County Council in helping to fund this much needed new play equipment in our community. The children in the village are thrilled to have this wonderful new equipment which will provide them with hours of fun and learning".

It has been possible for Braunton Parish Council to part fund these projects through revenue from its two car parks.



## Community Shared Space

The new Community Shared Space outside Braunton Countryside Centre has been well received by the public. There have been fundraising craft stalls, plant and veg stalls with donations going to various charities, as well as buskers raising money for local projects. Look out for more community activities here as the weather warms up.

If your charity or not for profit organisation would like to make use of this area please email us on [info@brauntonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@brauntonparishcouncil.gov.uk)



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## Meetings Calendar 2018

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

**7pm 9 April 2018**

**7pm 23 April 2018**

**7pm 1 May 2018 Annual Parish Meeting (Parish Hall)**

**7pm 14 May 2018 Annual Council Meeting**

**7pm 29 May 2018**

**7pm 11 June 2018**

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