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Meetings Calendar 2016

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 27 June 2016

7pm 11 July 2016

7pm 25 July 2016

7pm 8 August 2016

7pm 22 August 2016

7pm 12 September 2016

New Bins for Knowle

The Parish Council has purchased two new litter bins to be installed by the bus stops in Knowle. These will replace the North Devon Council bins which were in a bad state of repair (one of which had been removed some time ago). The District Council has agreed to continue to empty these litter bins. Braunton Parish Council has also installed a dog waste bin at the top of the footpath from Winsham Lane to Stepstone Lane at the request of members of Knowle Community Group.

Permits

It's not too late to buy a car park permit. Permits are available all year round and can be purchased by anyone, not just local residents. To apply for a permit please visit our website for details or contact Jane at the Braunton Parish Council Office. For example, for the period from 1st July 2016



Contact your Councillors

West Ward:

Cllr Dave Bennett,

Cllr Brad Bunyard,

Cllr Mrs Jasmine Chesters,

Cllr Caroline Chugg,

Cllr Peter Lord,

Cllr Mrs Linda Wellstead,

Cllr Wayne Withey, East Ward:

Cllr Katy Beardshall

Cllr Robin Bonds,

Cllr Gwen de Groot.

Cllr Roy Lucas,

Cllr Derrick Spear,

Cllr Elizabeth Spear,



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Photo - Pete Cox

Braunton Neighbourhood Plan

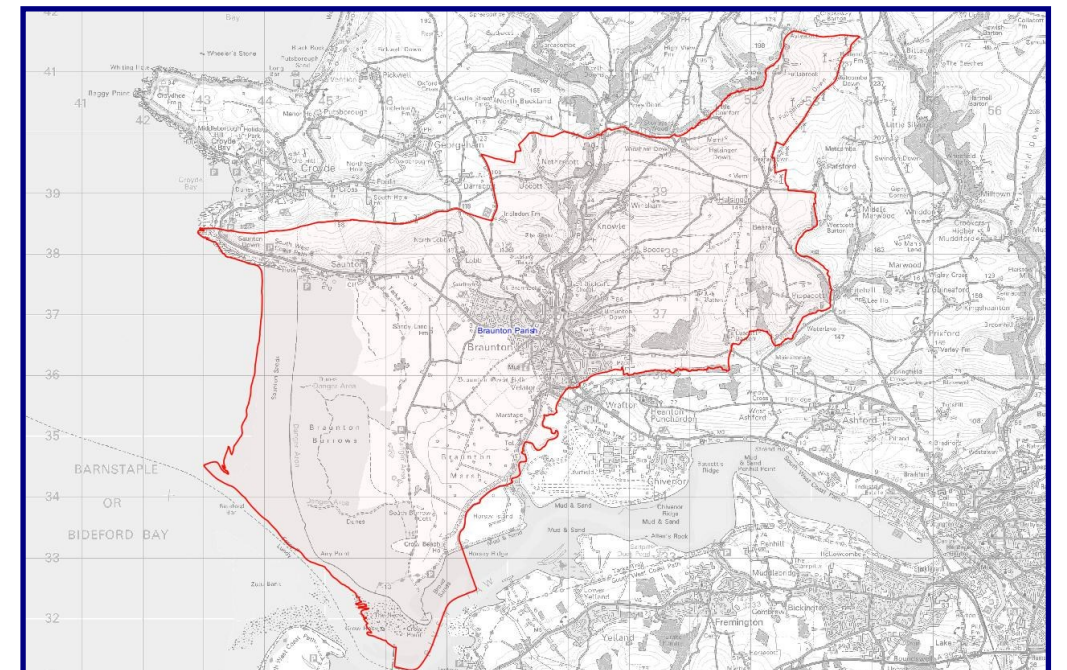
Braunton Parish Council have made an application to North Devon Council to designate a neighbourhood area. This is the area within which a neighbourhood plan can be prepared for the Parish. The Localism Act 2011 introduces statutory Neighbourhood Planning in England. It enables communities to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan for their area and is intended to give communities more of a say in the development of their local area.

A neighbourhood plan is a very powerful way of providing significant local influence over the

planning process and will be used to decide the future of the places where people live and work giving opportunities to:

- influence where new homes, shops and offices are built.
- have a say on what new buildings should look like.
- grant planning permission for the new buildings you want.

The boundary is that of the parish boundary. The reasons for this are set out in the application letter which you can see on our website. This also contains a map showing the location of the parish boundary.



Representations on the applications can made and sent to North Devon by:

- post - Neighbourhood Planning, North Devon Council, Lynton House, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 1DG
- e-mailing - planningcomments@northdevon.gov.uk using the subject line "Braunton Neighbourhood Area"

Representations must be received by 24 June 2016.

Christmas Market Back in Braunton

North Devon
Christmas Market
BRAUNTON 2016

100 STALLS
ARTS & CRAFTS - BBQ - LIVE MUSIC - HOG ROAST
LICENSED BAR - MULLED WINE - KIDS RIDES
SANTA'S GROTTO - GAMES & RAFFLES
LATE NIGHT SHOPPING - & MUCH MORE!

Saturday 3rd December
15:00pm - 21:00pm

Caen Street Car Park & Braunton Village Green
www.northdevonchristmasmarket.co.uk

We are delighted to welcome back the North Devon Christmas Market to Braunton again in 2016. This year's event will be bigger and brighter than last year and will be held at the earlier time of 3pm until 9pm on Saturday, 3rd December. For further information visit the website:

www.northdevonchristmasmarket.co.uk

Parish Council Chairman Re-elected for Second Term



The annual meeting of Braunton Parish Council saw Cllr Derrick Spear re-elected as chairman.

Cllr Spear says, "I am greatly honoured to have been chosen for a second term and delighted to be back in the post."

"Being chairman is a fantastic opportunity that not many councillors get even once and I am very grateful and flattered to be elected for another year."

His vice chairman will be Brad

Improvements to Footpaths

Would you like to see any improvements made to footpaths around the parish? There are a staggering 70 miles of footpaths in Braunton Parish which are maintained by Devon County Council. However, the Parish Council has access to grants for specific projects, such as a new stile, on footpaths (excluding coastal paths) around the village. In order to gain access to these funds, we must submit an annual survey to Devon County Council. This relies on volunteers who walk the footpaths to monitor them and report on their condition.

Now that the (hopefully) drier months are approaching we would like to encourage anyone who walks regularly to put themselves forward to help with this project in order for us to apply for some funding to make any improvements required. For further details please contact the office or email angela@brauntonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Kids Get Creative to Clean Up Dog Waste

Braunton recently held a competition with the three primary schools which invited young artists to design a poster to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets.

The Parish Council and Freehelp Braunton have worked in partnership to promote this competition aimed at the irresponsible few who do not bag and bin their dogs' mess.

Letting dogs foul without clearing it up also poses serious health risks, as parasites in dog mess can cause blindness. The council have in the past worked closely with the North Devon Council Dog Warden to provide dog bins in the parish but more needs to be done to tackle this issue.

Chair of Braunton Parish Council Councillor Derrick Spear says, "The vast majority of responsible dog owners across Braunton clean up after their pets, which we as a Council are very grateful for. It is hoped that working with local school children will help raise the profile of this issue. It is an excellent project involving the children and allows us to raise awareness of the dangers of dog fouling".

Local resident Desiree Young and member of FreeHelp Braunton says, "This is such an important issue that needs to be tackled as dog fouling can lead to



Summer, Southmead Primary School (1st)

Toxocariasis in humans, which causes serious illness and even blindness. Therefore, it is clear that the reasons for controlling dog mess are valid, and as a community we hope to work together to lessen the risk it can pose".

Braunton Parish Council Vice Chair and member of FreeHelp Braunton Cllr Brad Bunyard, says "we are grateful to everyone who has taken part in the competition and we look forward to displaying the winning designs in the village".



Amy, Kingsacre Primary School (2nd)



Finn - Caen Primary School (3rd)