

Bromham Broadsheet

Bromham Parish Council - 97th Edition - June 2021

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum, 6 May 2021

Bedford Borough Council confirmed the results of the Referendum of the Neighbourhood Plan for Bromham.

Number of votes cast in favour of a Yes	1159
Number of votes cast in favour of a No	221
Spoiled Ballot papers	14
Total votes cast	1394

This means that Bedford Borough Council will adopt the Neighbourhood Plan and it will be added to their policies to agree future development in Bromham.

Thank you to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for giving up their time over the last four years to produce the plan.



Bromham Mill

Bromham Parish Council and Bromham Mill Trust continue to work to secure a lease for Bromham Mill with Bedford Borough Council. In the meantime it has been agreed that the site can be opened under a Service Level Agreement. Therefore the Trust and the Parish Council are currently working to open the café as soon as possible.

You can find the latest information on opening on our website: www.bromham-pc.gov.uk or on Facebook.com/Bromhamparishcouncil.

Village Handyman Retires

Many of you will have seen our Handyman Terry around the village strimming, litter picking, emptying bins and carrying out general tidying and clearance duties.

Terry joined the staff at the Parish Council in 2009 as our village handyman and has now decided it's time to 'hang up his boots' and enjoy his well earned retirement.

Thanks go to Terry for his hard work and commitment to Bromham and Julie, Jeanne and all the Parish Councillors would like to take this opportunity to wish him a long and happy retirement.



The Handyman jobs will be carried out by other contractors. Bedford Borough Council will be emptying the bins. Please let us know if any of the bins are not emptied and we can chase.



Save the Date - Sunday 24 October 2021
Apple Day at Bromham Mill

FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to the June Broadsheet. It is impossible to think we are nearly half way through the year. I hope things are beginning to return to a level of normality for all of you.

As the annual report heads up this edition , I won't go into much detail in this introduction.

I would like to thank those of you who voted in the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. Now we have to work hard to ensure the best, however difficult that may be, outcome for the community.

I am pleased to say that we are finally moving closer to agreeing a lease agreement with Bedford Borough Council to take over the management of Bromham Mill, and associated buildings and grounds. As a precursor to this, we are excited to be working towards the re-opening of the café – in a take-away format - before the summer. I do hope you will all take advantage of it when visiting the Mill as there is plenty of outdoor seating for you to enjoy the cafe food and drink.

Finally, we are hopeful that Apple Day will return to the Mill in the Autumn, and our events team are already putting plans in place to bring back this popular event.

I do hope that the rain will ease soon, and we can enjoy some sunshine in Bromham – although I am sure our gardens and allotments have benefitted from it!

Have a safe, healthy and happy summer.

Sian Woodfine



Local Flooding

Bromham Parish Council's Sustainability Committee will be working on a local flood plan for Bromham. Bedford Borough Council have a Flood Plan for the area and are encouraging parishes to have a local complementary plan creating a working group to monitor potential flood hazards, inform and communicate with local residents and to support the Borough's efforts.

The Parish Council will be writing to residents in the affected areas over the next couple of weeks with a view to joining a local flood group and carrying out minor tasks.



News from Bromham Village Hall

Various clubs have returned to the Village Hall with restrictions in place including



social distancing.

We are now taking

bookings from 21 June 2021 onwards. All bookings will be subject to Government Guidelines.



For more information or to make a booking please see our website www.bromhamvillagehall.com.

Annual Report 2020-2021

COVID 19 changed a lot of things for Parish Council this year. We have still had meetings but learned to do this on Zoom! This year we agreed an additional Committee - Sustainability Committee to look at all things sustainable for Bromham.

I would like to thank our Councillors for their invaluable contribution this year. We currently have 2 vacancies and would welcome anyone wishing to join us. No experience necessary - just a passion for Bromham and Community. Due to COVID we had to close Bromham Mill Café last year but the Parish Council and the Trust are working hard to agree a new lease to open up the site for all. Hopefully soon we will be reopening with a new café for everyone to enjoy.

A huge thank you to Phil Grabham and the team of conservation volunteers who continue to work on open spaces including Salem Thrift, Nature Reserve and Bromham Mill. We would particularly like to thank them for their fantastic work in the Woodland Walk creating an interesting walk through the trees for all.

The vision for Bromham Mill is still to create small work units for local artisan, and associated businesses, the café, and in the long-term creating a community space for events, exhibitions and parties. The Committee continue to press Bedford Borough Council to finalise the lease.

The Neighbourhood Plan was agreed at the Referendum on 6 May 2021. Thank you to the Steering Group who volunteered their time to provide a plan for future development in the village.

Speed issues continued to be an area of concern and it was possible to get average speed cameras installed on Village Road in 2020.

A loading bay for transporters and delivery vehicles was implemented in Stagsden Road after safety concerns were highlighted.

We were pleased to install a Silent Soldier to remember the fallen in WW1 and WW2. This was produced by local artist Henry Parrot. The Christmas Lights on the Northampton Road Tree were replaced in December 2020 and the refurbishment of the village sign began.

This year we had amazing support from residents raising money for a replacement bench at Bromham Mill and for repairs to the Woodland Walk. Thank you Sam Sparkes and Michael Craddock. We also saw an increase in volunteering starting with Sam Barnes on Parklands clearing an area to provide a contemplation garden. Thank you Sam you have inspired several volunteers to help keep the village open space tidy!

During COVID we managed to put a group together to help residents with shopping and prescriptions, particular thanks to Rachal Hutcheson, Sam Sparkes and Janice Tutt. We also managed to help some residents with their Christmas Lunch! It is hoped that from this will start a Good Neighbour Scheme in the future.

We would also like to thank our hardworking Borough Councillors, Roger Rigby and Jon Gambold, for their continued support. Thank you to all our Councillors, for their continuing commitment working for the benefit of residents of Bromham, and to the hours they dedicate to the role.

Sian Woodfine, Chair.

Bromham Parish Council has 12 Parish Councillors, 2 Vacancies

Sian	Woodfine	Chair PC & Planning	Finance, Planning & Amenities Committee
Trevor	Roff	PC Vice Chair, Chair Finance	Finance Committee
Elizabeth	Luder		Finance Committee
Mick	Burgess		Finance, Planning & Amenities Committee
Val	Brinson		Planning & Amenities Committee
Anne	Baker		Planning & Amenities Committee
Chris	Arnaouti		Planning & Amenities Committee
Dylan	Simmons	Vice Chair Finance	Finance Committee
John	Orchard	Chair Sustainability	Planning, Amenities & Sustainability Committee
Stephen	Unwin		Planning, Amenities & Sustainability Committee
Jane	Shields		Planning, Amenities & Sustainability Committee
Gianluca	Guerriero	Vice Chair Planning	Planning, Amenities & Sustainability Committee

Brought Forward	211227.19
Income	
Parish Precept	136000.00
Bottlebank reimbursement	1196.68
Grass cutting reimbursement	4021.33
other income	481.23
Donations/Grants	2133.27
Brom Mill cafe	5053.72
CIL Receipts	1916.64
Interest Received	2311.65
Rent Income	1270.97
Total Income	154385.49

Expenditure

Gross Wages	69196.78
Trees	6766
Grass cutting	16815.56
Broadsheet	485
Park Inspections & Repairs	2035.6
Waste	2013.38
Christmas Lighting	2970
Road to St Owens	657.42
POS Parks & Open Spaces/ Other Exp	3246.03
Allotments	42
Pavilion/Football	65.9
Conservation Group	574.68
Bromham Mill Café	2923.6
Parish Asset Maintenance	6364.33
Parish Asset Reserve	1895.55
Brom Mil Café Wages	7849.57
Rent	2082
Mileage/Handyman expenses	822.81
Office Stationery/Postage/ Training	931.63
IT Maintenance/Software/ Renewals	2365.55
Legal/Accountancy Fees	1003
Bank Charges	264
Donations/Honorarium	800
Subscriptions/Memberships	1918.26
Insurance	3119.43
Loan repayment (Village Hall)	13026.48
Total Expenditure	150234.56
 Balance March 2021	 215378.12

Current A/c	12496.27
Petty Cash	145.62
Amenity A/c	1692.35
Reserve A/c	107205.14
Santander	43000.00
Nat West	Drawn down to reserve account
BOS	50000.00
	214539.38
unreconciled	879.77
debtors/VAT	1718.51
	215378.12

Period for the Exercise of Public Rights Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

Bromham Parish Council's annual return needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd. Any person interested has the right to inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts and other documents relating to those records or documents.

These documents for Bromham Parish Council are to be made available on reasonable notice by application between the hours of 10am-2pm on working days, excluding public holidays, commencing 7 June 2021 and ending on 16 July 2021

Bromham Parish Council Meetings 2021-2022

Parish Council	Finance	Planning	Amenity	Sustainability
4 May 21 Annual Mtg 7pm PC 7.30pm	20 May	18 May	18 May	
1 Jun 21		15 Jun		15 Jun
6 Jul 21	15 Jul 21	20 Jul 21	20 Jul 21	
August - No Meetings				
7 Sep 21	16 Sep	21 Sep		21 Sep
5 Oct 21		19 Oct	19 Oct	
2 Nov 21	18 Nov	16 Nov		16 Nov
7 Dec 21				
4 Jan 22	20 Jan	18 Jan	18 Jan	
1 Feb 22		15 Feb		15 Feb
1 Mar 22	17 Mar	15 Mar	15 Mar	
PC 5 Apr 22 Annual Parish 26 Apr 22 7pm		19 Apr		19 Apr

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings are back in the Village Hall - Room 3. Residents are welcome to attend and can speak in the first 15 minutes of the meeting. See Agendas on Parish Council website for the latest information on meetings: www.bromham-pc.gov.uk

Thank you to our Volunteers!!

Following an inspection of the ditch between the Parklands pitches and the riding school land Parklands residents have been hard at work clearing the ditches to ensure a smooth flow of water and minimise flooding.

Many of our readers will remember local resident, Sam Barnes taking part in a school challenge to 'Make an Impact' during lockdown. Sam tidied up a small area of copse near the Parklands Pond. Parish Council have since purchased and installed a bench at the location for residents to relax and enjoy. The photo below shows a walking group taking a well earned rest and making use of the bench whilst admiring the work carried out by our volunteers. Money raised from donations will go towards future projects around the Parklands area.

Thank you to all those involved in this excellent community project.



Borough Councillors Report

Covid has made this past year the most challenging for Councillors and Borough staff particularly the external facing support teams for Adult and Children's care, Disability Care, hospital Reablement and supporting residents in our care homes.



Borough Hall was closed, we and all employees with just a few exceptions went to work from home, employees will continue that but government is wanting councillors to return to normal meetings. Council meetings were cancelled until a system for holding virtual committee meetings was available. The Borough's broadband was improved to support home working and every single member of the authority had to learn to fulfil their role in a different way that was COVID safe. The speed at which the Borough made those changes and managed to keep all services operating, from emptying bins to supporting people is a credit to all. The political groups put aside their flags and campaigns aside to ensure the changes in a timely and effective manner.

Looking back Bedford Borough Council approved an increase in core Council Tax of 1.99% supplemented by a 1.75% Adult Social Care Precept, totalling 3.74%.

The Council has again postponed the River Festival as well as the Kite and Motoring Festival until 2022. The bi-annual River Festival was originally due to take place in the summer of 2020, but the growing pandemic meant it was postponed first until 2021 but the new date is 23 and 24 July 2022. The Borough has decided The Corn Exchange will stay closed for the time being.

Finally Jon and I want to thank the Borough staff who have kept our services operating for everyone in the last year.

Jon Gambold & Roger Rigby



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Club News



It has been a difficult past 14 months for all, and we are really pleased since March to have Club Football return to the Village, it is great to see all our players from U6 – U18 and Adults back playing the game they love.

The Club provides football for all and we have mixed girls/boy's teams as well as Girls only teams.

All teams train within the Village using Bromham Village Hall and Chestnut Avenue over the weekend and Mid-week depending on age groups and every team plays Saturday or Sunday morning football.

We are currently looking for Volunteers within our Girls Only teams as well as players. If your daughter is interested in joining a girl only team or Son/Daughter is looking for a football team to volunteer with, please contact the Club.

Several of our teams are looking for extra players to join them for next season and are holding open training sessions until the end of June when the season finishes. Adverts have been posted on our Facebook/Twitter and Webpages as well as with the Beds FA and Leagues. If your Son or Daughter is interested in playing for the following age groups, please contact us by email and we will forward your details to the Team Coach.

Current U12's (Saturday Matches)

Current U13 Lions (Sunday Matches)

Current U16 Blues (Saturday Matches)

Current U17 (Saturday Matches)

Bromham United 1st Team – Adult Football (Sunday Mornings)

Finally, The Committee would like to thank all Volunteers and Parents for their continued support of The Club and all the players especially through COVID by adhering to the Government and FA Guidelines.

You Can Report Highways Issues!!

If you see a fault or problem in Bromham please report it direct to highways at <https://highwaysreporting.bedford.gov.uk>

Planning applications considered by Bromham Parish Council		
No objection to the following:		
21/00116/M73	Land North of Great Spur(The Baulk) Biddenham	Formation of two fishing lakes, retention of car park, removal of spoil and refurbishment of existing outbuilding including variation of approved plans condition 1 to extend the car parking area
21/00169/FUL	34 Princes Road	Single storey side and rear extension and pitched roof to existing flat roof
21/00197/FUL	39 Dovehouse Close	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension
21/00207/FUL	21 Chestnut Avenue	Single storey side extension and front porch
21/00310/TPO	12 Tulip Tree Close	T1, 2, 3, 4, 5 all lime trees to thin by 15-20% to allow more light into garden. T6 reduce neighbours lime tree back to boundary
21/00356/FUL	6 Red Cedar Road	Single storey side extension
21/00424/FUL	36 Oakley Road	Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of a single storey front and rear extensions and external alterations
21/00503/FUL	16 Pear Tree Close	Single storey side extension and garage conversion
21/00519/FUL	44 Brett Drive	First floor side and rear extension
21/00537/FUL	28 Oakley Road	Single storey front extension and external alterations
21/00566/FUL	17 Lower Farm Road	One and two storey rear extension
21/00664/FUL	38 Neville Crescent	Demolition of existing garage and outbuilding and erection of one and two storey side extension, first floor rear extension and external alterations
21/00811/FUL	43 Molivers Lane	Garage conversion to kitchen and erection of new attached garage to front
21/00765/TPO	1 Orchard Close	T1 - Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 3m
21/00876/FUL	8 Red Cedar Road	First floor rear extension
20/02676/FUL	7 Wisdom Close	Single storey side extension with canopy porch
21/00642/FUL	15 Woodland Drive	Single storey front extension and first floor side extension
21/00762/FUL & 21/00770/LBC	Rose Cottage 11 Oakley Road	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of 2 storey side extension, replacement link roof and replacement windows and doors to existing kitchen area
21/01034/FUL	2 Tulip Tree Close	Single storey side and rear extension
21/00957/FUL	29 Molivers Lane	One and two storey side and rear extensions
21/00662/FUL	96 Village Road	Single storey rear extension, rear dormer for loft conversion, rooflights to front elevation, front porch and detached garage to front
21/00986/TPO	61 & 63 Springfield Drive	t1 Multi Stem Ash Coppice - Prune all lateral branches to boundary. T2 - Large Ash - Pollard 1m above first major fork. T3 - Ash - Shorten longest laterals to balance. T4 - Ash - Prune to boundary. T5 - Ash - Shorten longest laterals to boundary
21/01220/FUL	7 Grange Lane	Single storey front and side extensions and raise roof height
21/01289/FUL	75 Stagsden Road	Single storey side extension
21/01282/FUL	45 Wingfield Road	Demolition of existing detached garage and the erection of a new attached garage and single storey extension
Objection to the following:		
21/00057/FUL	Hill Cottage 37 Village Road	New vehicular access
21/00042/FUL	118 Woodland Drive	Erection of detached annexe to rear
21/00025/FUL	Land to rear of 10 Springfield Drive	Erection of 1 two-bedroom bungalow
21/00447/FUL	1 Walnut Close	Two storey rear extension
21/00524/FUL	Greensleeves 130 Stagsden Road	Erection of 4 retirement dwellings in rear garden
21/00526/FUL	22 Tudor Close	Demolition of existing garage and shed and erection of new single storey detached annexe
21/01096/TPO	23 Chestnut Avenue	(T2) Wellingtonia - Fell. The tree works are proposed to stop the influence of the tree(s) on soil below building foundation level and provide long term stability



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St Owen's Church News Summer 2021 www.bromhambenefice.org



Building update

Great progress has been made on the extension in the past months despite Covid-19 restrictions, and the exterior is now virtually complete. In the next couple of months the final interior carpentry, plumbing etc will be finished, and we will be fitting out the kitchen and carpeting the hall.

If you would like to sponsor a piece of kitchen equipment or a square metre or two of carpet please get in touch with Sarah (info below).

It will be wonderful to have this new village resource available for use before long:

THANKYOU to everyone who has contributed in any way!

Services in Church have resumed, but with limited numbers until social distancing restrictions are lifted. Everyone is welcome - just phone to let us know you'd like to attend.

Meanwhile, our weekly **10.30am Zoom services** continue every week.

For times and dates of services, and Zoom links, see our website.

To be added to our mailing list for weekly service updates please email Sarah (info below).

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Website: www.bromhambenefice.org



We are hoping to re-open our very popular Messy Church Group in September after a long absence due to the pandemic. We are looking forward to using the new facilities provided by the extension!

Messy Church is a group for pre school children (0-4) and their carers and meets at St Owen's on Mondays 11.30am - 1pm.

If you would like further information please visit our website www.bromhambenefice.org and go to the Young People page

Bromham C of E Primary School

It's been over two months since the return of every child back in school where they belong and it has been wonderful to see the children return with such calm and embrace their old and familiar routines. The children's behaviour, collaboration and effort really has been exceptional. As we return to normal, it is important to reflect on what, as a school, we have done previously, what we have learnt during this period of time but also how we can make our future at Bromham CofE Primary School even better!



We are continuing to look at the future and plan for what we hope will be a much more 'normal' academic year. We are looking forward to welcoming our new families to Bromham whose children will be starting school with us in September. If you know of anyone who has a child about to start school and either want to change their school allocation or have not yet been given a school place, please direct them our way; we still have some places left for our new Reception starters for September.

Gurjit Virk

HeadTeacher, Bromham CofE Primary School

Tel: 01234 822784

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Janis Russell



No dogs

Bromham Village Hall Playing Fields - **No dogs**

Parklands Playing Fields - **Used for Youth Football**

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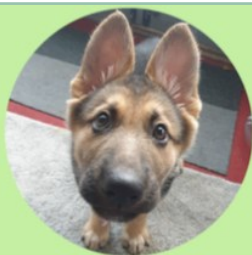
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Be a local volunteer with Bromham Conservation Group



Bromham Conservation Group and Friends of Bromham Mill are voluntary groups working with the Borough and Parish Council, and in future with the new Bromham Mill Trust to maintain and develop the Mill and the extensive meadows, water courses and woodland behind. Conservation Group volunteers also work at other sites around the village including the Bromham Lake Local Nature Reserve in Lower Farm Road, in Salem Thrift, the ancient woodland off Northampton Road, the Community Orchard at Parklands and the wildlife pond at the Paddock off Oakley Road.

Our volunteers have improved the woodland behind Bromham Mill, created new flower beds and opened up new walks and trails. The work we do makes maintenance easier, as well as improving visitor experience. We have created new planters from old decking recovered from the brook and cleared rubbish washed by winter floodwater down to the mill sluices. Our volunteers also helped create the woodland fairy walk that has become so popular with local families.

We also work closely with the Bromham Nature Club, which offers local children the opportunity to learn about nature, plant bulbs and spring flowers and study wildlife at the Mill and other open sites.



After months of lockdown and restrictions to overcome the pandemic, the rules have now relaxed, allowing us to operate almost “normally”, working together to help keep local open spaces in good order. Despite restrictions, we managed to put in over 900 volunteer hours at our local sites during 2020 and hope to exceed this comfortably by the end of 2021. With enjoyable company, it is also great fun working together on our various projects.

If you are interested in what we do, like working outdoors and would like to give local volunteering a try, please get in touch with us. We issue a regular email newsletter to tell our supporters what we have achieved and with details of what we plan to do next.

All volunteers welcome. For further details of our programme and regular activities, visit the Parish Council website at www.bromham-pc.gov.uk, phone Peter Argyle on 01234 822698 or email bcg@peterargyle.plus.com.

