



# TOWN TALK

**Broseley Town Council's Newsletter**

**Mar 2018/1**

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## **Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elect**

At the March meeting Councillors agreed to nominate Councillor Michael Burton as Mayor Elect and Councillor Ian West as Deputy Mayor Elect for the forthcoming civic year. The appointments will be confirmed at the Annual Meeting in May.

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## **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

A Neighbourhood Plan sets out where new homes, shops and offices might be built, and allows a community a say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided. A successful Plan would be a legal planning document; setting out the development needs for the area, and offering real planning protection against unwanted and unsuitable development in our neighbourhood. An advisory group consisting of Town Councillors and members of the public has been looking into the idea of a plan since November of last year.

At public meetings in January and February people had an opportunity to meet advisory group members and look at maps of the area. The meetings were well attended and many people left useful feedback.

The first decision is about the Plan boundary. The advisory group recommended that the Plan area should include Benthall, which is inside the Barrow Parish Council area, because this would give Benthall residents the same protection against unwanted development, and the same opportunity to shape the area's amenities, as Broseley residents will enjoy. However, this proposal has now been rejected by Barrow Parish Council, so the Neighbourhood Plan boundary will be the Broseley Town boundary.

If Shropshire Council approves this proposal, the next step will be to set up working groups to look into specific areas the Plan needs to address. These might include: housing, environment, business, infrastructure, education leisure and health. At that stage the advisory group will be looking for interested individuals to contribute to the future of their community. Nothing is currently decided. The successful Plan, if it proceeds, will be led by the community.

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## **Multi-Use Games Area**

The Broseley MUGA Group, a small, longstanding voluntary organisation that runs the multi-use games area sited in the grounds of Broseley Church of England School in Dark Lane, is looking for two community minded residents to act as chair and secretary for the Group.

The vacancies arise because the existing officers wish to retire after many years of service. The Group has a manager for the facility and Broseley Town Council has overall responsibility, so commitment is not onerous. The Group meets every two months and the existing committee and user groups are very supportive.

If you may be interested or want further information, please contact Mike Kaiser on 882684 or Jean Jones on 882650.

The MUGA can be booked by organised clubs and teams for regular training, groups of friends for social recreation, individuals for one-off events, etc. See the website: [www.broseleymuga.org](http://www.broseleymuga.org) or contact Kirsty on 07746 913170.

## **New Zorb Balls**

Broseley MUGA now has a set of Zorb Balls which are available to hire with the pitch. Imagine trying to play soccer inside a huge piece of bubble wrap or disguised as a Sumo wrestler and that will give you some idea. It could be the perfect birthday party or just as a treat for some friends, children or adults. Some packages could also include food and refreshments.

If you'd like to find out more or to make a booking, contact Kirsty on 07746 913170.

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## **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm at the Birchmeadow Centre. There will be reports from our Mayor and Shropshire Councillor along with an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. Our local police inspector will give a report and there will be an opportunity to raise parish matters. Light refreshments will be provided.

## New Finance Officer

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Andrea Williams as the new Responsible Finance Officer / Assistant Town Clerk for the Council. Mrs Williams will be managing the Council's finances as well as providing additional administrative support.

## Public Participation at Council Meetings

At the beginning of full Council and Planning Committee meetings 10 minutes are set aside for members of the public to raise matters with the Council. Councillors have recently agreed to change the way the public participation session is managed. Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence without prior notice on matters which are on the agenda of that meeting. If members of the public wish to speak on matters which are not on the agenda, they must give notice in writing to the Town Clerk at least three clear days in advance of the meeting, with details of the subject on which they wish to speak.

Members of the public are not allowed to present or circulate documents at Town Council meetings. Any documents which members of the public wish to present at a Town Council meeting must be submitted to the Town Clerk at least three clear days in advance of the meeting, to ensure that they comply with the Council's policies and legal obligations. Where appropriate, the Town Clerk will ensure that copies of such documents are provided for the meeting.

## Memorial Garden

We realise that some people like to take their dogs with them into the Memorial Garden when they visit. However, we have been shocked to find that some dog owners are deliberately taking their dogs into the Garden to allow them to use the area as a toilet. Please stop this! Dog faeces can cause the infection toxocarasis, which can lead to a variety of health problems, particularly in children, including permanent loss of vision. The Memorial Garden is an attractive spot for relaxation and remembrance – not a pooch privy.

## Good with People?

Many people in Broseley are great at finding words of comfort or encouragement when they meet friends and neighbours in town. If you are one of those people, would you be willing to use that skill to meet regularly with someone who is becoming isolated due to frailty or a disability? The Broseley CoCo scheme will do the necessary safeguarding check, provide training and match your interests and skills with a local person who will benefit from your friendly conversation. To find out more contact Helen Fair at Broseley Medical Practice on 882854.

## Council Meetings

Full Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Birchmeadow Centre at 7.00pm. Public participation is from 7.00–7.10pm. Agendas for all meetings are available from the Town Clerk and are displayed on notice boards and on the Council website.

Town Councillors		Town Clerk
Mr Michael Burton	07980 419032	Mrs Trudi Barrett
Mr Roy Childs	883510	Broseley Town Council
Mrs Lyn Garbett	883412	The Library Building
Mr Mark Garbett	883412	Bridgnorth Road
Mr Michael Garbett	883412	Broseley
Mr Gavin Goodall	884502	TF12 5EL
Mr Simon Harris	882003	Tel: 01952 882172
Mrs Ann Maltby	882061	e-mail: broseleytc.clerk@btinternet.com
Mr Tarlochen Singh-Mohr	07832 337305	website: www.broseleytowncouncil.co.uk
Mr Alan Taylor	07889 939398	The office is open to the public on
Mr Ian West	882448	Thursdays, 10.00 am–12.00 noon.

## New Notice Board

You may have noticed the fine new notice board recently erected in the Memorial Garden. We will be displaying information for visitors to the town, Town Council information and details of local events. If you would like to display a notice on the board, please call in to the Council office.

## Broseley Partnership

A special meeting of the Broseley Partnership will be held on Tuesday, 17th April in Broseley Social Club at 7pm, when members will consider a resolution to allocate the remaining funds and dissolve the Partnership.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe. For more details please contact the secretary, Jean Jones, on 882650.

## Broseley in Bloom

Spring is just around the corner and the warmer weather will see our band of Broseley in Bloomers working hard to beautify Broseley. If you would like to help brighten up the town while enjoying some fresh air, exercise and like-minded company, please contact Carol Cooper on 882715. New volunteers are always welcome.

## Visit Broseley Website

To find out what's happening in the town, check the website: [visitbroseley.co.uk](http://visitbroseley.co.uk)

You can also let people know about your group or event by providing details via the website.

## Food for Thought

The next in the series of expert presentations with discussion will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> April when the theme will be "Bringing Water to Africa." On 15<sup>th</sup> May Cllr Singh-Mohr will present "What is Sikhism?" and on 19<sup>th</sup> June we consider "Fixing the Housing Crisis."

All sessions are held in Broseley Library at 7.30pm and are free, although donations are welcome. Refreshments are provided.

## Birchmeadow Centre

For information about the varied programme of events at the Birchmeadow Centre, visit the website:

[www.birchmeadow.org.uk](http://www.birchmeadow.org.uk)

