



# BREWOOD & COVEN PARISH COUNCIL

## with Bishop's Wood & Coven Heath

### NEWSLETTER

### AUGUST 2021

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#### The scheduled meetings of the Parish Council for this quarter are:

9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Oct  
and 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Nov

Council meetings are currently held at Brewood Middle Academy starting at **7.00pm**. Please contact the Clerk if you intend join the meeting which includes a 15 minute public participation session at the start, when members of the public are able to address the Council.

#### Climate Change – The Facts

Climate change is the long-term shift in average weather patterns across the world. Since the mid-1800s, humans have contributed to the release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the air. This causes global temperatures to rise, resulting in long-term changes to the climate.

In August 2021, the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) published the first part of its sixth assessment report. The authors concluded that it is unequivocal that humans have warmed the planet, causing widespread and rapid changes to Earth's oceans, ice and land surface. Many of these changes – particularly to the oceans, ice sheets and global sea levels are 'irreversible'. However, IPCC author Professor Piers Forster from the University of Leeds said he and his fellow authors are also "really certain" that near-term emissions cuts can really reduce the rate of unprecedented warming: If you would like to read the report you can find it here [www.carbonbrief.org/in-depth-qa-the-ipccs-sixth-assessment-report-on-climate-science](http://www.carbonbrief.org/in-depth-qa-the-ipccs-sixth-assessment-report-on-climate-science) The report does really show – scientifically and robustly – that net-zero does work for stabilising or even reducing surface temperatures. There is also a lot of general climate change information here: [www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/climate-change/what-is-climate-change](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/climate-change/what-is-climate-change)

#### Things we all can do:

**Change a light bulb-** Replacing one regular light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb will save 150 pounds of carbon dioxide a year.

**Drive less -** Walk, bike, carpool or take public transport. You'll save one pound of carbon dioxide for every mile you don't drive!

**Recycle more -** You can save 2,400 pounds of carbon dioxide per year by recycling just half of your household waste.

**Check your tyres -** Keeping your tires inflated properly can improve your mileage by more than 3%. Every gallon of fuel saved keeps 20 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.

**Use less hot water -** take shorter and cooler showers and washing your clothes in cold or warm instead of hot water

**Avoid products with a lot of packaging -** You can save 1,200 pounds of carbon dioxide if you reduce your rubbish by 10%.

**Adjust your thermostat -** Moving your thermostat down just 2 degrees in winter and up 2 degrees in summer could save about 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide a year.

**Plant a tree -** A single tree will absorb one ton of carbon dioxide over its lifetime.

**Turn off electronic devices –** Turn off your television, DVD player, stereo, and computer, when you're not using them, will save you thousands of pounds of carbon dioxide a year.

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email and website  
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Opening times 9.30am to  
12.30pm Monday to  
Friday (currently closed  
to visitors).

Meetings start at 7.00pm

**Clerk:**

**Maggie Birtles PSLCC**

**Assistant Clerk:**

**Kathryn Kliszat.**

**Voluntary Car Scheme:**

Tel. 01902 851786

**Car Scheme Co-ordinator:**

**Sofena Phillips.**

**Wild Flower Project**

We are all becoming increasingly aware of the importance of protecting the environment including the importance of boosting biodiversity. The Parish Council is therefore considering a wild flower project which will involve selecting verges within the Parish to be transformed into wild flower meadows. The aim is to bring about the environmental benefits whilst at the same time creating a wonderful floral display to enhance the look of our villages. We would welcome your opinion on the project.

More information about such projects is available in the guide published by Plantlife UK, a British conservation charity at [www.plantlife.org.uk](http://www.plantlife.org.uk).

**Thinking of paving your front garden?**

From 1 October 2008 the permitted development rights that allowed householders to pave their front garden with a hardstanding without planning permission changed in order to reduce the impact of this type of development on flooding and on pollution of watercourses. You will not need planning permission if a new or replacement driveway of any size uses permeable (or porous) surfacing, such as gravel, permeable concrete block paving or porous asphalt, or if the rainwater is directed to a lawn on your property or border to drain naturally.

If the surface to be covered is more than five square meters planning permission will be needed for laying traditional, impermeable driveways that do not provide for the water to run to a permeable area. Applying for planning permission will require you to fill in an application form, draw plans (which have to be to scale) and pay a fee. Details are available from the planning department at South Staffordshire District Council.

**Email the Parish Council:**

[clerk@brewoodandcoven-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brewoodandcoven-pc.gov.uk)

**Visit our website:**

[www.brewoodandcoven-pc.gov.uk](http://www.brewoodandcoven-pc.gov.uk)

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Report all dog fouling to **South Staffordshire Council**.

**Staffordshire County Council** have responsibility for roads and pavements across Staffordshire:

Please report problems such as pot holes, street lights, blocked gullies to: 0300 111 8000 and Minicom: 01785 276207

Email: [contactus@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:contactus@staffordshire.gov.uk)

Online at: [www.staffordshire.gov.uk](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk)

Or download: MyStaffs App to access key services.

***The Parish Council endeavours to distribute this newsletter in a timely manner but sometimes this is not possible. There may be occasions when you receive your copy after some events have taken place. This is due to circumstances beyond our control.***

For details of Neighbourhood Policing Meetings open to everyone visit [www.staffordshire.police.uk/local\\_policing/south\\_staffs/](http://www.staffordshire.police.uk/local_policing/south_staffs/)