

15/2847 Public Open Forum

Two members of the public who were at the meeting to speak about planning application DA/2015/0286.

15/2848 Planning Applications

DA/2015/0286 – Construction of 10 independent living units associated clubhouse and staff accommodation at Brixworth Nursery Farm, Holcot Road, Brixworth.

The members of the public informed the Parish Council that the application to construct 10 living units was to enable their residents to live independently within the community, although there would be support staff on hand.

The Parish Council were supportive of the application providing there were conditions of use attached to prevent future development of the open countryside. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr Parker to ensure the response to the DDC Planning Officer was correct.

Proposed Cllr Bird
6 in favour Cllrs Bird, Brown, Coles, James, Parnaby and Bennett
3 Abstentions Cllrs Moxon, Rous and Parker.

Seconded Cllr Brown

DA/2015/0264 – Single storey rear extension and extension to porch (revised scheme) at 3 The Slip, Brixworth.

There were no objections to the application

Proposed Cllr Parnaby
All in favour

Seconded Cllr James

DA/2015/0278/TC – Replacement of existing 10m monopole with new 12.5m monopole with 3 antennas, replacement of 2 equipment cabinets at Mercedes-Benz High Performance Engines, Morgan Drive, Brixworth.

There were no objections to the application

Proposed Cllr Parker
All in favour.

Seconded Cllr Brown

15/2849 to give an update on legal proceedings.

Cllr Parnaby introduced the Deputy Clerk John Marshall. The Clerk informed the meeting of the total costs the Parish Council had incurred defending itself against the Court case and Employment Tribunal of £26,670.55.

Cllr Parnaby Proposed that the press and public be removed from the meeting for the following discussion. Cllr Brown seconded the motion.

8 in favour Cllrs Parnaby, Brown, Parker, Bennett, Bird, James, Rous, Coles
1 against Cllr Moxon.

The recording equipment was turned off.

It was proposed that the Parish Council continue to contest the claim.

Proposed Cllr Parnaby
All in favour

Seconded Cllr Brown

It was proposed that the legal panel of Cllr Parnaby, Cllr Parker and Mr John Marshall continue.

Proposed Cllr Parnaby

Seconded Cllr James

7 in Favour Cllrs James, Brown, Bennett, Bird, Rous, Coles, Moxon
2 Abstentions Cllr Parnaby and Parker

The press and public were invited back into the room. The recording equipment was turned back on. Mr John Marshall left the meeting.

15/2850 to receive the Police Representative Report

Brixworth ASB

28 Mar: Hunters Way – person banned from store attempting to obtain goods via proxies; officers attended.

Brixworth - crime

22 Feb: Spratton Road – known offender arrested for shoplifting, attempts conceal lock knife.

6 Mar: Holcot Road – fence removed, presumed to gain access to field.

07 Mar: Lone Pine Court – officers attend following report of disturbance; small bag of cannabis and some leaf found. Cannabis warnings issued.

07 Mar: Co-op stores – two incidents of persons taking items without making payment.

13 Mar: Highfield Close – during search, officers find two small packets of cannabis.

13 Mar: Highfield Close – officers attend location to effect arrest, offender assaults officers.

13 Highfield Close – officer attends street fight, receives threatening behaviour from with building. Male exits and is searched, arrested for possession of cannabis and suspected possession of a firearm.

13 Mar: Co-op stores – three males enter store, abusive to staff and customers. Attempt to exit store without paying for items, prevented by staff – damage caused to display stand.

13 Mar: Spratton Road – person assaulted by unknown group of youths.

18 Mar: Hunters Way – forced entry to premises, cash stolen.

23 Mar: Kennel Terrace – outer pane of window smashed.

28 Mar: Spratton Road – forced entry to secure vehicle, items taken.

28 Mar: Spratton Road – unsuccessful attempt to force entry to vehicle, damage caused

15/2851 to Report on the Central Sport Lease

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Central Sport Committee had seen the lease and received legal advice. Their response had been sent to the Parish Council solicitor for comment. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Parish Council solicitor to get a response to the update from the Central Sport Committee and to get his opinion on having a Deed of Variation for circulation to the Councillors.

Planning

15/2852 to accept the minutes from the Planning meeting held on 9th March 2015

The minutes were accepted.

15/2853 to receive the planning approvals and refusals for March 2015

The planning approvals and refusals for March 2015 were accepted.

Finance

15/2854 Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2015

	<u>Cash book balance as statement 31.03.15</u>	<u>Unreconciled report</u>	<u>Total balance</u>
Current Account	16,853.60	135.00	16,718.60
Capital Reserve	107,064.32		107,064.32

Account			
Total	123,917.92		123,782.92

15/2855 Parish Council Reserves as at 31st March 2015

Earmarked and Restricted Reserves Total	£70,411.80
Cash at Bank 01/04/2015	123,782.92
Less Earmarked/Restricted Reserves	70,411.80
General Reserves Total	£53,371.12

15/2856 Bills for Payment for April 2015

<u>Direct Debit Payments</u>		£
Payment To	Reason for Payment	
Raspberry Comm	Clerk Telephone	33.40
Eon	Electricity Charges The Ashway	66.00

Payment

<u>Method</u>	<u>Payment To</u>	<u>Reason for Payment</u>	
BACS	WG Law	Assessment Costs	243.00
BACS	Staff	Staff Costs	5168.95
BACS	Clerk	Mr J Marshall	228.32
BACS	Clerk	Mr J Marshall Expenses	15.75
BACS	Clerk	Mrs E Baker Expenses	117.16
BACS	Trade UK	B&Q Groundsman items	89.19
BACS	ESPO	Cleaning Items	61.50
BACS	Eon	Light Maintenance	38.24
BACS	NCALC	Subscription and Int. Audit	1,590.75
BACS	Anglian Water	The Ashway water Charges	56.03
BACS	Eon	Electricity Charges	58.50
5487	The Mower Shop	Groundsman items	62.62
5486	AH Blason	Fuel	90.99
Total			7,692.08

15/2857 To approve the Annual Parish Council's Risk Assessment

The risk assessment was approved.

Proposed Cllr Brown

Seconded Cllr James

All in favour

15/2858 To approve a new Grants Policy

It was agreed that the Parish Council accept the most recent document sent out on 21st April 2015.

Proposed Cllr Coles

Seconded Cllr Brown

7 in Favour Cllrs Coles, Brown, Moxon, Bird, Bennett, Rous and James

2 Absentions Cllr Parker and Parnaby.

15/2859 To Approve Annual Subscription to NCALC and NCALC Internal Audit Service

The Annual Subscription of £1,300.75 and the NCALC Internal Audit Service of £290 was approved.

Proposed Cllr Brown
All in favour.

Seconded Cllr Bird

Highways and Environment

15/2860 To report on feedback from residents on Station Road regarding the name on the "Please Drive Slowly" sign.

The Clerk reported that the residents of the cottages in Station Road would like the sign to read Station Cottages. Cllr Moxon agreed to inform Northamptonshire Highways.

15/2861 To discuss email from resident regarding an introduction of 20mph speed limit on Spratton Road. (Emailed 15/04/15)

The Highways Warden informed the meeting that a 20mph speed limit on Spratton Road would not be enforceable. The Clerk will contact the resident to inform them of the Parish Council decision and the Speed watch campaign which is coming to the village in June.

Recreation and Amenities

15/2862 To give an update regarding the correspondence from residents of Froxhill Crescent concerned about damage to fence from footballs and noise from youths during the evening.

It was agreed that the Clerk ask PCSO Hillery to try to speak with the youths and ask them to be more considerate when sitting in the Recreation ground late at night. It was agreed that a hedge would be installed in front of the resident's fence to protect it. However as it was not the right time to plant a hedge it was agreed to defer it to later in the year. Costs for planting the hedge would be obtained. The will Clerk inform the resident of the Council's decision.

15/2863 To discuss and approve a request from resident to hold a Dog Show on St David's Recreation Ground.

The Clerk informed the meeting that a lot of litter and straw was left on the Recreation ground after the Dog Show which was held last year. It was felt that due to the concerns regarding the condition of St David's the request to hold the Dog Show was declined for this year.

Proposed Cllr Brown
All in Favour

Seconded Cllr Bennett

15/2864 To discuss email from resident regarding concerns with foul language on St David's and issues relating to parking near to St David's recreation ground. (Emailed 15/04/15)

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the resident and inform him that as some of the matters raised are police matters she will pass them onto the police. Cllr Moxon will find out when the dog mess bins are emptied.

15/2865 To discuss and agree disposal of tractor, gang mowers and roller and to report and agree on offers by possible purchasers

The Parish Council agreed the disposal of the tractor, gang mowers and roller.

Proposed Cllr Brown
All in favour.

Seconded Cllr Bennett

15/2866 Parish Council Surgery Update

The clerk had previously circulated the report from the previous surgery held by Cllrs Bird and Cllr James.

It was agreed to look into fixing the fence or planting a hedge once ownership of the Ashway boundary and fence had been agreed.

The delays were reported, ie Western Power Distribution were waiting on delays caused by Balfour Beatty but it is anticipated that the lights in Brixworth would be finished by mid-July 2015.

It was reported that the legal obligation to clean up dog mess is on the dog owner not the land owner. The next surgery will take place on 9th May and Cllrs Brown and Moxon will attend.

15/2867 To agree articles for the Brixworth Bulletin

The articles were agreed for the Brixworth Bulletin. It was agreed that 4 pages would be required.

Proposed Cllr Moxon

Seconded Cllr Bennett

8 in Favour Cllrs Coles, Moxon, Bennett, Bird, James, Parnaby, Parker, Rous,

1 Abstention Cllr Brown

15/2868 General Correspondence for Discussion

It was agreed that Cllr Bennett attend the Parish and Town Council's Liaison Meeting – Thursday 11th June 2015.

15/2869 General Correspondence not for Discussion (Members File for Circulation only)

a) NCALC Update – March / April edition

b) CPRE Outlook Newsletter – March edition

15/2870 Date of the next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 28th April 2015

Planning Meeting Monday 11th May 2015

Annual Meeting of Parish Council Tuesday 12th May 2015

Full Council Tuesday 19th May 2015

15/2871 Urgent Matters for Report Only

Cllr Moxon reported that the Dog fouling campaign had been very successful over the past 5 weeks. The amount of dog mess on The Ashway, St David's and Lesson Road had reduces significantly.

Cllr Moxon and Bennett are having a site meeting to look for a potential are to install a new bin.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

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