

Brixworth Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2015 at 7.15p.m.

In the Library/Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth

Present: Councillors: A Coles (Chairman), S James, D Parnaby, P Saxton, J Bird and K Parker

In Attendance: Mrs E Baker – Parish Clerk
PCSO Jo Wright
Claudia Flavell-While – Brixworth Bulletin
Howard Reader – Speed watch Coordinator
6 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the October meeting and reminded everyone of the locations of the emergency exits. He also reminded members of the public as to when they were able to address the council and that the meeting was being recorded.

15/3062 Apologies for absence –

To Approve Apologies Received for the October Full Council Meeting

The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllr Lacey, Cllr Barratt, Cllr Moxon and Cllr Hodges.

15/3063 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

15/3064 Signing of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 22nd September were amended and then agreed and signed.

15/3048 was amended to read - It was agreed that up to £50 would be spent on new bulbs.

Proposed Cllr James

Seconded Cllr Bird

5 in favour Cllrs James, Saxton, Parnaby, Coles and Bird

1 abstention Cllrs Parker

15/3065 Public Open Forum

A representative from the Brixworth Cricket Club thanked the Parish Council for the improvements to the maintenance of the playing fields and he was pleased to see the verti-draining had been carried out and he hoped that the maintenance would continue.

He informed the members that the Cricket Club store at St David's has recently been broken into a couple of times. It was agreed that security of the stores at St David's would be put on the next full council meeting agenda.

15/3066 to receive the Police Representative Report

PCSO Wright gave an update of crimes that had occurred from the beginning of 22nd September to 27th October which included –

24th September stones had been thrown from the bridge over the A508 which had caused a car wind screen to be smashed.

29th September Burglary non-dwelling in Blackthorn Crescent. 2nd – 3rd October Criminal damage to a vehicle in Kennel Terrace. 9th – 11th October drug related crime. 17th October

the empty houses on Spratton Road were broken into. The youths have been caught on CCTV and the police have already obtained names of some of the youths involved. 26th October burglary dwelling in Broadlands.

PCSO Wright informed the meeting that she will be attending the Parish Council surgery on 7th November with the mobile station.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Wright to attending the meeting.

Brixworth - ASB

08 Sep: Swansnest – report of male, with metal pole, being verbally abusive in street.

13 Sep: Highfield Close – report of disturbance at party and item taken. Officers attended.

Brixworth - crime

02 Sep: Brampton Valley Way Railway – forced entry to vehicle, item taken.

04-06 Sep: Demswell – force entry to premises and items taken.

08-09 Sep: Cricket Club – unsuccessful attempt to force entry.

11-12 Sep: Honey Holme – forced entry to premises, items taken.

13 Sep: Brackenborough – forced entry and damage to garden shed. Unsuccessful attempt to steal motorbike as offenders disturbed.

06-14 Sep: St David's Close – unsuccessful attempts to force entry to two sheds.

15-16 Sep: Woodsfield – moped taken from roadside outside premises.

11-19 Sep: Honey Holme – forced entry to premises, items taken.

20 Sep: Co-op Stores – two incidents of items being taken and no payment made.

15/3067 to give an update of legal proceedings, to include consideration and if necessary, approval of additional funding for the county court and employment tribunal actions

Cllr Parnaby read out a statement regarding the Employment Appeal Tribunal hearing and the County Court judgement.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal Hearing, where the claimant was seeking to overturn the Employment Judge's ruling that he was not entitled to add to his original claim was held on 20 October. The claimant's appeal was rejected and the matter will now proceed to the Hearing at the end of November.

The Claimant has entered a further appeal against the County Court judgement made against him and in favour of the Council, arising from his withdrawn County Court claim.

Cllr Parnaby Proposed that the press and public be removed from the meeting for the following agenda item. Cllr Parker seconded the motion.

All in favour

The recording equipment was turned off and the press and public left the room.

At 7.59pm the press and public returned to the meeting.

It was proposed that the Parish Council agree to allocate £14,000 to the legal budget.

Proposed Cllr Saxton

Seconded Cllr Coles

All in favour.

15/3068 to receive an update report on recent Speed watch figures and to confirm Brixworth involvement in scheme for next year.

The Speed watch Coordinator presented the 2015 report.

29th June to 3rd July 66 cars were caught speeding

11th July to 17th July 17 cars were caught speeding

25th July to 31st July 31 cars were caught speeding.
 Some days were lost due to volunteer holidays.
 The number of cars caught speeding at the designated sites was:
 Northampton Road 49 cars
 Holcot Road 33 cars
 Station Road 18 cars
 Harborough Road 12 cars
 Spratton Road 02 cars giving a total of 114 cars caught.

In the morning sessions 66 cars were caught and in the evening sessions 48 cars. The numbers of volunteers are down this year and more are needed to help with speed checks. Two traffic surveys were carried out on Northampton Road near Froxhill Crescent. The first one in June (8 days) showed 6683 vehicles were recorded up to 32 mph and 1430 vehicles were recorded exceeding 35mph with the highest speed being recorded at 62 mph. The second survey in August (16 days) recorded 37,095 vehicles at 30 or over with 12,168 vehicles over 35mph with the highest speed recorded at 75mph. The speeding reports for Station Road showed a decrease in the number of cars speeding. Northampton Road has nearly doubled in the number of speeding cars this year. Overall there has been a reduction of 25% in the number of vehicles speeding in Brixworth in 2015 compared to 2014. Mr Howard Reader will continue to be the Speed Watch Co-ordinator in 2016.

Planning

15/3069 to accept the minutes from the Planning meeting held on 14th September 2015

The minutes from the meeting held on 14th September were accepted.

15/3070 to receive the planning approvals and refusals for September 2015

The planning approvals and refusals for September 2015 were accepted.

15/3071 To discuss and approve the inclusion of The Ashway, St David's and Spratton Road playing fields in the Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Bob Chattaway from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group informed the members that they would like to include the playing fields in Brixworth, St David's, The Ashway and the Spratton Road Recreation Ground in the Neighbourhood Plan to strengthen the protection of the areas and to strengthen the policy in general.

It was proposed that the Parish Council support the inclusion of the recreation grounds in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Proposed Cllr James

Seconded Cllr Bird

All in favour.

Finance

15/3072 Bank Reconciliation as at 30th September 2015

	<u>Cash book balance as statement 30.09.15</u>	<u>Unreconciled report</u>	<u>Total balance</u>
Current Account	5,404.54		5,404.54
Capital Reserve Account	165,758.39		165,758.39
Total	171,162.93		171,162.93

15/3073 Parish Council Reserves as at 30th September 2015

Parish Council Reserves	
Earmarked and Restricted Reserves Total	£102,338.45
Cash at Bank 30/09/2015	£171,162.93
Less Earmarked/Restricted Reserves	£102,338.45
General Reserves Total	£68,824.48

15/3074 Bills for Payment for October 2015

Retrospective Approval			£
WG Law			10,137.73
			Total
			10,137.73
Direct Debit			
Raspberry	Clerk Telephone		34.35
<u>Chq</u>	<u>Payment To</u>	<u>Reason for Payment</u>	£
<u>No.</u>			
BACS	Staff	Salaries, NI & PAYE and Pension	5,522.82
BACS	Clerk	Expenses / Allowance	168.00
BACS	Deputy Clerk	Expenses / Allowance	34.05
BACS	Trade UK	Grounds man items	101.81
BACS	Eon	Electricity Charges jul - Sept	89.99
BACS	The Mower Shop	Parts for Kubota	218.42
BACS	Lovells	Grounds man items	59.93
BACS	Ascomi	NP domain, hosting renewal	38.00
BACS	Anglian Water	Water charges for The Ashway	54.58
BACS	Chubb	Ashway Changing rooms Emerg. Lighting	183.43
BACS	Brixworth Bulletin	Autumn Newsletter 2015	350.00
BACS	R&G Landscaping	Grass cutting Ashway & St Davids	634.53
BACS	AH Blason & Son	Fuel & MOT	199.86
BACS	Big Phat Print Co	A1 Posters x 3	54.00
5504	Mr R Chattaway	NP Expenses for printing	31.01
			17,912.51

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL - September Income

	£
2nd half of	
Precept	51,834.00
Interest for September	4.39
	51,838.39

It was agreed that the bills for payment in October be paid.

Proposed Cllr Bird

Seconded Cllr Parnaby

All in favour

15/3075 to receive the Clerks Report

The Clerks report was accepted by the Parish Council.

15/3076 to approve quote for maintenance to hedges on St David's Recreation ground and The Ashway Recreation ground.

The quote from R&G Landscaping to maintain the hedges of £1,295.00 was approved
Proposed Cllr Coles
All in favour

Seconded Cllr James

15/3077 To receive an update from the Media and Communications Committee and approve the terms of reference

The Chairman of the Media and Communications Committee, Cllr Saxton informed the meeting that the Bulletin articles had been agreed for approval. The Terms of Reference had been agreed and circulated to the Full Council for approval.

It was proposed that the Terms of Reference be approved.

Proposed Cllr James

Seconded Cllr Bird

All in favour

15/3078 To receive an update on Local Council Award Scheme Continuation of accreditation

The Clerk informed the meeting that if the Parish Council wanted to apply for the Foundation level there would be two fees to pay the registration fee and the accreditation fee. It was agreed that the Parish Council would wait until after the elections in May 2016 before applying for accreditation.

15/3079 To agree to investigate quotes for the installation of lighting in the millennium garden

It was agreed that the Clerk investigate the costs for installing lighting in the Millennium Garden.

Proposed Cllr James

Seconded Cllr Parnaby

All in favour.

Highways and Environment

15/3080 To report on letter from Northamptonshire Highways KierWSP regarding the creation of a Customers and Communities team.

The letter from Northamptonshire Highways KierWSP was accepted.

15/3081 Letter from Daventry District Council regarding request for dropped kerb on Spratton Road.

The Letter from DDC regarding the request for a dropped kerb was noted.

Recreation and Amenities

15/3082 To report repairs to broken fence/netting post on St David's Recreation ground.

The Clerk reported that she has arranged for R&G Landscaping to secure one of the high fence posts behind the goal post near to St David's Close, which has broken at the bottom causing it to be unstable.

15/3083 To discuss letter from resident regarding abusive language on St David's and The Ashway playing fields during football matches.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Northamptonshire FA about the amount of abusive language during football matches.

15/3084 To report on holes in the St David's car park and to agree for the Clerk to get the holes repaired.

It was agreed that the Clerk get some quotes to repair the holes in the car park.

15/3085 to discuss and approve a list of civic amenities in Brixworth

It was agreed that more specific information regarding the possible amenities to be registered and what we need to do was required. Cllr Bird agreed to put a list together of properties and find out how we register the properties. It was agreed that the Brixworth Centre and the former Surestart building should be included.

15/3086 to receive a report from Historical Society regarding the implementation of Brixworth Heritage trail within the village.

The Clerk read out a statement from the History Society about a project to implement the Brixworth Heritage trail within the village. The Councillors agreed that it would be a good idea.

15/3087 to approve articles for the Brixworth Bulletin

The articles already submitted were approved. One more article is required for the Newsletter, which will be agreed at the next Media and Communications Committee.

15/3088 to discuss Brixworth Remembers plan for Sunday 8th November 2015 and approve purchase of wreath from Chairman's allowance

The plan had previously been circulated to the Councillors. Volunteers are required to help marshal the temporary road closure. It was agreed that a Wreath be purchased, from Parish Council funds.

15/3089 To receive a report and agree volunteers for the next Surgery on Saturday 7th November 2015.

It was agreed that Cllr Parker and Cllr Bird would attend the next surgery on Saturday 7th November.

15/3090 General Correspondence not for Discussion (Members File for Circulation only)

- a) Clerks and Councils Direct September 2015 Issue
- b) NCALC Update September / October 2015
- c) Minutes from Daventry Voluntary and Community Sector Forum.

15/3091 To approve rescheduling of Full Council meeting in November from 24th to 17th November.

It was agreed that the next full council meeting be moved to the 17th November. An extra meeting will be arranged for 1st December to approve the Neighbourhood Plan.

15/3092 Dates of the next meetings.

Finance Meeting	Tuesday 10 th November 2015
Planning Meeting	Monday 16 th November 2015
Full Council meeting	Tuesday 17 th November 2015

15/3093 Urgent Matters for Report Only

There were no matters to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm Chairman