



## **Brixworth Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Community Centre & Library, Spratton Road, Brixworth**

#### **In Attendance:**

**Councillors:** Councillor Stephen James, Councillor Ian Barratt, Councillor Lynne Compton, Councillor Lina Howarth, Councillor Alan Lovell and Councillor Kevin Parker.

**Apologies:** Councillor James Collyer, Councillor Tom Mitchell and Councillor Sandra Moxon.

#### **Absent:**

**Also Present:** Peter Rowbotham (Clerk)

**Members of  
the Public:** 0

District Councillor Jonathan Harris in attendance

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#### **20/ 4848 Welcome**

Councillor James welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Parish Council. He notified every one of the evacuation procedures. Councillors were also reminded that the meeting was being recorded.

#### **20/ 4849 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been recorded from Councillor Collyer, Councillor Mitchell and Councillor Moxon. It was agreed to accept the apologies. This was proposed by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Compton. Unanimous.

#### **20/ 4850 Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

#### **20/ 4851 Finance Working Group Report**

The Finance Working Group presented its proposed budget and precept proposals for 2020/ 2021. The Working Group recommended a budget based upon its previous discussions with the Parish Council. It had suggested that the budget deficit caused by the increased spending be met from a precept increase of 2.94%.

There was agreement that the Parish Council should include inflation within the budget and that the anticipated increased operational costs should also be included. However, the Parish Council noted the current level of

finance being held in General Reserves. This had been accumulated through effective budget management and sound procurement. The amount of Reserves was within the limits quoted within the adopted Reserves Policy.

Following discussion on the Parish Council's finances, the following figures would be submitted to the Parish Council meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for ratification:

- The proposed 2020/ 2021 budget be £195,809. This was proposed by Councillor Compton and seconded by Councillor Howarth. Unanimous.
- The precept for 2020/ 2021 remain the same (zero increase) with the budget deficit of £9,900 being met from the Parish Council Reserves. The precept for a Band D property would remain at £79.19. This was proposed by Councillor Barratt and seconded by Councillor Compton. Unanimous.

#### **20/ 4852 Exclusion of the press and public**

The Parish Council agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting as it would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. This was in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960. This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Parker. Unanimous.

*The meeting was in closed session from 7.49pm*

#### **20/ 4853 Staffing Matters – Financial Implications**

No issues had been raised.

#### **20/ 4854 Legal Matters**

The Parish Council received and noted a verbal update on the recent County Court judgement.

*The meeting returned in open session at 7.52pm*

#### **20/ 4855 Dates of Future Meetings**

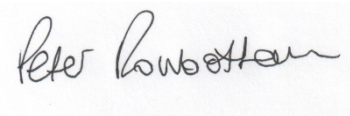
- Planning Committee – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- Council - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (Precept Setting)

#### **19/ 4856 Any Other Urgent Business**

None

*The meeting finished at 7.53pm*

**Signed as a true and accurate record**



**Councillor Stephen James  
Chairman  
Brixworth Parish Council  
30<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Peter Rowbotham  
Parish Clerk  
Brixworth Parish Council  
20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

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