

Brixworth Parish Council

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 29th April 2021 starting at 7:15pm

This will be a 'virtual meeting' using Video Conferencing in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020

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AGENDA

Supporting Papers

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- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies for absence and acceptance of any apologies for absence
 - 2.1 Consider any received apologies.
- 3. Declarations of Interest
 - 3.1 Members' declarations of interests on agenda items only
- 4. Agree and sign the minutes of previous meetings:
 - 4.1 Parish Council meeting of 25th March 2021
- 5. Public Open Forum Session
 - 5.1 This is an opportunity for Parish Residents and members of other Councils, once recognised by the Chairman, to make brief representations or ask questions of the Parish Council. Each will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Parish Council via the Chairman. This open session is limited to 15 minutes.
 - 5.2 Although the Parish Council will endeavour to answer all questions put to it, persons asking questions should not expect immediate answers, but rather a formal written response in due course.
 - 5.3 Those who wish to comment on an agenda item are encouraged to do so at this time or they may ask the Chairman to be allowed to speak when the subject is raised.

PART ONE - FOR DECISION

6.	Finance	
	6.1 Consider the payments for April 2021.	В
	6.2 Consider the recommendations of the Finance Working Group. Notes of the Finance	С
	Working Group of 19th April 2021 are shown at Appendix C.	n
	6.3 Consider the report and recommendations of the Verification Officer6.4 Consider the revised list of regular Direct Debit payments (6.7 of Financial Regs)	D E
	6.5 Consider seeking specific, insured advice about the VAT implications in connection with	_
	the Community Centre, MUGA, play park and sports pitches.	F
7.	Planning	
	7.1 Note that the Planning Authority has confirmed acceptance of all of the proposed minor changes to the Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan.	G
	7.2 Note that the Steering Group in its current format has completed its mandate and can now	
	be stood down. 7.3 Consider the remit terms of reference for the new Planning Strategy Working Group	Н
	7.4 Agree that the existing 'Neighbourhood Plan' Steering Group be renamed to the 'Strategic Planning' Working Group.	••
	7.5 Agree that the existing Neighbourhood Planning budget be maintained for strategic	
	planning matters – this reserved funding being ear marked for future Planning costs.	
	7.6 Agree to the printing of 50 copies of the revised Neighbourhood Plan with a budget of up to £500. (existing Budget)	
	to 2000. (existing budget)	
8.	Recreation Grounds	
	8.1 Consider a request to extend the football season beyond 31st May 2021. Notes of the	
	Sports Working Group of 21st April 2021 are shown at Appendix I.	Į.
9.	Parks & Open Spaces	
	9.1 Consider the required actions following the report of a damaged stone wall at the	J
	Millennium Gardens 9.2 Consider the required actions following a report of potential land subsidence at Tantree	K
	Way	IX.
10.	Environment	
	10.1 Consider a standardised litter bin for use on Parish Council land	L
	10.2 Bollards on Holcot Road (Councillor Barratt)	
11	Annual Meeting of the Parish	
	11.1 Reconsider a date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish.	M
	PART TWO - FOR INFORMATION	
12.	Finance 12.1 Receive the rolling budget 20/21	N
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	12.3 Receive the Bank Reconciliation Report	P
	12.4 Receive the statement of the Parish Council's Reserves	Q
13.	Community Safety	
	13.1 Note the reported crime data for Brixworth for February 2021	R
	13.2 Note the data downloaded from the Parish Council's Speed Indicator Device. (SID)	S

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14.	Plar	nning

14.1 Receive the planning decisions for March 2021

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14.2 Receive the minutes of the Planning Committee of 8th March 2021

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- 14.3 Receive the minutes of the Planning Committee of 29th March 2021
- 15. Media & Communications
 - 15.1 Receive the minutes of the Media & Communications Committee of 10th March 2021

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- 16. Parish Clerks Report
 - 16.1 Receive the Parish Clerk's Report

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- 17. General Correspondence
 - 17.1 Note the Correspondence listed at Appendix X

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18. Dates of Future Meetings

18.1 To note the dates of the next cycle of meetings.

- Planning 4th May 2021
- Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 20th May 2021
- Planning 24th May 2021
- Media & Communications 26th May 2021
- Council 27th May 2021

PART THREE - CONFIDENTIAL

19. To consider the exclusion of the press and public

19.1 Consider the exclusion of 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 is in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

The Press & Public will be requested to leave the meeting (subject to 19.1)

20. Legal Matters

20.1 Receive any legal updates and consider any actions to be taken.

The Press & Public to be invited back into the meeting

PART FOUR - URGENT MATTERS

21. Urgent matters for report only

Business must be urgent and must be notified to the Chairman before the meeting.

Mr Peter Rowbotham Clerk to the Council 23st April 2021

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Members of the Parish Council

Councillor Stephen James (Chairman) Councillor Sandra Moxon (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Ian Barratt, Councillor Jackie Bird, Councillor Elaine Coe,
Councillor Stuart Coe, Councillor James Collyer, Councillor Lynne Compton,
Councillor Tom Mitchell, Councillor Kevin Parker, and Councillor Frances Maria Peacock.





Brixworth Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th March 2021

Video Conferencing

In Attendance:

Councillor Stephen James, Councillor Ian Barratt, Councillor Jackie Bird, Councillor Elaine Coe

(from 720pm), Councillor Stuart Coe (from 733pm) Councillor James Collyer, Councillor Lynne Compton, Councillor Tom Mitchell (until 835pm) Councillor Sandra Moxon and Councillor Kevin

Parker and Councillor Frances Peacock

Apologies: None

District Councillor Jonathan Harris was unable to attend the meeting.

Absent:

Also Present: Peter Rowbotham (Clerk) and Ciara Wanstall (Assistant Clerk)

District Councillor Harris.

Members of the Public:

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21/5356 Welcome

Councillor James welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting of the Parish Council which was being held in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020. Councillor James reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

21/5357 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

21/5358 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

21/5359 Minutes of Previous Meeting (25th February 2021)

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2021were agreed as a true and accurate record. These would be signed as soon as practical. This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Moxon.

21/5360 Minutes of Previous Meeting (18th March 2021)

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2021were agreed as a true and accurate record. These would be signed as soon as practical. This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Mitchell. Unanimous.

21/5361 Public Open Forum

A member of the public had promoted the rerouted 59/60 bus service which would soon be serving Brixworth and other parishes. It was noted that this had progressed because of a partnership of Parish Council's being led by both Creaton and Spratton.

Dialogue had been continuing with the Coop regarding the new store at the Red Lion site.

The progress on the wildflowers had been welcomed.

21/5362 Finance - Transactions including Payments for Approval - March 2021

The list of financial transactions and payments for March 2021 was approved by the Parish Council. All invoices for payment had been examined, verified and certified by the Parish Clerk in accordance with the Financial Regulation 5.3. This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Compton. Unanimous.

			Net Amount	VAT	Total	Powers
			£	£	£	
	Direct Debit Paymen	ts - Financial Reg 6.7				
01	Peninsula Business Systems	Support Services (1st March)	271.62	54.32	325.94	LGA 1972 s111
02	E.ON	Elec monthly - Ashway Changing Rooms (1st)	117.14	5.86	123.00	PHA 1875 s164
03	Lex Autolease	Lease Van (1st)	239.58	47.91	287.49	LGA 1972 s111
04	TalkTalk Business	Broadband (9th)	50.95	10.19	61.14	LGA 1972 s111
05	EE Limited	Mobile Phone (15th Feb)	19.83	3.96	23.79	LGA 1972 s111
	Retrospective Payme	ents - Financial Reg 5.5. (v	ia BACS)			
			0.00	0.00	0.00	LGA 1972 s111
	Debit Card Payments	s (On line purchase) - Fina	ncial Regs 6	.10 & 6.19		
06	Land Registry	Property Search - tree ownership	6.00	0.00	6.00	LGA 1972 s111
	Payments Processed	this month but agreed las	st month - Fi	nancial Reg	5.2 (via BAC	S)
07	Peter Rowbotham	CILCA Entry Fee	410.00	0.00	410.00	LGA 1972 s111
	Payments for approv	al - Financial Regulation 5	.2 (via BACS	5)		
80	Staff	Net Salaries and Wages (4 week month)	3,982.99	0.00	3,982.99	LGA 1972 s112
09	HMRC	PAYE	990.97	0.00	990.97	LGA 1972 s112
10	LGSS	Pension Scheme	675.63	0.00	675.63	LGA 1972 s112
11	Peter Rowbotham	Employment Related Expenses	46.20	0.00	46.20	LG(FP)A 1963 s5
12	R&G	Grounds Maintenance Contract	1,237.23	247.44	1,484.67	PHA 1875 s164
13	AH Blason & Son	Fuel	30.34	6.07	36.41	LGA 1972 s111

14	Bakers Waste	Trade Waste at St Da- vid's	51.08	10.23	61.31	PHA 1875 s164
15	Tradepoint B&Q	Groundsman's materi- als - Ashway Changing Rm	59.63	11.93	71.56	LG(MP)A 1976 s19
16	Tradepoint B&Q	Groundsman's materials - ROSPA Work	53.49	9.41	62.90	PHA 1936 s164
17	Tradepoint Screwfix	Groundsman's materials - stock	33.34	6.66	40.00	PHA 1875 s164
18	BHA Trees	Site visits, inspections and tree reports	550.00	110.00	660.00	PHA 1875 s164
19	Tollers	Legal Work - Cricket Club	956.00	191.20	1,147.20	LG(MP)A 1976 s19
20	NALC	Training - Staff Emer- gency Planning Training	38.00	0.00	38.00	LGA 1972 s111
21	Brixworth Bulletin	Parish Council Pages	350.00	0.00	350.00	LGA 1972 s142
22	Euromec	200 hour service - Ku- bota mower	265.00	53.00	318.00	LGA 1972 s111
	Cheque Payments					
	Nil		0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Total Expenditure this	month to date	10,435.02	768.18	11,203.20	
	Receipts					
23	Brixworth All Saints FC	Annual Fee for Football Pitch (Discounted)	105.55	0.00	105.55	PHA 1875 s164
24	Brixworth Comm Centre	Cleaning Recharge	1,209.00	0.00	1,209.00	LGA 1972 s133
25	NCC	Grass Cutting Contribution	1,371.23	0.00	1,371.23	LGA 1972 s136
26	Nat West	Interest (February 26th)	1.47	0.00	1.47	LGA 1972 s111
	Total Income this mor	nth	2,687.25	0.00	2,687.25	
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	budget		0.00	3.00	0.00	s111
	Total transferred to re	evenue this month	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Bank Transfer - Revenue to Capital			0.00	0.00	LGA 1972
	Realign Account with budget		0.00	0.00	0.00	s111
	Total transferred to ca		0.00		0.00	

21/5363 Planning - Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council agreed to accept the Daventry District Council recommended changes to the submitted draft Neighbourhood Plan. This would be formally confirmed in writing with DDC as soon as possible. This was proposed by Councillor Barratt and seconded by Councillor James. Unanimous.

21/5364 Planning - Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group

The Parish Council agreed in principle that the remit of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group be revised as its focus changes following the recent Plan review. A new term of reference would be drawn up for

consideration by the Parish Council. This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Mitchell. Unanimous.

21/5365 Highways

The Parish Council agreed to express an early interest in the participation of any 20mph advisory limit scheme – subject to the scheme being rolled out following the outcome of the pilot at West Haddon. This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Mitchell. Unanimous.

21/5366 Recreation Grounds – Extending the Football Season

A request had been received from the Brixworth Juniors to extend the football season beyond 31st May 2021. The Parish Council agreed that a schedule of football activity be requested from Brixworth Juniors Football Club. Additional charges for the extended season was also requested. A further report would be submitted to the next meeting on April 29th 2021. This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Moxon.

21/5367 Recreation Grounds - Ball Stop Fence at St David's

The ball stop fence at St David's Recreation Ground required urgent attention. Three support posts required replacing and the netting was no longer fit for purpose. The Parish Council agreed that this work should be completed as soon as practical and authorised the required expenditure to make the fence safe. The Parish Council maintains recreation grounds in accordance with the Public Health Act 1875 s164. A further quote from a local company would be obtained in addition to one submitted by the Grounds Maintenance Contractor. This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Compton.

21/5368 Recreation Grounds - Fitness Class at St David's

A request had been received to host a fitness class at St David's Recreation Ground. Subject to the Fitness Class operating within the current guidance regarding COVID 19, and the production of public liability insurance, the Parish Council agreed that a fitness class could be held at a cost of £10 per session. This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Bird.

21/5369 Litter Bins

The Parish Council considered its Litter Bin replacement plan for its Recreation Grounds and The Pound. The Parish Council maintains its recreation grounds in accordance with the Public Health Act 1875 s164. There was an existing earmarked budget of £3,000 for bin replacement. This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

21/5370 BT Box Church Street Brixworth

A list of repairs had been identified for BT to attend to. A Land Registry search for the ownership of the land was currently underway and a further report would be submitted in due course. The Parish Council noted the update.

21/5371 Events - British Legion Centenary

This matter was deferred until a firm proposal had been drawn up and presented to the Parish Council by the local branch of the British Legion.

21/5372 Events – VE Day Celebrations

It was agreed to purchase two wall mounted 'Tommy's' for the Community Centre and Library. This is subject to landlord's consent. This expenditure is in accordance with the Local Government Act 1973 s137. This was proposed by Councillor Bird and seconded by Councillor Elaine Coe. Unanimous.

21/5373 Annual Meeting of the Parish

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would not take place this year. This was because of the lack of community activity throughout the COVID period. This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Peacock.

21/5374 Public Transport – Bus Service 59/60

The Parish Council expressed an interest in making a financial contribution towards the rerouted 59/60 bus service. It was hoped that some user statistics would be available by October when the budget process for 22/23

would be underway. This was proposed by Councillor Moxon and seconded by Councillor Compton. Unanimous.

21/5375 Finance -Rolling Budget

The rolling budget for March 2021 was received by the Parish Council. There were no issues or concerns.

21/5376 Finance - Bank Reconciliation Report

The Bank Reconciliation report as of 26th February 2021 was noted by the Council. The Revenue (Current) account indicated a balance of £78,809.38. The Capital (Reserve) account indicated a balance of £187,140.10.

21/5377 Finance - Parish Council's Reserves

The Statement of Reserves was received by the Parish Council. There was £53,557.10 held within Restricted Funds and £142,847.03 within Earmarked Reserves. General Reserves was indicated at £80,297.65 (48% of the precept) The s106 money agreed and held by Daventry District Council for the St David's projects was £171,250. The s106 funding for indoor sport identified for the Community Centre and held by the Daventry District Council was £72.634.

21/5378 Community Safety - Crime Data

The Parish Council noted the crime data for January 2021. There had been 36 reported crimes compared to 35 in 2019 and 24 in 2018.

21/5379 Community Safety – Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The data from the Speed Indicator Device (Holcot Road outbound) was noted by the Parish Council.

21/5380 Planning - Decisions for February 2021

The Parish Council noted the list of planning decisions issued by the Local Planning Authority during February 2021.

21/5381 Planning - Committee Minutes for 15th February 2021

The Parish Council received the minutes of the Planning Committee of 15th February 2021.

20/5382 Media & Communications – Minutes for 10th February 2021

The Parish Council received the minutes of the Media & Communications Committee of 10th February 2021.

21/5383 Parish Clerks Report

The Parish Council received the report of the Parish Clerk.

21/5384 Correspondence

The recent correspondence was noted by the Parish Council.

Number	Subject	From
01	March E Bulletin	ACRE
02	Cyber Security	NALC
03	Voluntary & Community Sector Forum Meeting	Daventry Volunteer Centre

21/5385 Dates of Future Meetings

- Planning 29th March 2021
- Media & Communications 14th April 2021
- Planning 19th April 2021
- Council 29th April 2021

21/5386 Exclusion of 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.

The meeting was in closed session from 9.26pm

21/5387 Suspension of Standing Order 2 (x)

Paragraph 2 (x) of the Standing Orders stated that a meeting should not exceed a period of 2.5 hours. In the circumstances it was agreed to suspend Standing Order 2 (x) to enable the meeting to extend beyond 945pm should this be needed. This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Moxon.

21/5388 Legal Matters

The Parish Council received an update outlining the conclusion of the County Court case.

21/5389 Trees on Verges

It was agreed that the Parish Council carry out a survey to confirm the number of trees on its existing schedule for annual survey and maintenance. Trees would also be highlighted for protection by TPO if considered appropriate. This was proposed by Councillor Barratt and seconded by Councillor James.

The meeting was back in open session from 9:44pm

21/5390 Urgent Matters

None.

The meeting finished at 9:45pm

Signed as a true and accurate record.

Councillor Stephen James Chairman Brixworth Parish Council 29th April 2021 Peter Rowbotham
Parish Clerk
Brixworth Parish Council
21st April 2021

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Brixworth Parish Council - Financial Transactions



	<u>April 2021</u>			VAT	Total	Powers	
			£	£	£		
	Direct Debit Payments - Financial Reg 6.7						
01	Peninsula Business Systems	Support Services (29th March)	271.62	54.32	325.94	LGA 1972 s111	
02	ICO	Annual ICO Fee	35.00	0.00	35.00	LGA 1972 s111	
03	E.ON	Elec monthly - Ashway Changing Rooms (1st)	117.14	5.86	123.00	PHA 1875 s164	
04	Lex Autolease	Lease Van (1st)	239.58	47.91	287.49	LGA 1972 s111	
05	TalkTalk Business	Broadband (7th)	50.95	10.19	61.14	LGA 1972 s111	
06	EE Limited	Mobile Phone (15th)	19.49	3.90	23.39	LGA 1972 s111	
	Retrospective Payments - Fina	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
07	Bakers Waste	Trade Waste at St David's	8.57	1.72	10.29	LGA 1972 s111	
	Debit Card Payments (On line	purchase) - Financial Regs 6.10 & 6.19					
08	Microsoft	365 Licences for laptops	225.60	0.00	225.60	LGA 1972 s111	
09	Land Registry	Property Search - Farro Fields - 3 props	18.00	0.00	18.00	LGA 1972 s137	
10	Land Registry	Property Search - Tantree Way Open Space	3.00	0.00	3.00	PHA1875 s164	
		nth but agreed last month - Financial Regulation	5.2 (via BACS	3)			
11	Royal British Legion	Tommys - Community Centre Frontage	141.78	0.00	141.78	LGA 1972 s137	
		cial Regulation 5.2 (via BACS)					
12	Staff	Net Salaries and Wages (5 week month)	4,178.49	0.00	4,178.49	LGA 1972 s112	
13	HMRC	PAYE	1,226.07	0.00	1,226.07	LGA 1972 s112	
14	LGSS	Pension Scheme	694.77	0.00	694.77	LGA 1972 s112	
15	Peter Rowbotham	Employment Related Expenses	84.15	0.00	84.15	LG(FP)A 1963 s5	
16	R&G	Wildflowers (DDC Grant aided)	950.00	190.00		PHA 1875 s164	
17	R&G	Grounds Maintenance Contract	1,687.11	337.42	2,024.53	PHA 1875 s165	
18	AH Blason & Son	Fuel	47.50	9.50	57.00	LGA 1972 s111	
19	Bakers Waste	Trade Waste at St David's	68.89	13.78	82.67	PHA 1875 s164	
	Tradepoint Screwfix	Groundsmans materials - Ashway Changing Rm	10.31	2.06	12.37	LG(MP)A 1976 s19	
21	NCALC	Annual Subs - inc Audit & Data Protection	1,914.21	0.00	1,914.21	PHA 1936 s164	
22	Parish Council Web Sites	Domain Name renewal - upto June 2023	88.00	17.60	105.60	LGA 1972 s111	
	EON	Street Lighting Maintenance	24.69	4.94	29.63	PCA1957 s3	
	EON	Street Lighting Electricity	149.42	7.47	156.89	PCA1957 s3	
25	CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00	0.00	36.00	LGA 1972 s111	
26	GE Locksmiths	Brocken Lock Ashway Changing Rooms	95.00	0.00	95.00	PHA 1875 s164	
	Cheque Payments						
	Nil		0.00	0.00	0.00		
	Total Expenditure this month	to date	12,385.34	706.67	13,092.01		
	Receipts					ļ.	
27	Nat West	Interest (March 31st)	1.69	0.00	1.69	LGA 1972 s111	
	HMRC	VAT Repayment	10,800.28			LGA 1972 s111	
	Total Income this month		10,801.97	0.00	10,801.97		
	Bank Transfer - Capital to Rev	renue				<u> </u>	
29	Realign Account with budget		0.00	0.00	0.00	LGA 1972 s111	
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All invoices for payment have been examined, verified and certified by the Parish Clerk (Financial Reg 5.3)

Signed		
Parish Clerk		
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Auth Signatory 1		
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Auth Signatory 2		
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Finance Working Group – 19th April 2021

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4.	Community Centre Budget
4.1	It was agreed to present the original Community Centre budget for 20/21 for the new 21/22 financial year. The budget should be balanced but it was appreciated that 21/22 may be another difficult year for income, this being disrupted by the ongoing impacts of COVID.
5	The Annual Governance & Accountability Return
5.1	The information would be submitted to the Internal Auditor before 6th May. The Parish Council had been randomly selected for an in depth audit by PKF Littlejohn. 5% of Parish Councils are subject to this additional audit.
7.	VAT
7.1	There had been an issue processing the VAT returns. As a result of an error (dual submission) and a delay in HMRC processing there had been issues receiving the VAT rebate. A contact had been established at HMRC and it was hoped that the issue would be resolved shortly. A system for monitoring future claims would be introduced.
7.2	It was thought wise to seek specialist VAT advice on the s106 spending and the possible impact on fees and charges on clubs and Community Centre hirers.
8.	Signing of Invoices
8.1	Now that the restrictions are slowly being lifted it was agreed that the invoices and bank reconciliations all be signed off. This would be done on Monday 26th April.
8.	Next Meeting
8.1	Monday 19 th July 2021 at 10am
9	Recommendations to the Parish Council
9.1 9.2 9.3 9.4	The Parish Council notes the report of the Finance Working Group. The Parish Council agrees to update the Capital budget for 2021/2022 VAT monitoring be introduced in the monthly reports to Council. The Parish Council consider seeking specialist advice with regard to VAT implications of the capital projects.



Brixworth Parish Council



Verification Officer Report, Quarter 2 2020-21

Due to the on-going situation the Council has agreed that this be conducted remotely in a covid-safe manner and on a restricted basis with the option of a Zoom or Teams meeting between the Clerk and myself if required.

Nine transactions made between July and September 2020 were selected at random. Documents examined were the monthly Authority for Payments agreed by Full Council, Copies of the Minutes showing the authorisation of payments and copies of orders, invoices and the bank statements provided by our Clerk, against the background of our Financial Regulations, Internal Controls and Banking Arrangements policies and accountancy good practice. I met our Clerk via Teams to discuss matters in more detail.

Specific Findings

1. Regular van payment. This is a regular direct debit payment and this is clearly an efficient and reliable way of making this payment. But it should be included in our Banking Arrangements document to show it has been authorised as such.

Our Banking Policy lists pre-approved regular payments.

Recommendation. That the Council consider adding this to the authorised regular payments in the Banking Arrangement Policy. The Annual Meeting of Parish Council might be a good time to review all these payments to ensure the document is up to date. Further Recommendation. That Council amend Financial Regulation 6.7 to allow payments to the Brixworth Bulletin to be paid this way to avoid retrospective payments. Having to be made.

2. ROSPA Play Safety

I have concerns over this transaction.

The invoice is for £341.40 inc vat. Our Clerk set up a payment for £431.40 which is an overpayment of £90. This error should have been picked up by the process where Councillors whose responsibility it is to check invoice against payment instruction. Which is precisely to prevent this type of error happening. To make even more sure an incorrect payment is not made, we ask for TWO Councillors to each examine the paperwork for errors before authorising payment.

But the incorrect payment on the bank statement has been signed off and authorised by the two appointed Councillors. The payment payment was signed off without comment and the overpayment made. The Clerk/RFO then had to correspond with the payee for payment to be refunded, which they did, which was fortuitous.

Concerns.

It is not only the incorrect payment which causes me most concern. It appears that Financial Risk was not effectively managed as required under regulation 5(4) Accounts and Audit regulations 2003. Why an incorrect payment was signed off by two Councillors remains a matter for speculation.

Risk to the Council

Financial Loss. It was fortunate the supplier refunded the overpayment

Reputational Risk. The Council is at risk of being seem as less than competent to Auditors and members of the public. And not protecting the public purse

Procedure Risk

Personal Financial Risk It could be claimed the not following procedures correctly may result in personal responsibility for financial loss.

Clerks time. It is not a good use of the Clerk/RFO's time to have to correct these errors

Previous Record It is concerning that our Fail-safe procedures have failed again. Previous failures included an account being paid twice in quarter three, 2019-20.

Recommendations

From the evidence supplied, I am at a loss to know how this could happen. The Clerk has signed that he has checked the transaction for accuracy before payment, and two Councillors have signed paperwork to authorise this specific payment. I recommend the Council receive an explanation of events from the Clerk and two signatories to discover how this overpayment occured.

Other Findings.

3. Both our System of Internal Control and requirement 5.7 of our Financial Regulations specifically ask that transactions are **signed** off by two nominated Councillors. I note that only initials are being used in payment authorisation. This is permitted under regulation 6.5 but only for cheque stubs.

Recommendation: That a full signature is used by the Councillors when authorising, in line with the Financial Regulation 5.7 Their role carries a degree of accountability and a full signature will more readily clarify the identity of the approver. I agree with our Clerk's suggestion that if initials continue to be used there should be a written record of who the initials belong to so it is clear who is signing.

4. Equalities Policy This is not a financial matter but I noticed the policy on our web site is out of date. The site says there is the 2018 edition to be reviewed in 2019. The Document List says review is due in 2020. This policy reflects past sensitivities and a displayed out of date version which hasn't apparently been re-approved could lead to embarrassment, at the least, to the Council.

Recommendations That this policy be reviewed and updated at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of Council

I thank Peter for his co-operation with this verification.



Brixworth Parish Council

Verification Officer Report, Quarter 3 2020-21



Due to the on-going situation the Council has agreed that this be conducted remotely in a covid-safe manner and on a restricted basis with the option of a Zoom or Teams meeting between the Clerk and myself if required.

Eight transactions made between October and December 2020 were selected at random. Documents examined were the monthly Authority for Payments agreed by Full Council, Copies of the Minutes showing the authorisation of payments and copies of orders, invoices and the bank statements provided by our Clerk, against the background of our Financial Regulations, Internal Controls and Banking Arrangements policies and accountancy good practice. The Clerk and myself have discussed these matters via a Teams meeting.

Specific Findings

1. October 2020

R&G £3499 and subsequent transactions in the list.. No order for payment was authorised by two Councillors' signatures as required by Fin Regs 6.4, though an official order was raised. In my opinion, any variance from the Fin Regs, perhaps due to Covid, should have been authorised by full council. Nothing appears to have replaced the extra risk minimisation accorded by the required signatures, thus leaving the Council open to increased risk. Payments not in accordance with the Financial Regulations open the possibility of an *ultra vires* (illegal) payment or even personal liability.

Recommendation: That Council consider how best to authorise orders for payments in a Covid environment as required by the Financial Regulations. Such as emailing a scan of the invoice for electronic approval by the two checking Councillors. At present this check is not taking place .Our Clerk will arrange a retrospective signing of previous transactions lacking authorisation signatures when the Covid situation permits.

2. <u>Baker's Waste</u>. We appear to be paying a surcharge for waste being in excess of 70 tonnes per annum. It seems unlikely that we produce over a tonne of rubbish a week.

Recommendation. The Clerk will investigate who is using the bin and consider the use of specifically coloured bags to ensure only authorised bags are collected.

3. On demand printers. This was authorised by a section 137 payment., Free resource payments (it has to be as we do not have the General Power of Competence) should be specifically authorised by resolution by a meeting as the resource is finite. It seems unlikely that Brixworth would reach the limit allowed under Section 137 but the expenditure still needs to be specifically authorised.

Recommendation. That expenditure under LGA section 137 be specifically minutes as using that source of funding.

4. Troops Greengrocers

No written order can be found for this transaction..

Recommendation. That orders be drawn up for all purchases in line with our Financial Regulations.

5 The Minutes including the financial transaction record for December 2020 are still marked "Draft" along with a number of others.

Recommendation. As previously requested, that the Draft watermark is removed from all published documents once full Council have approved them. The legality lies with the signed copy held by the Clerk in the Minute Book, so I consider this to a matter of compliance with process rather than any legal risk,.

6. Geosphere.

This was paid and approved retrospectively.

The Invoice is dated 26th November 2020, payment due by 26th December 2020. It was paid on 3rd December 2020. There was a full meeting of Council on 17th December allowing ample time to pay it following the proper procedure. I can see no reason for it needing to be paid retrospectively

Recommendation That care is taken to hold invoices for for approval by full council as per financial regulations unless a retrospective payment is justified under those regulations. Otherwise, the Council loses its opportunity to debate or question the payment.

7. Mower Shop. An order was raised by the groundsman. The contact email address given was Brixworthparishcouncil@gmail.com. Whilst this gives the impression of being an official and authorised email address, it is not the .gov.uk address we use and it is not clear why this address is being used or who has access to it.

Recommendation. That this ambiguity is removed and any risk minimised by the provision of an email address clearly indicating it is the groundsman's, thus avoiding any misunderstanding as to the authority of any email he might send. And this email address be accessible by the Clerk. An address such as groundsman@brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk or similar might be considered.

Our Clerk has agreed to do this.

8. PC Websites. Paid late. Council approval 17th December, due date 18th December, payment method BAC so payment by due date was tight but possible. Actual payment date on statement is 29th December.

Recommendation To treat such accounts as priority accounts and pay promptly after the approval meeting to avoid the possibility of late payment charges and/or reputational damage. Our Clerk is confident that there would be no likelihood of interest being charged by this supplier for late payment. Whilst this may be fortuitous, in this instance, the account could and should, in my view, have been paid on time.

9 Bank money transfer transaction.

The bank statement shows that our groundsman Marc Sugden, received an unauthorised payment exceeding £3000 on 27th November. It transpired this was sent in error. Fortunately, in this case, it was able to be reversed. There is no suggestion our groundsman would have retained it, but the risk remains that with less luck, another supplier might have done.

Recommendations That care is taken to follow the Financial Regulations and that money is only transferred following the correct procedure. Special care must be taken if a payment is such that specific authorisation is not required at point of payment such as wages as the back up signatures from two Councillors may not necessarily be present.

lan Barratt Verification Officer

Paper E – Report to the Brixworth Parish Council on 29th April 2021



Regular Bank Payments

The Parish council is asked to confirm the following Direct Debits/ Standing Orders

- EON Electricity
- Anglian / Wave Water
- DVLA van road tax
- Information Commissioner Data Protection
- DM Wood Annual legal agreement fee for The Pound (5p)
- EE & T Mobile Mobile telephone
- Talk Talk Broadband & telephone service
- Microsoft Software Licences
- Lex Autolease Van
- Peninsula Business Services
- Land Registry Property Searches
- Clear Utility Solutions

Paper F – Report to the Brixworth Parish Council on 29th April 2021



Specialist VAT Advice

The Parish Council's Finance Working Group has recommended to the Parish Council that specialist VAT advice be sought on capital projects and the subsequent implications on fees and charges. Operating without specialist advice could be costly to the Parish Council. Such advice mitigates the risks.

A quote has been obtained by a NALC supplier who has strong experience and knowledge of Parish Councils. (advice provided to over 150 Parish Councils)

Parkinson Partnership LLP would be happy to provide specific, insured advice about VAT in connection with the community centre, MUGA, play park and sports pitches. A report on the VAT implications of these issues, including an assessment of any options available to maximise VAT recovery would be a **fixed fee of £600**.

This fee includes reasonable aftercare (for example answering any questions as the council considers and implements the advice) through to completion of the projects, but does not include:

- attending any meetings
- any travel
- consultation with stakeholder groups
- representing the council to HMRC
- rescuing the council if they ignore the advice given

Instead of visiting, they are currently conducting consultations using Microsoft Teams and this is included within the fee.

The Parkinson Partnership LLP has been commissioned to advise over 150 parish and town councils on VAT over the last 5 years. We also provide advice to the members of 28 county associations of local councils. They are regulated by AAT in providing tax advice and supervised by them for anti-money laundering purposes. All advice is covered by professional indemnity insurance and they are happy to put us in touch with satisfied customers if required. It would be at least three weeks before they can start work on it – because of existing workload.

This would be in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 s111. The £600 could be vired from the General Reserves for 'Financial Advice'

Recommendation

- 1. The Parish Council appoints a VAT specialist for advice on capital projects
- 2. £600 be vired from General Reserves to meet the costs of the report.



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30 March 2021

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Your Ref:

Dear Mr Rowbotham,

Brixworth Neighbourhood Development Plan Review 2021

Thank you for your letter dated 28 March 2021 which sets out Brixworth Parish Council's response to the District Council's decision on the neighbourhood plan review issued on the 18 March 2021.

I note that the Parish Council has accepted all the recommendations in the Review Decision Statement, including revising the modifications accordingly to ensure that they remain minor in nature as per the suggested wording by the District Council in the Review Decision Statement. These changes are reflected in the submitted final versions of a) the Review Neighbourhood Development Plan; and b) the Tracked Changes Document, both dated March 2021.

The District Council is able to confirm that as a result, all the changes proposed to the "made" Brixworth Neighbourhood Development Plan are regarded as minor and therefore do not materially affect the policies in the plan and do not require examination or referendum. The following documents will be duly published on the Council's website:

- 1. Letter from Brixworth Parish Council dated 28 January 2021
- 2. Review Neighbourhood Development Plan (January 2021)
- 3. Tracked Changes Document (January 2021)
- 4. Daventry District Council Review Decision Statement
- 5. Letter from Brixworth Parish Council dated 28 March 2021
- 6. Review Neighbourhood Development Plan (March 2021)
- 7. Tracked Changes Document (March 2021)
- 8. Letter from Daventry District Council dated 30 March 2021 (this letter)



Yours sincerely

Voure Parry

Jane Parry

Senior Policy Officer (Planning)







Brixworth Parish Council

Strategic Planning Working Group

Terms of Reference

Background

The Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (BNPSG) was set up on April 19, 2013 and updated in August 2016 to prepare a neighbourhood plan for the parish of Brixworth. The steering group worked closely with the officers at Daventry District Council (now West Northamptonshire Council, Daventry Area) so that the Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan and the emerging Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (SCLP) would be as aligned as possible. The Brixworth NP was "Made" in December 2016 but the steering group remained cohesive and monitored the actual alignment of the NP with the SCLP which required agreement between the PC and DDC on a number of minor changes included in the March 2021 Revision of the NP. That now has been accomplished and the revised NP is now published on the (West Northamptonshire Council, Daventry Area) website. Therefore, the steering group has completed its task and the mandate fulfilled.

Looking Ahead

The steering group as part of its operations has commented in the past on a number of strategic assessments published by West Northants Joint Planning Unit as well as the recent White Paper on future planning for the wider area. It seems reasonable for a focus or working group to remain engaged to assess planning future trends against possible impact of development within or around the Brixworth area on the issues that are important to the community. That should include infrastructure, surrounding landscape, transport, design, or whatever else the PC believes becomes important.

1.Purpose

To monitor changes in national and local planning policy and future development proposals and assess their impact in relation to the Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan, on the surrounding landscape, the sustainability and community of Brixworth.

2. Aims and Objectives

- 1. Referring to the core principles of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), West Northants Joint Core Strategy (JCS) and SCLP and to assess future policies on how they may affect the Brixworth NP, the sustainability of the village and the Brixworth community.
- 2. Protecting Brixworth's village character and its natural and historic setting in the surrounding landscape from harmful development.
- 3. Ensuring sustainability of the infrastructure of the village in the interests of all its residents.
- 4. Including and building on the precepts set out in the Brixworth Village Design Statement (2004), the Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan made in 2016 and revised in 2021.
- 5. Protecting the environment of the village and guide its future development so as to safeguard its ecological, social and economic sustainability.

3. Composition

Some, but not more than 5 Parish and District Councillors, in a group envisaged to be a maximum of 15, allowing those interested to participate in part if they so wish. Other members from various areas of the community will be invited to join the Working Group or attend specific meetings or workshops as required.

4. Quorum

A minimum quorum of five.

5. Meeting Frequency

It is intended that this advisory group should meet as and when required, usually when an important possible change that may affect Brixworth or the surrounding area arises. Meetings may be frequent or not, but at least one per year is envisaged.

6. Essential Principles / Outcomes

- 1. Managing development consistent with infrastructure.
- 2. Identifying and protecting green and open spaces, landscape and character identified in the NP.
- 3. Defending and protecting heritage assets and the Conservation Area.

7 Notes

After each meeting a brief report will be made available to the Parish Council through the Planning Committee, which may simply report an observation, recommend a course of action, identify possible financial implications or request a direction from the Parish Council.

This is a closed meeting.

This Working Group is 'advisory' only and has no authority to make decisions or to incur expenditure on behalf of the Parish Council.

Paper I – Report to the Brixworth Parish Council on 29th April 2021



Extending the Football Season

Recreation Grounds - Extending the Football Season

A request had been received from the Brixworth Juniors to extend the football season beyond 31st May 2021. The Parish Council at its last meeting (21/5366) agreed that a schedule of football activity be requested from the Juniors Football Club. An indication of the additional charges for the extended season was also requested.

The report is now attached. This has been considered by the Sport Liaison Working Group and there were no concerns. The report was thought to be helpful.

The additional pro rata fee for the season extension is £119.22.

Recommendation

The Parish Council is asked to consider the request and set any fee for an extended season.

The Parish Council is asked to note the minutes of the Sports Liaison Working Group of 21st April 2021.



Sports Liaison Working Group – 21st April 2021

Video Conferencing

Present

Brixworth Parish Council: Councillor Elaine Coe, Councillor Sandra Moxon and Peter Rowbotham

Brixworth All Saints Football Club: Rob Kelly (from 830pm)

Brixworth Cricket Club - Mike Parsons

Brixworth Juniors Football Club – Simon Compton

Sands United Football Club - Peter Allen

Brixworth Central Sports Club – Martin Jones

Councillor Elaine Coe chaired the meeting

1.	Apologies for Absence					
1.1	Councillor lan Barratt.					
2.	Extending the Football Season					
2.1	A request had been received to extend the football season beyond the end of season date of 31st May. The Parish Council had asked for further information on the proposal including any additional charges – on the basis that the seasons charges had been set on a pro rata basis.					
2.2	A written report had been submitted for consideration which had been helpful. Dates and fixtures had been listed. The objective was to keep young people engaged in sport – having lost game and training time throughout the season.					
2.3	It was agreed that this report be submitted to the Parish Council and that the additional fee be calculated.					
3.	Standing Items for Discussion					
	 Condition of pitches – dip in The Ashway pitch – PR to investigate. Compliance of terms and conditions – no issues as no recent activity 					
	Security – there had bene issues with climbing on Central Sports Roof.					
	 Long term strategy – There was a request for enhanced changing rooms. The concept and drawings would need developing. The suitability of The Ashway for ladies football was questioned. The Parish Councillors offered to visit the Changing Rooms to see the issues. MUGA update – this will be presented on a new framework agreement for procurement after 1st May 2021. 					
	Maintenance Issues – the Ball Stop Fence is in the process of being replaced/ repaired.					
	 Legal Agreements – the Cricket Club lease is progressing and mearing completion. Correspondence to report - none 					
4.	Other Issues to raise					
4.1	None					

6.	Date of Next Meeting
6.1	Wednesday 7 th July 2021 at 8pm







All Saints Football Club, Brixworth Cricket Club, Brixworth Junior Football Club

Spring 2021 Proposal and Request for Permission to Access Brixworth Parish Council Grounds

Briefing Paper to the Sports Working Group.

Easter 2021

Background

This document has been prepared for the Brixworth Sports Working Group to consider as a response to the Brixworth Parish Council on Thursday March 25 requiring more information in order to agree whether the Brixworth Juniors Footballers could extend their season until week ending Sunday June 20th. Following conversations with both football clubs and the cricket club, a joint plan has been drafted. Please refer to Appendix 1 for proposed fixtures during May to June 2021.

We would like permission please to continue to play football into June 2021 as the children have only played this season on the following occasions Sept 18th to Oct 25th, Dec 5th to Dec 19th and then we have had lockdown till April 10th when we have restarted.

The Parish Clerk has proposed that we pay £119.22 for the use of the pitches in June although this differs from the Juniors lower calculation based on the invoice received on the 16t Feb, although of course we will pay what has been suggested by the clerk because tonight is about getting children to play football in June as they have missed so much throughout the season. Given the lack of pitch use throughout 2020-21 playing during June really has no impact on ground recovery and R&G Maintenance. The football acknowledges the council has a duty of care to the ground's and other user's but we hope that they will see the benefits of allowing children to continue playing football into June given the extenuating circumstances in these unusual covid times.

The issue

During the pandemic in early 2021, all grass roots sport has been paused over the last few months and the government has now allowed junior sports to recommence from March 29. The various football junior Northamptonshire County Leagues have voted to extend the remainder of this truncated season until June in order to restart junior sports with as much of a competition as possible. In order for the Brixworth junior sides to compete that will need access to playing surfaces and Brixworth Juniors Football Club (BJFC) have requested to do be able to use both The Ashway and St David's. This paper concentrates on the impact on St David's, although the use of The Ashway is also identified. All three clubs are united in the aim of maximising participation in sport regardless of age and playing level.

The Parish Council Concern

Generally, the Brixworth Cricket Club (BCC) has an agreement with the Brixworth Parish Council that the cricket 3rd and 4th teams play on Saturdays from about 23rd April until approximately September 20th each year. These are not hard and fast dates, and usually there is accommodation between the two sports bodies and the clubs to play away games preferentially where there may be a clash in requiring the use of the St David's area. This year is not as simple and some movement of start and end times in order to see if both sports could play as they would need. The Council wanted more detail and required the Sports working group to come up with a demonstrable plan of co-operation.

Discussion between the cricket and junior football clubs

Northamptonshire Cricket league rules require clubs to start their matches at noon. At St David's a minimum of 45 minutes is required in order to set out the boundary markers, remove the ropes around the cut square, set out score board and so on. The junior football club wants to play on Saturday mornings under 12s on the pitch marked out near Windmill glade. None of this area is in the field of play that a cricket club would use and in any event the football club use would exit St David's by noon latest. There are also two consecutive under 9s games predicted, which are played on marked out areas with temporary goals on an area adjacent to St David's Close. This area is in the cricket field of play and clearly both cannot be carried out at the same time.

The solution agreed between the two clubs and is now placed in front of the Sports working group, is that the under 9 games commence at 9 am and will end at 11.15 am latest. Allowing for clearing away a further 15 minutes is envisaged depending on volunteers support, however clearly the football clearing up and the cricket setting out to some degree can be accomplished at the same time.

As a safeguard, the cricket club will undertake to attempt to put the start of the cricket match back until 12.30 but that requires co-operation from the visiting team. There will be teams that agree and some may not. But in any event, if both clubs adhere to the proposed methodology, both clubs could play as indicated.

Car Parking at St David's

One councillor commented that the neighbours in St David's Close were unhappy at cars parked there when junior games were in place. Particular problems have occurred where access has occasionally been blocked for residents to leave or enter their driveways.

The football club will once again instruct and appeal to parents coming to watch the game to park sensibly in the car park or on Froxhill Crescent opposite the Primary School.

Clearly this could be an issue for the cricket club when players are arriving on Saturday if the junior football parents cars are still in the car park. Again, the junior football club will request them to leave as soon as possible after the game to create parking spaces for arriving cricket players. The cricket club will seek a 12.30 start, or failing that to request that the visitors arrive no earlier than say 11.30. This would not be unusual, as for the last 6 years the football and cricket clubs have established a process where they could work together for a resolution of clashes.

What position is the senior football club in at St David's?

The All Saints Football Club (ASFC) senior football club has no fixtures scheduled for June and will not require an extension into June. Following discussions between the cricket club and the senior football club, the football home fixtures have been arranged in April at home i.e. at St David's as cricket this year will not commence until May 1. The football club have 3 games in May, the first two have now been scheduled as away games, the final game envisaged is on May 15 and will be played at The Ashway (by exception) with a 2.30pm kick off as per Combination League rules. For senior football, there appears to be no clash with any sport at St David's.

Date	Versus	Where
3 April	Stanwick	St David's
10 April	Wilby Rising	St David's
17 April	Eagles	St David's
24 April	Corby Ravens	St David's
1 May	Wilby Rising	Away
8 May	Stanwick	Away
15 May	Corby S&L	The Ashway

Please note that should the team be successful, there could be further games on 22 and 29 May which would be played at The Ashway. Season ends 31 May.

Leaving the goalposts up until June 20 latest

Generally the under 16s and under 18s use the St David's pitch on Sunday afternoons and they expect confirmation soon of fixtures up to June 20. At the PC meeting a question was asked on the whether leaving the goalposts in place until the season ends would interfere with cricket. It is not ideal for 2 reasons, one is that the goal area must not be within the cricket boundary, the other is the ability to reseed the goal mouth after organised and casual use during the football season. The cricket club feels that for the start of 2021 we could organise the boundary position by using the centre of the wickets area and then work outwards as wear occurs. Regarding the reseeding, both clubs suggest that there is still growth time available from June 20 onwards.

Setting out fixtures for junior teams

The Brixworth Parish Council had requested a full fixture list into June, but this is not available at present, with information being made available only slowly. What is known is shown in Appendix 1 and the proposed fixtures are based on logical match formats that the league will use. Both cricket and football set up their fixtures once the teams have been entered into the leagues. This is normal as age groups often have good years or lean years of teams entered. Brixworth Juniors Football is therefore not alone in being supplied with their fixtures within a few weeks of playing the games. To give their juniors the best chance of playing they do need an allocation of playing surfaces so that leagues can

allocate their fixtures. Both cricket and football have furnished the Sports group what they know and this can be updated as and when information is available.

Coaching use by the junior football coaches, existing and requested extensions.

Coaching is normally carried at St David's and at The Ashway. Games are played at both grounds. The junior football club formally requests that they are able to extend their coaching until the end of the season. There are no potential clashes with any other sports or user. The Junior Football Club will of course understand if any additional payment is required by the Parish Council may request.

Junior Football training sessions

Day	Time	Where
Tuesday	6 to 8.30 pm	both grounds
Wednesday	6 to 9 pm 6 to 9 pm	The Ashway St David's
Thursday	6.30 to 8.30 pm 7 to 8.30 pm	The Ashway St David's (sometimes)

Conclusion

Brixworth Juniors Football with the full knowledge and agreement of Brixworth Cricket Club (ie 3rd and 4th teams) request agreement of the Sports working group that the football season is extended for this year alone until June 19 and if agreed that conclusion be presented to the Brixworth Parish Council on April 29th

Simon Compton, Secretary BASCF & BJFC Russell Parsons, Secretary CC

APPENDIX 1

Proposed consolidated HOME fixture list May to June 2021 for Brixworth Cricket Club and Brixworth Juniors Football Club at St David's and The Ashway.

- Note 1. Full fixture knowledge is not yet complete for May & June (as at EASTER 2021).
- Note 2. All U15 Brixworth Junior football matches are mainly played away from home as there is insufficient pitch space to use.
- Note 3. In the following examples during May and June, all U7 and U9 games will be completed, off the pitch by 11.15 and packed away by 11.30.
- Note 4. Similarly, all U11 games will completed and packed away by noon latest. As all games will be on the pitch nearest Windmill Glade, this will not interfere with cricket.

Saturday May 1

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U7	Crick Athletic	9 am	near St David's play area
BJFC U9	Billing United	9 am	near St David's Close
BJFC U9	Parklands	10 am	near St David's Close
BJFC U10	Blisworth	10 am	The Ashway
BJFC U10	Spratton	10 am	The Ashway
BJFC U11	Blisworth	10 am	near Windmill Glade
BJFC U11	Parklands	10 am	near Windmill Glade
BJFC U13 girls	Crick Athletic	10.30 am	The Ashway
BCC 3rd	Grange Park 1st	noon	whole ground St David's

Sunday May 2

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U12	GLK United	am	near Windmill Glade
BJFC U14	Roade	pm	The Ashway

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U16	Roade	pm	St David's full size
BJFC U18	Flore Park Rovers	pm	The Ashway

Saturday May 8

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U8	Weedon	am	The Ashway
BJFC U10	GLK United	am	The Ashway
BJFC U10	Moulton	am	The Ashway
BJFC U11	Gregory Celtic	9 am	near Windmill Glade
BJFC U11	Kettering	10 am	near Windmill Glade
BJFC U13 girls	Kingsthorpe	10.30 am	The Ashway
BCC 4th	Braunston 2nd	noon	whole ground St David's

Sunday May 9

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U12	Pitsford	am	near Windmill Glade
BJFC U13	Grange Park	am	The Ashway
BJFC U16	Earls Barton	pm	St David's full size
BJFC U18	GLK United	pm	The Ashway

Saturday May 15

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC all ages	not yet known	t/c	t/c
BJFC U13 girls	AFC R&D	10.30 am	The Ashway
BCC 3rd	Burton Latimer	noon	whole ground St David's

Sunday May 16

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U13	to confirm	am	The Ashway
BJFC U14	to confirm	am	The Ashway
BJFC U16	to confirm	pm	St David's full size
BJFC U18	to confirm	pm	The Ashway

Saturday May 22

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U7	to confirm	am	near St David's play area
BJFC U9	to confirm	am	near St David's Close
BJFC U9	to confirm	am	near St David's Close
BJFC U11	to confirm	t/c	Near Windmill Glade
BCC 4th	Haddon 3rd	noon	whole ground St David's

Sunday May 23

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U12	to confirm	am	near Windmill Glade
BJFC U13	to confirm	am	The Ashway
BJFC U14	to confirm	pm	The Ashway
BJFC U16	to confirm	pm	St David's full size
BJFC U18	to confirm	pm	The Ashway

Saturday May 29

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U8	to confirm	am	The Ashway
BJFC U11	to confirm	am	near Windmill Glade
BCC 3rd	Wellingborough Town 3rd	noon	whole ground St David's

Sunday May 30

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U12	to confirm	am	near Windmill Glade
BJFC U13	to confirm	am	The Ashway
BJFC U14	to confirm	pm	The Ashway
BJFC U16	to confirm	pm	St David's full size
BJFC U18	to confirm	pm	The Ashway

Saturday June 5

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U9	to confirm	am	near St David's Close
BJFC U9	to confirm	am	near St David's Close
BJFC U11	to confirm	am	near Windmill Glade
BCC 3rd	Oundle Town 3rd	noon	whole ground St David's

Sunday June 6

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U12	to confirm	am	near Windmill Glade
BJFC U13	to confirm	am	The Ashway
BJFC U14	to confirm	pm	The Ashway
BJFC U16	to confirm	pm	St David's full size
BJFC U18	to confirm	pm	The Ashway

Saturday June 12

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U7	to confirm	am	near St David's play area
BJFC U8	to confirm	am	The Ashway
BJFC U11	to confirm	am	near Windmill Glade
BCC 4th	Horton House	noon	whole ground St David's

Sunday June 13

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U12	to confirm	am	near Windmill Glade
BJFC U13	to confirm	am	The Ashway
BJFC U14	to confirm	pm	The Ashway
BJFC U16	to confirm	pm	St David's full size
BJFC U18	to confirm	pm	The Ashway

Saturday June 19

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U7	to confirm	am	near St David's play area
BJFC U9	to confirm	am	near St David's Close
BJFC U11	to confirm	am	near Windmill Glade
BCC 3rd	Cogenhoe 2nd	noon	whole ground St David's

Sunday June 20

Brixworth team	Against	Start	Where
BJFC U12	to confirm	am	near Windmill Glade
BJFC U13	to confirm	am	The Ashway
BJFC U14	to confirm	pm	The Ashway
BJFC U16	to confirm	pm	St David's full size
BJFC U18	to confirm	pm	The Ashway

From June 26, all football games would have ceased. This table only shows the team cricket club fixtures at St David's.

Date	Brixworth team	Against
June 26	4th	Thrapston 4th
July 3	3rd	Obelisk 2nd
July 10	4th	Weldon 3rd
July 17	4th	S&L Corby 3rd
July 24	3rd	Harlestone 2nd
July 31	4th	Stony Stratford 5th
August 7	3rd	St Michaels
August 14	4th	Pytchley 1st
August 21	4th	Dunchurch & Bilton 2nd
August 28	3rd	Rushden & Higham
September 4	3rd or 4th	cup competition
September 11	3rd or 4th	cup competition
September 18	3rd	cup competition

Paper J – Report to the Brixworth Parish Council on 29th April 2021



Millennium Gardens – Boundary Wall

The Parish Council lease the Millennium Gardens from the Peterborough Diocesan Board. This is a 21 year lease originally signed in 2005.

Within the lease the tenants (BPC) responsibility is to maintain the northern and western boundaries in a good and sound condition.

Councillor Barratt has reported that the wall requires attention. Having visited the site the wall appears to be bulging – possibly from the weight of the soil.

At this stage there looks a low risk of the wall collapsing – although early actions are advisable to rectify the issues.

The Council maintains open spaces in accordance with the Public Health Act 1875 s164.

Possible actions -

The length of the wall is complexly overgrown with ivy. The Grounds Maintenance contractor could be asked to remove all of the lvy to allow ease of access to the wall.

A surveyor should be employed to survey the wall and advise the Parish Council of a course of action and an estimate of reconstruction costs.

The cost of the work (which could be expensive) could be met from General Reserves. The only revenue budget for the Millennium Gardens is for its routine maintenance. The insurance company would be contacted to check whether this matter is covered or not.

Recommendations

- 1. The Parish Council is asked to consider its chosen course of action in response to the report of damaged wall at the Millennium Gardens.
- 2. The Insurance Company be contacted re a possible claim
- 3. Any costs for reports and repairs be met from General Reserves.

^{**}Photo below



Paper K – Report to the Brixworth Parish Council on 29th April 2021



Tantree Way - Open Space

A resident on Tantree Way has reported suspected subsidence on the open space linking Tantree Way with Holcot Road.

The open space is owned by the Brixworth Parish Council. There are two parcels of land on the north side of Holcot Road, Brixworth with the freehold both being held by BPC. The footpath is owned and maintained by the West Northants Council.

From a site visit there are some signs of the land 'sinking' (it slopes towards the house) – however any alleged subsidence would need to be validated by a qualified surveyor. A survey would identify whether that is the case. It is carried out by a chartered surveyor, who will identify if subsidence is present and what the most probable cause is.

The Council maintains open spaces in accordance with the Public Health Act 1875 s164.

The cost of the survey work could be met from General Reserves. Specialist services do not require the need for competitive quotes. (Financial Regs) There is no revenue budget for Open Spaces. Should subsidence be confirmed then the insurance company would be contacted to check whether or not this matter is covered.

Recommendations

- 1. The Parish Council is asked to consider its chosen course of action in response to the report of subsidence.
- 2. Any survey costs for a Surveyor report be met from General Reserves.

Photos below



Paper L – Report to the Brixworth Parish Council on 29th April 2021



Litter Bins – Standardisation

The Parish Council maintains and empties the litter bins at its Recreation Grounds and Pocket Park. It owns 14 litter bins.

The litter bins vary in design and functionality and are in need of a planned replacement plan. The current supplier for Daventry district is Glasdon – who are also dominant throughout the public sector.

The quote for a Glasdon Futuro replacement bin is £356.05 plus fittings. It is suggested that the Parish Council litter bins are dark blue complete with the Parish Council logo.

The Conservation Officer suggests that the replacement bin at The Pound be black & gold as its more in keeping with the Conservation Area. (all of the bins are in recreation grounds)

The Parish Council has £3,000 within its reserved budget for replacement litter bins.

The Parish Council has the power to provide and maintain litter bins in accordance with the Litter Act 1983 ss5-6.

The Parish Council is asked to consider the proposal to standardise on Glasdon Litter Bins and commence a replacement programme.

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Paper M – Report to the Brixworth Parish Council on 29th April 2021



Annual Meeting of the Parish

The annual parish meeting is,in legal terms, a separate body from the council, but it is invariably the council which arranges it. At the last meeting the Parish Council agreed not to hold such a meeting this year due to the implications and impact of COVID on community activities. (Minute 21/5373)

The annual parish meeting must be held each year between March 1 and June 1 and this is a legal requirement. Although last years was cancelled because of the COVID issues there remains a need to organise one for this year.

Some councils have this meeting on the same night as another meeting. Whilst not best practice, so long as there is a clear distinction between the two, and each meeting is formally opened and closed so that everyone present knows which meeting is taking place at any given time, then this is acceptable.

In the circumstances it is recommend that minute 21/5373 be rescinded and a date be organised for the Annual Parish Meeting. This meeting could precede another meeting if Councillors wish and this must take place before 1st June 2021.

2020-2021 BUDGET	2020 2021 Budget £	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Accrual	TotalSpent	% spent	Under/Over Spend
1.00 Staff Coots 1.01 Clerk's Salary																	1
2:00 Subscriptions and Fees 2:01 NALC Subscription 2:02 CPRE Subscription 2:03 ACRE Subscription 2:03 ACRE Subscription 2:04 SLCC Subscription 2:05 ROSPA 2:06 Living Wage 2:07 SAGE Payroll Support 2:08 SAGE Payroll Support 2:09 Partish on-line mapping 2:10 Web sits and hoseling 2:11 Ciphance Survey 2:12 IT Support 2:13 Microsoft leenee	1 510 50 150 250 250 100 250 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 1	156.00 122.80 279	60.00 195.00		36.00 284.50 480.01 180.00	385.00 91.66 477				90.00 113.90 204	35.00 234.00 269	60.00 19.47 79			1553.59 36.00 35.00 0.00 518.50 60.00 195.00 865.01 90.00 449.90 0.00 151.66 142.27 4,097	102.89% 0.00% 23.33% 0.00% 207.40% 60.00% 157.27% 90.00% 157.27% 90.00% 30.33% 94.85% 84.85%	44 (14) (115) (250) 269 (40) (55) 315 (10) (550) - (348) (8) (763)
3.00 Expense & Allowances 3.01 Clerk's and Assistance allowances 3.02 Community A lower and Assistance allowances 3.03 Clerk's Tesphone 3.04 Clumant's Tesphone 3.05 Parish Council for Expenses 3.05 Parish Council for Expenses	2 750 200 240 200 200 3,590	17.33 18.86	17.33 18.73	38.93 19.82	60.53 18.73 79	28.43 18.73	18.73	47.60 18.73	47.60 35.00 18.73	47.60 18.73	36.80 18.73	68.75 20.43	46.20 19.83		539.23 35.00 228.78 0.00 0.00	19.61% 17.50% 95.33% 0.00% 0.00% 22.37%	(2 211) (165) (11) (200) (200) (2 787)
4.00 Administration 4.01 Audit Costs - Internal 4.02 Print Annua Report/Partish Newsietter 4.03 Print Annua Report/Partish Newsietter 4.04 Insurance - Partish 4.05 - Verticities 4.06 Stationery & Produce 4.07 Office Equipmert/Wedside 4.09 Iraning Budget 4.09 Legal Expenses (Assets) 4.10 Hall Irie 4.11 Telechone posis - Information point 4.12 General Data Protection Requisitions (GDPR) 4.13 LGR Costs 4.10 Projects & Grants 5.00 Projects & Grants	500 700 1 600 1 500 7 50 3 50 1 900 1 500 3 00 1 500 2 50 2 50 4 60 1 500 3 1 5	1360.41 68.32 50.95 35.00 1,515	345.00 1.52 50.95 10.00 407	25.25 38.00 50.95	19.77 20.00 50.95	2.28 84.80 50.95	700.00 44.70 98.99 50.95	400.00 67.28 84.80 50.95	2.28 12.06 25.00 50.95	350.00 765.99 24.84 50.95	0.76 142.50 84.80 50.95	4,25 881,76 445,00 50,95	38.00 956.00 50.95		345.00 400.00 1400.00 1360.41 765.99 261.25 913.82 787.49 1210.40 0.00 611.40 45.00 8.101	69.00% 57.14% 67.50% 90.69% 102.13% 74.64% 48.10% 52.50% 40.35% 0.00% #DIV/0! 57.66%	(155) (300) (200) (140) 16 (89) (986) (713) (1790) (1500) 111 (205)
July Projects a crams 5.01 Community Grants 5.01 Community Grants 5.03 Community Centre 5.05 Community Centre 5.06 Events 5.06 Events 5.06 Events	5 000 2 500 2 500 750 4 000 2 500 17,250		5000.00 2500.00 2500.00 750.00 4000.00 2500.00 17,250												2500.00 2500.00 2500.00 10,000	100.00% 100.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 100.00% 57.97%	(2,500) (750) (4 000) - (7 250)
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7:00 Ear Marked Reserves 7:01 Election Codes 7:02 Street Lichting 7:03 Mover Reciscement 7:04 IVan Replacement 7:05 Small Mover Replacement 7:05 Cit. Confribution 7:07 Street Mover Replacement 7:08 St Dandis Car Park 7:09 Asharas Car Park 7:10 Buildings/Bus shelters 7:11 List bits Innoved from Highways and Environment) 7:12 Pay Egighment 1.15 Pay Egighment	400 1 500 3 500 400 - - 1 500 1 500 1 500 1 500 1 500 1 500 1 500 1 500 1 500	400.00 1500.00 3500.00 400.00 1500.00 1500.00 1500.00 3000.00 15,300													400.00 1500.00 3500.00 400.00 0.00 0.00 1500.00 1500.00 2000.00 3000.00	100.00% 100.00% 100.00% 100.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 100.00% 100.00% 100.00%	
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9.00 Environment 9.01 Trees - Survey 9.02 Trees - Survey 9.02 Trees - Survey 9.03 - Ashway 9.04 - Pocket Park 9.05 Hodge/Fendra New/Repar - St Davids 9.05 - Ashway 9.05 - Ashway 9.05 Lorary Shnub Bed 9.09 Flower boxes / Wild Flowers Sub Total	1 000 1,500 1 500 1 500 1 500 1 000 1 000 200 200 200 1 500 9,700					448.00	347.52		60.00 750.00 810		15.00	52.79 53	550.00 150.00 170.00 407.35 140.00 15.00		550.00 150.00 0.00 517.52 855.35 140.00 142.79 750.00 3,106	55.00% 10.00% 0.00% 0.00% 51.75% 85.54% 28.00% 71.40% 50.00%	(450) (1,350) (1,500) (1,500) (482) (145) (360) (57) (750) (6,594)
10.00 Maintenance 10.01 Village Enhancement Maintenance 10.02 Sundry purchases 10.02 Sundry purchases 10.03 Tymas Iorbing 10.04 Ground Maintenance - Ashway 10.05 Sundry Sundry - Strong Control 10.06 Sundry - Su	1 000 1 000 1 000 1 000 6 500 8 000 1 500 1 000 2 500 1 250 1 100 1 100 1 100 1 100 1 100 2 6,850	16.67 66.41 265.00 78.29	495.00 428.92 867.70 232.25 76.25	277.37 162.86 310.66 90.00 123.13 222.60	31.66 141.83 123.00 440.60 479.15 87.18	0.05 96.39 193.00 239.56 118.42	562.11 175.00 140.00 57.76 239.58 50.17	702.00 770.00 0.00 74.16 239.58 69.17 100.20	40.38 46.32 102.85 0.00 0.00 0.00 239.58 77.50 316.00	43.85 239.58 0.00 42.00	84.53 215.00 340.00 239.58 45.83	29.95 16.67 310.00 239.58 50.00	53.49 33.34 66.41 0.00 265.00 239.58 30.34 222.06		715.82 824.53 102.85 2942.63 3603.18 140.00 0.00 1468.62 2395.77 806.28 100.20 962.66 0.00	71.58% 82.45% 10.29% 45.27% 45.04% 9.33% #01/000% 146.86% 95.83% 64.50% 10.02% 87.51% 0.00%	(284) (175) (897) (3 557) (4 397) (1 350) (1 350) (1 444) (444) (490) (100) (137) (1 000) (12 787)
11.00 Recreation 11.01 Vandalism 11.02 Grass Cuttins - St Davids 11.03 - Ashway 11.04 Plant Here & Other equipment / Trade waste 11.05 Changing Rooms Running Costs 11.06 sub Total	500 5 000 5 000 750 2 500 - 13,750	215.92 164.50 110.48 491	215.92 164.50 158.97	282.33 230.91 288.25	215.81 164.50 54.09 117.14	393.00 227.00 56.39 117.14		169.00 178.00 67.99 237.14	821.60 224.00 178.00 52.16 117.14	57.00 49.00 117.14 223	51.71 117.14 169	42.87 155.73	51.08 176.77 228		821.60 2086.98 1534.41 423.77 2131.31 0.00 6 998	164.32% 41.74% 30.69% 56.50% 85.25% #DIV/0! 50.90%	322 (2 913) (3 466) (326) (369) - (6 752)
12.00 Aspirations															0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.0	0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00%	-
13.00 Virements 13.01 Peninsus 13.02 13.03 13.04 13.05 13.05 13.06 13.07 13.09 13.10 Total Expenditure	155,803	24,152	27,639	7,626	271.62	271.62 272 7,339	272	271.62 272 10,196				271.62 272 8,454	271.62 272 8,724		2444.58 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0	0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00%	2 445
14.00 Precept Indome		83224.50 21.24 13240.88 36,487	19.35	120.00	138	90.00	121	250.00 57.22 9900.00	31.69	125	130	1.26 380.00 419.45	1.47 105.55 1209.00 1371.23		166449.00 76.84 380.00 0.00 105.55 419.45 0.00 1209.00 1371.23 13240.88 9900.00 193,152	100.00% 38.42% 40.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 98.64%	(0) (123) (570) (210) (844) (1 131) - (2 2791) (250) (10 000) - 13 241 (2 657)



2021-2022 BUDGET	2021 -2022 Budget £	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Accrual	TotalSpent	% spent	Under/Over Spend
1.00 Staff Costs	20 340	3 16													322.75	7 (20)	(2,020)
Sub Total	90,090	6,099				-									6,099	6.77%	(83,991)
2.00 Subscriptions and Fees 2.01 NALC Subscription 2.02 NALC Planning Helpline 2.03 CPRE Subscription 2.04 ACRE Subscription	1,510 600 60 180	1554 21 36 00										\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\			1554.21 0.00 36.00 0.00	102 93% 0.00% 60 00% 0.00%	44 (600) (24) (180)
2 05 SLCC Subscription 2 06 ROSPA 2 07 Living Wage 2 08 SAGE Payroll Support 2 09 SAGE Instant Accounts Support	275 275 100 250				3						2	2	2 3		0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% #DIV/0!	(275) (275) (100) (250)
2.10 Scribe (New finance package) 2.11 Parish on-line mapping 2.12 Web site, hosting and emails 2.13 Peninsular (HR Consultants) 2.14 IT Support 2.15 Microsoft license Sub Total	385 100 500 3,300 500 300 8,335	88 00 271 62 45 00 225 60 2,220							2-0	7					0.00 0.00 88.00 271.62 45.00 225.60 2,220	0.00% 0.00% 17 60% 8.23% 9.00% 75 20% 26 64%	(385) (100) (412) (3,028) (455) (74) (6,115)
3.00 Expenses & Allowances 3.01 Clerk's and Assistance allowances 3.02 Community Allowance 3.03 Clerk's Telephone 3.04 Chairman's Telephone	2,750 200 480 200	84.15	-	-	-	(49)	-	•							84.15 0.00 19.49 0.00	3.06% 0.00% 4.06% 0.00%	(2,666) (200) (461)
3 05 Parish Councillors Expenses Sub Total 4.00 Administration 4 01 Audit Costs - Internal	3,830 600	104 350 00	- 3	- 1	- 1		ss + y 1	5 - 0	+/			\$ - 3)	-		0.00 104 350.00	0.00% 2.71% 58 33%	(200) (200) (3,726) (250)
4 02 - External 4 03 Print Annual Report/Parish Newsletter 4 04 Insurance - Parish 4 05 - Vehicles 4 06 Stationery & Postage 4 07 Office Equipment	800 1,600 1 500 950 350 1,000			1						7					0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00%	(800) (1,600) (1 500) (950) (350) (1,000)
4 08 Training Budget 4 09 Legal Expenses (Assets) 4.10 Hall Hire 4.11 Telephone costs - Information point 4.12 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 4.13 LGR Costs	1 500 3,000 1,500 650	50 95	1							y					0.00 0.00 0.00 50.95 0.00	0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 7 84% 0 00% #DIV/0!	(1 500) (3,000) (1,500) (599) (100)
4.14 Sub Total 5.00 Projects & Grants 5.01 Community Grants 5.02 Projects	5,000 2,500	401	- 0	5			*	-	77/1	(F	, e	· ·	-	V.F.	0.00 401 0.00 0.00	#DIV/0! 2.96% 0 00% 0 00%	(13,149) (5,000) (2,500)
5 03 Neighbourhood Plan 5 04 Calendar 5 05 Community Centre 5 06 Events 5 07 Brixworth Kitchen Sub Total	2,500 750 4 000 2,500 1,000	-	- 9	-	•	19 7 5		7.0	***	-		•	-		0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00%	(2,500) (750) (4 000) (2,500) (1,000) (18,250)
6.00 Legal Costs 6 01 Barrister Fees 6 02 Solicitor Fees 6 03 Solicitor Disbursements' 6 04 Court Costs	-			-											0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00%	- - -
6 05 Travel Expenses Sub Total 7.00 Ear Marked Reserves 7 01 Election Costs 7 02 Street Lighting	400	2	- 1	-	140	S <u>-</u> €	927	520	6 - 70	%	9	2	2	(2) () () () () () () () () () () () () () (0.00 - 0.00 0.00	0.00% 0.00% 0.00%	(400) (1,500)
7 03 Mower Replacement 7 04 Van Replacement 7 05 Small Mower Replacement 7 06 C L Contribution 7 07 Strimmer replacement 7 08 St Davids Car Park	3,500 400 - - 1 500		3	3									2 3		0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00%	(3,500) (400) (1 500)
7 09 Ashway Car Park 7.10 Buildings/Bus shelters 7.11 Litter bins (moved from Highways & Environment) 7.12 Play Equipment 7.13 County Court Case Sub Total	1,500 2,000 1,500 3,000		-	-		Can						1			0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% #DIV/0!	(1,500) (2,000) (1,500) (3,000) - (15,300)
8.00 Highways & Environment 8.01 Street Lighting 8.03 Signs 8.08 Footpaths/Highways	1,000 500 2,000	174.11	X	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	3										174.11 0.00 0.00	17.41% 0.00% 0.00%	(826) (500) (2,000)

2021-2022 BUDGET

Sub Total

2021 -2022 Budget £ 3,500

9.00	Environment	
9 01	Trees - Survey	500
9 02	Trees - General	500
9 03	- Ashway	500
9 04	- Pocket Park	500
9 05	Hedge/Fencing New/Repair - St Davids	350
9 06	- Ashway	820
9 07	- Spratton Road	300
9 08	Library Shrub Bed	200
9 09	Flower boxes / Wild Flowers	1,000

April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Accrual	TotalSpent	% spent	Under/Over Spend
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													0.00	0.00%	(500)
													0.00	0.00%	(500)
													0.00	0.00%	(500)
													0.00	0.00%	(350)
													0.00	0.00%	(820)
													0.00	0.00%	(300)
15 00													15.00	7.50%	(185)
													0.00	0.00%	(185) (1,000)

2021-2022 BUDGET	2021 -2022 Budget £	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Accrual	TotalSpent	% spent	Under/Over Spend
10.00 Maintenance																	
10 01 Village Enhancement /Maintenance	1,000	162.78													162.78	16 28%	(837)
10 02 Sundry purchases 10 03 Xmas lighting	1,000														0.00	0.00%	(1,000)
10 04 Ground Maintenance - Ashway	3,200	567.11													567.11	17.72%	(2,633)
10 05 - St Davids	5,000	760 00													760.00	15 20%	(4,240)
10 06 - Spratton Rd. 10 07 Plant Maintenance & Replacement	-														0.00	#DIV/0! #DIV/0!	-
10 08 Tennis Court Maintenance	-														0.00	#DIV/0!	-
10 09 Mower, Van Running Costs	1,000	000.50													0.00	0.00%	(1,000)
10.10 Van leases cost 10.11 Fuel - Van and Mowers	2 500 1,250	239 58 47 50													239.58 47.50	9.58% 3.80%	(2 260)
10.12 Safety Surfaces Maint/Renewal	1,000	47 00													0.00	0.00%	(1,000)
10.13 Millennium Garden Maintenance	1,100														0.00	0.00%	(1,100)
10.14 Community Centre Maintenance 10.15 Difibulators	2,000 300														0.00	0.00%	(2,000)
10.16 Pocket park maintenance	1,000														0.00	0.00%	(1,000)
Sub Total	21,350	1,777	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,777	8.32%	(19,573)
11.00 Recreation																	
11 01 Vandalism	500			1											0.00	0.00%	(500)
11 02 Grass Cutting - St Davids	2,800	167 00													167.00	5.96%	(2,633)
11 03 - Ashway 11 04 Plant Hire & other equipment / Trade waste	1,800 750	178 00 77.46													178.00 77.46	9.89%	(1,622) (673)
11 05 Changing Rooms Running Costs	2 500	117.14					+								117.14	4.69%	(2 383)
11 06 Changing Rooms Maintenance	500	105 31													105.31	21 06%	(395)
Sub Total	8,850	645	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	645	7.29%	(8,205)
12.00 Aspirations																	
12 01	-														0.00	0.00%	-
12 02	-														0.00	0.00%	-
12 03	-						+								0.00	0.00%	-
12 05	-														0.00	0.00%	-
12 06	=														0.00	0.00%	-
12 07	-														0.00	0.00%	-
12 09	-														0.00	0.00%	-
12.10	-														0.00	0.00%	-
12.11	-														0.00	0.00%	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
																	
13.00 Virements 13.01												1			0.00	0.00%	
13 02															0.00	0.00%	-
13 03															0.00	0.00%	-
13 04															0.00	0.00%	-
13 05							+								0.00	0.00%	-
13 07															0.00	0.00%	-
13 08 13 09															0.00	0.00%	-
13.10															0.00	0.00%	-
Sub Total	-	-	-	-	-		-		-		-	-	-	-	-		
	107 705	44.400													44.400	2.222/	(470,000)
Total Expenditure	187,725	11,420	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-		-	11,420	6.08%	(176,290)
14.00 Income																	
14 01 Precept	166,460														0.00	0.00%	(166,460)
14 02 Bank Interest 14 03 Sports Club - Cricket	50 1 100	1 69													1.69 0.00	3.38% 0.00%	(48)
- Sands	1,440														0.00	0.00%	(1,440)
- Senior football	1,800														0.00	0.00%	(1,800)
- Junior football	1,630														0.00	0.00%	(1,630)
- Others 14 04 Community Hall (Cleaners money)	4,000														0.00	#DIV/0! 0.00%	(4,000)
14 05 Pocket Park Grass Cutting	250														0.00	0.00%	(250)
14 06 106 Income (The Ashway)	9 645	40000 00						-							0.00	0.00%	(9 645)
14 07 Miscellaneous 14 08 NCC Grasscutting - verges	1,350	10800.28													10800.28 0.00	0.00%	10,800 (1,350)
14 09 CIL Contribution	-														0.00	0.00%	- (1,550)
14.10 Contribution from General Reserves	-	46.004													0.00	0.00%	- (470,000)
Total Income	187,725	10,802	-	-	-	-	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	-	10,802	5.75%	(176,923)
Balance	-																(633)



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	SUMMARY			
26-Feb-21	Revenue (Current) Account			78,809.38
26-Feb-21	Capital (Reserve) Account			187,140.10
		bank balance	£	265,949.48
	RECEIPTS			
	Precept Income from DDC			
	VAT rebate from HMRC			
	NCC Grass Cutting		£	1,371.23
	Sports Income			
	Heritage Grant			
	Interest from Capital (Reserve) Account		£	1.69
	Community Centre Recharged items			
	Community Centre Recharged cleaning			
	Other -refund			
	Other - bank reject			
	Other Income			
	Community Infrastructure Levy			
		Total cash in	£	1,372.92
	EXPENDITURE			
	Employment Expenses (Wages/ Salaries & On Cost	s only)	£	5,649.59

Bank Reconciliation - 31 March 2021

Total: £ 256,192.97

Total cash out £ 11,129.43

5,479.84

Prepared by the Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

* error this month on the bank statement

Value of all other transactions this month

UNPRESENTED CHEQUES		
v No unpresented cheques	£	-
Total unpresented cheques	£	-

£ 256,192.97

Checked and Authorised		
*Bank Statement Seen		
*Bank Statement Seen		

ACTUAL CASH IN BANK ACCOUNTS 31-Mar-21 Revenue (Current) Account 69,051.18 31-Mar-21 Capital (Reserve) Account 187,141.79 bank balance £ 256,192.97

^{*}Upon request - the Bank Statements can be viewed by any Parish Councillor



BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL



Statement of Reserves

COS COS	D 1 (04)	0004/0000	0 1	0 " (
	Balance as at 31 March 2021	2021/ 2022 Budget	Spend	Commitments	Balance
_	Warch 2021	Allocation			
		Allocation			
Restricted Funds					
Pocket Park Maintenance	2,290.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,290.60
Crime Prevention Security	2,298.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,298.94
Ashway POS	1,734.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,734.00
Ashway/Ridings POS	23,712.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,712.30
Community Infrastructure Levy (St Davids)	23,521.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,521.26
s106 St Davids Play Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
s106 St Davids MUGA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
s106 Community Centre Inddor Sports	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	53,557.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	53,557.10
Farments d Bassana					
Earmarked Reserves Kubota Grass Mower	6,282.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	9,782.00
Van Branding & end of lease costs	872.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	1,272.00
Small Mower Replacement Fund	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,272.00
•	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Strimmer Replacement Fund	15,334.55	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	17,834.55
Projects Projects (St Davids)	45,000.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	45,000.00
Community Grants	8,620.01	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	13,620.01
Legal Costs - other	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Legal Costs - otner Legal Costs- County Court	5,351.78	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	1,851.78
Election Costs	4,145.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	4,545.00
Lighting on Parish Footpaths	8,120.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	9,620.00
	343.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	343.50
Heritage Projects St David's Car Park	6,000.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00
Litter Bins	3,000.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00
	9,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
Play Equipment (St Davids) Ashway Car Park	7,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
Strategic Planning	8,483.19	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	10,983.19
Calendar	0,463.19	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	224.00
Bus Shelter Replacement	5,980.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,980.00
•	2,791.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	•
Community Centre	2,500.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,791.00 2,500.00
Events	142,847.03	29,300.00	0.00	3,500.00	168,647.03
	142,047.03	29,300.00	0.00	3,300.00	100,047.03

£ 196,404.13 £ 29,300.00 £ - £ 225,704.13

Section 106 (Held by Daventry DC)				
Indoor Sports - Youth & Adult (Feb 2022) CC	72,634.00	0.00	0.00	72,634.00
Outdoor Sports - Youth (Feb 2022) St Davids	105,987.00	0.00	0.00	105,987.00
Parks and Gardens (Sept 2022) St Davids	65,263.00	0.00	0.00	65,263.00
	£ 243,884.00 £	- £	-	£ 243,884.00
Toucan Crossing NCC (Sept 2027)	32,500	0.00	0.00	£ 32,500.00

Monthly Summary

Revenue Account	£	69,051.18		
Capital Account	£	187,141.79		
Total Cash in Bank	£	256,192.97		
Less Earmarked & Restricted	£	225,704.13		
Less forecast capital commitments	£	3,500.00		
Less forecast revenue commitments	£	144,000.00		
Add forecast Income	£	210,000.00		
Identified as General Reserves	£	92 988 84	56	% of p

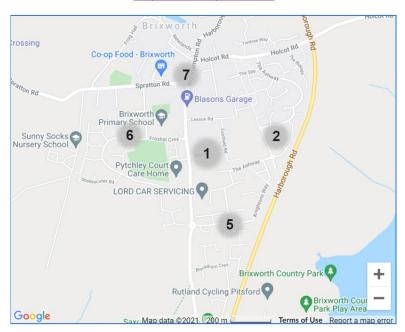
Section 106 held by Daventry DC	£	243,884.00
Section 106 for use by NCC	£	32,500.00

Paper R for the Brixworth Parish Council of 29th April 2021



Reported Crime for February 2021

https://www.police.uk/



Trend

2019	2020	2021
24	22	21

Violence and sexual offences 9

Anti-social behaviour 7

Criminal damage and arson 2

All other crime 3



Paper S – Paper for the Brixworth Parish Council of 29th April 2021 SID Number of Cars by time Harborough Road Inbound April 2021

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Week Day Avg	Weekend Avg
0 - 1	0	0	2	3	1	12	7	1.2	9.5
1-2	0	4	1	3	7	9	4	3	6.5
2 - 3	2	0	1	4	4	5	3	2.2	4
3 - 4	4	3	7	2	8	5	0	4.8	2.5
4 - 5	30	17	27	36	27	6	10	27.4	8
5 - 6	74	71	83	96	81	39	14	81	26.5
6 - 7	409	316	353	432	381	145	88	378.2	116.5
7 - 8	559	542	473	583	537	291	151	538.8	221
8 - 9	373	397	389	544	523	406	265	445.2	335.5
9 - 10	302	380	369	581	514	565	385	429.2	475
10 - 11	400	378	379	562	593	615	513	462.4	564
11 - 12	468	455	513	731	743	577	540	582	558.5
12 - 13	448	508	480	713	738	577	517	577.4	547
13 - 14	438	491	424	731	708	520	423	558.4	471.5
14 - 15	594	547	602	770	760	500	494	654.6	497
15 - 16	558	552	531	793	723	487	484	631.4	485.5
16 - 17	554	617	621	841	857	523	359	698	441
17 - 18	335	357	403	550	569	447	298	442.8	372.5
18 - 19	215	214	219	319	402	333	223	273.8	278
19 - 20	136	117	145	222	255	205	126	175	165.5
20 - 21	84	102	97	150	164	112	88	119.4	100
21 - 22	50	42	51	74	60	60	28	55.4	44
22 - 23	9	6	14	26	42	40	18	19.4	29
23 - 24	8	11	11	13	14	10	3	11.4	6.5
Totals	6050	6127	6195	8779	8711	6489	5041		
% of Total	12.8%	12.9%	13.1%	18.5%	18.4%	13.7%	10.6%		



Paper S for the Brixworth Parish Council meeting of 29 April 2021 SID – Number of Speeding Cars Harborough Road Inbound April 2021

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Week Day Avg	Weekend Avg
0 - 1	0	1	1	1	1	3	3	0.8	3
1-2	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2
2-3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.5
3 - 4	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	1	0
4-5	14	9	6	11	12	1	5	10.4	3
5-6	25	28	21	29	27	15	6	26	10.5
6 - 7	96	91	88	105	105	44	40	97	42
7-8	138	132	117	160	143	57	46	138	51.5
8-9	86	84	60	100	117	78	61	89.4	69.5
9 - 10	55	59	72	103	106	101	93	79	97
10 - 11	70	53	60	106	111	140	96	80	118
11 - 12	110	93	89	133	132	131	100	111.4	115.5
12 - 13	98	89	95	130	144	146	124	111.2	135
13 - 14	91	91	84	124	120	115	99	102	107
14 - 15	106	99	108	126	140	118	128	115.8	123
15 - 16	132	120	118	186	169	137	110	145	123.5
16 - 17	98	146	111	215	162	139	85	146.4	112
17 - 18	56	80	56	131	129	119	86	90.4	102.5
18 - 19	45	32	41	77	82	83	46	55.4	64.5
19 - 20	33	21	22	59	59	74	39	38.8	56.5
20 - 21	26	26	26	55	54	37	28	37.4	32.5
21 - 22	10	12	23	26	25	16	9	19.2	12.5
22 - 23	1	1	7	11	9	7	4	5.8	5.5
23 - 24	1	2	3	9	4	6	2	3.8	4



Paper S for the Brixworth Parish Council meeting of 29 April 2021 SID – Number of Speeding Cars Harborough Road Inbound

April 2021

Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Week Day Avg	Weekend Avg
0 - 1	4	2	1	3	4	3	4	2.8	3.5
1-2	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	0.6	2
2-3	1	3	2	1	1	1	3	1.6	2
3-4	9	4	4	0	3	3	4	4	3.5
4-5	19	11	11	21	17	7	8	15.8	7.5
5 - 6	45	40	30	28	30	24	6	34.6	15
6-7	134	96	82	92	111	25	8	103	16.5
7-8	365	259	227	201	265	72	48	263.4	60
8 - 9	356	180	207	266	252	97	58	252.2	77.5
9 - 10	154	97	89	161	150	126	105	130.2	115.5
10 - 11	84	78	82	103	127	150	111	94.8	130.5
11 - 12	112	75	109	106	127	174	162	105.8	168
12 - 13	112	97	110	116	138	169	169	114.6	169
13 - 14	118	89	114	154	164	165	176	127.8	170.5
14 - 15	106	111	104	128	146	170	151	119	160.5
15 - 16	123	118	110	126	147	153	120	124.8	136.5
16 - 17	169	203	159	199	202	120	108	186.4	114
17 - 18	171	154	137	154	153	113	89	153.8	101
18 - 19	98	89	86	74	105	77	70	90.4	73.5
19 - 20	45	49	42	42	67	52	54	49	53
20 - 21	37	22	27	17	27	39	26	26	32.5
21 - 22	18	18	27	21	27	30	24	22.2	27
22 - 23	16	20	21	21	20	15	16	19.6	15.5
23 - 24	2	3	5	4	3	10	4	3.4	7



Paper S for the Brixworth Parish Council meeting of 29 April 2021 SID – Number of Speeding Cars Harborough Road Inbound

April 2021

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0 - 1	4	2	1	3	4	3	4	2.8	3.5
1-2	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	0.6	2
2-3	1	3	2	1	1	1	3	1.6	2
3-4	9	4	4	0	3	3	4	4	3.5
4-5	19	11	11	21	17	7	8	15.8	7.5
5 - 6	45	40	30	28	30	24	6	34.6	15
6-7	134	96	82	92	111	25	8	103	16.5
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9 - 10	154	97	89	161	150	126	105	130.2	115.5
10 - 11	84	78	82	103	127	150	111	94.8	130.5
11 - 12	112	75	109	106	127	174	162	105.8	168
12 - 13	112	97	110	116	138	169	169	114.6	169
13 - 14	118	89	114	154	164	165	176	127.8	170.5
14 - 15	106	111	104	128	146	170	151	119	160.5
15 - 16	123	118	110	126	147	153	120	124.8	136.5
16 - 17	169	203	159	199	202	120	108	186.4	114
17 - 18	171	154	137	154	153	113	89	153.8	101
18 - 19	98	89	86	74	105	77	70	90.4	73.5
19 - 20	45	49	42	42	67	52	54	49	53
20 - 21	37	22	27	17	27	39	26	26	32.5
21 - 22	18	18	27	21	27	30	24	22.2	27
22 - 23	16	20	21	21	20	15	16	19.6	15.5
23 - 24	2	3	5	4	3	10	4	3.4	7



Paper T for the Council Meeting of 29th April 2021

Brixworth Parish Council

Planning Decisions - March 2021

Ref No.	Description	Location	BPC Comment	DDC Decision
DA/2021/0124	Removal of tree within a conservation area	101, Northampton Road, Brixworth, Northamptonshire, NN6 9DX	Support	Approval Trees in Cons Area
DA/2021/0067	Remove tree within a conservation area	11, High Street, Brixworth, Northamptonshire, NN6 9DD	Support	Approval Trees in Cons Area
DA/2021/0065	Works to a tree subject to Tree Preservation Order DA 8.	3, Pytchley Close, Brixworth, Northamptonshire, NN6 9EW	Support	Approval TPO
DA/2020/0747	Outline application for mixed use development comprising commercial, business and service uses within Class E; mixed use restaurant and takeaway use (sui generis); pub/drinking establishment (sui generis); hot food takeaway (sui generis).	Land North of Cricket Ground, Northampton Road, Brixworth, Northamptonshire	Object	Refusal Outline.



Brixworth Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee Monday 8th March 2021

Video Conferencing

Councillor Tom Mitchell, Councillor Ian Barratt, Councillor Jackie Bird, Councillor James

Collyer, Councillor Stephen James, Councillor Sandra Moxon and Councillor Kevin Parker

and Councillor Frances Peacock

In Attendance: Peter Rowbotham (Parish Clerk)

Apologies for Councillor Lynne Compton

Absence:

Absent: Councillor Elaine Coe, Councillor Stuart Coe, Councillor James Collyer,

Members of the Public 1

21/2037P Welcome

Councillor Mitchell welcomed everyone to the online Planning Committee and reminded attendees that the meeting was being recorded.

21/2038P Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Compton who had work commitments. The apologies were received by the meeting.

21/2039P Members' Declaration of Interests

Councillor Moxon declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application DA/2021/0124, removal of a tree within a conservation area at 101, Northampton Road, Brixworth.

21/2040P Minutes of the Meeting of 15th February 2021

The minutes of the Planning Committee of 15th January 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Peacock. Unanimous. The minutes would be signed by the Chairman as soon as practical.

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21/2041P

DA/2021/0117

<u>First floor side and front extension. Two storey and single storey rear extension. Alteration to fist floor on front elevation to create double doors onto balcony.</u>

11, Woodsfield, Brixworth, Northamptonshire, NN6 9DP

The Parish Council agreed to support this proposal. This was proposed by Councillor Mitchell and seconded by Councillor James.

21/2042P

DA/2021/0138

Single storey side extension and conversion of garage to habitable space and formation of front porch 30, Shelleycotes Road, Brixworth, Northamptonshire, NN6 9NE

The Parish Council agreed to support this proposal. This was proposed by Councillor Mitchell and seconded by Councillor Peacock.

21/2043P

DA/2021/0124

Removal of tree within a conservation area

101, Northampton Road, Brixworth, Northamptonshire, NN6 9DX

The Parish Council agreed to support this proposal. This was proposed by Councillor Mitchell and seconded by Councillor James.

21/2044P

DA/2020/1084

Construction of shed for storage and fence.

88A. Northampton Road, Brixworth, Northamptonshire, NN6 9DY

The applicant presented this application to the Planning Committee. Having considered all of the issues raised the Parish Council agreed to object to this proposal. The proposal would have a negative impact on the established visual amenity of the adjoining neighbours, and it would also impact on the right of light. The proposal would also create a restrictive space making it difficult to maintain the adjoining property. This was proposed by Councillor Mitchell and seconded by Councillor Moxon.

21/2045P Any Other Urgent Business

None

20/2047P Date of Next Meetings

Monday 29th March 2021.

The meeting finished at 8.14pm

Signed as a true and accurate record

Councillor Tom Mitchell Chairman of the Planning Committee Brixworth Parish Council 29th March 2021 Peter Rowbotham Parish Clerk Brixworth Parish Council 22nd March 2021

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Brixworth Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee Monday 29th March 2021 Video Conferencing

Councillor : Councillor Tom Mitchell, Councillor Jackie Bird, Councillor James Collyer, Councillor Lynne

Compton, Councillor Stephen James, and Councillor Frances Peacock (from 7.36pm)

In Attendance: Peter Rowbotham (Parish Clerk)

Apologies for Councillor Sandra Moxon and Councillor Kevin Parker.

Absence:

Absent: Councillor Ian Barratt, Councillor Elaine Coe and Councillor Stuart Coe.

Members of the Public 1

21/2048P Welcome

Councillor Mitchell welcomed everyone to the online Planning Committee and reminded attendees that the meeting was being recorded.

21/2049P Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Moxon and Councillor Parker. The apologies were received by the meeting.

21/2050P Members' Declaration of Interests

None

21/2051P Minutes of the Meeting of 8th March 2021

The Chairman noted that the minutes for application DA/2020/1084 for the construction of shed for storage and fence at 88A, Northampton Road referred to a restrictive space making it difficult to maintain the adjoining property. This comment was only applicable to the earlier application and not the current submission. Subject to this comment the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by Councillor Mitchell and seconded by Councillor James. Unanimous. The minutes would be signed by the Chairman as soon as practical.

Initialled

21/2052P

DA/2021/0120

Single storey rear extension and new windows to gable end of existing dwelling

57 Hornbeam Row, Brixworth, Northamptonshire, NN6 9WG

The Parish Council agreed to support this proposal. This was proposed by Councillor Mitchell and seconded by Councillor James.

21/2053P

DA/2021/0149

<u>Demolition of existing conservatory.</u> Construction of single storey rear extension

14, Eastfield Road, Brixworth, Northamptonshire, NN6 9ED

The Parish Council agreed to support this proposal. This was proposed by Councillor Mitchell and seconded by Councillor James. Unanimous.

21/2054P Any Other Urgent Business

None

20/2055P Date of Next Meetings

Monday 19th April 2021.

The meeting finished at 7.40pm

Signed as a true and accurate record

Councillor Tom Mitchell Chairman of the Planning Committee Brixworth Parish Council 19th April 2021 Peter Rowbotham Parish Clerk Brixworth Parish Council 2nd April 2021

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Brixworth Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Media & Communications Committee

Wednesday 10th March 2021

Video Conferencing

In Attendance:

Councillors: Councillor Elaine Coe, Councillor Jackie Bird & Councillor Sandra Moxon.

Apologies: None

Absent - None

Also Present: Peter Rowbotham (Parish Clerk) and Ciara Wanstall (Assistant Parish Clerk)

Members of

the Public: 0

21/440MC Welcome

Councillor Elaine Coe, as Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting which was being recorded.

21/441MC Apologies for Absence

None received.

21/442MC Declarations of Interest

None declared.

21/443MC Minutes of the last meeting (10th February 2021)

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th February 2021 were agreed as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by Councillor Elaine Coe and seconded by Councillor Bird. Unanimous.

21/444MC Brixworth Bulletin

Review of Last Edition

There had been a mixed response to the Bulletin written article on the St David's scheme. There had been a misunderstanding on the basis of the consultation on the St David's scheme.

The presentation was fine – but perhaps more focus on the grants scheme in a future edition.

The Council will continue to inform parishioners of progress and in the next edition will include the common Question and Answers. This will include pictures of the project perhaps over a double page spread.

The photographs of the Parish Councillors would be updated after the election process in May.

Page 4 had some spacing issues, but this was a temporary issue.

The next deadline was thought to be 10th May. (To be confirmed)

Next Edition

Ciara Wanstall will be preparing and submitting the next edition.

- Page 1 Contents EC
- Page 1 Chairman's Chat but unsure of status of Chairman at time of publication– EC
- Pages 2 & 3 St David's Projects SM
- Pages 4 new Councillors subject to result of the election process JB

The standard template would be provided to Ciara Wanstall by Councillor Moxon.

21/446MC Local Campaigns

Litter was topical at present. There were no active national campaigns at present, but activity was expected between June and September. It was agreed to monitor the Keep Britain Tidy Group social media.

20/447MC Web Site Data

The Assistant Clerk was asked to look at a list of plain English terms for interpretating the data. (Contact Parish Council Web Sites)

20/448MC Items Referred from the Parish Council

No issues raised other than the litter campaign.

20/449MC Any Other Business

None

20/450 MC Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 14th April 2021at 645pm

The Meeting finished at 7.22pm

Councillor Elaine Coe (Chair)
Chairman of the Media & Communications Committee
Brixworth Parish Council
14th April 2021

Peter Rowbotham Parish Clerk Brixworth Parish Council

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Paper for the Brixworth Parish Council Meeting of 29th April 2021



Report of the Parish Clerk

April 2021

1. Overview

Homeworking has been continuing. There are signs that the measures in place for COVID could be extended a further 6 months – this may include continuing with Microsoft Teams. An announcement is due this week.

As it's the end of the financial year I am spending more time on financial matters and less time on projects.

Since the last Parish Council meeting -

- I have checked with the Land Registry re Ferro Fields ownership. It looks like a collection of freehold and leasehold properties. There does not seem to a Management Company looking after the estate – which explains the lack of maintenance.
- Daventry DC agreed to the changes to the Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan.
- I have registered an interest in the 20mph advisory speed limit
- I had sought another quote for the ball stop fence at St David's.(but not received)
- I have carried out a litter bin audit
- I have landlords permission to install 2 Tommy's at the Library. Will be installed by next week.
- I have expressed interest in supporting the 59/60 bus service subject to data evidencing need

The noticeboard has been updated with the notice of uncontested election.

Work is underway to ensure that all Councillors are given the .gov email address – for use in May. This wmail address will be used for all Council business.

The dry weather has meant that both the wildflowers and the new trees had needed watering during April.

2. Legal Updates

The legal work is all progressing – albeit slowly.

The Cricket Club lease is nearing completion.

The Village Hall Car Park lease should also be on its way to the VH Committee's solicitors. I am awaiting confirmation on this. I have chased the solicitors again.

There is an update on the County Court case and this will be reported in closed session.

3. Assets

The fence at The Ashway has been repaired. A new lock has been placed on the toilet at the Ashway Changing Rooms.

Spratton Road fence is also being repaired.

The two new planters are in place on Spratton Road.

4. Service Requests

What	Where	Action
Litter bins	Cross Hill	Refer to WNC
Planning Enforcement	Northampton Road	Refer to WNC
Land ownership	The Knoll	Checked out – Not BPC
Parking	Saxon House	Refer to NWC
Access Road	Silver Street	Informed not a public road
Verges	Harborough Road	Refer to NWC

5. Meetings Attended this Month

- 5.1 Media & Communications Committee
- 5.3 Planning Committee
- 5.4 Parish Council
- 5.5 Sports Working Group
- 5.6 Brixworth Juniors FC pitch marking
- 5.7 R&G Tree Planting and Wildflowers
- 5.8 Invoice signing session with Councillors
- 5.9 Verification Officer

6. Training & Development

• Four short training sessions on the Scribe Finance system.

7. Community Engagement

Posts

Web Site	Elections
	Revised Neighbourhood Plan
	Duke of Edinburgh
Social Media	Meetings

Japanese Trees
Elections
Reopening of Library
COVID Guidance
Duke of Edinburgh
Uncontested Election

There has been a recent Facebook post submitted by a member of the public regarding litter following football games at St David's.

8. Tasks to be undertaken/ underway

PRIORITY 1. Statutory

Agenda & Minutes

Accounts

Health & Safety Inspection

Risk Assessments

Risk Register

PRIORITY 2. Financial

VAT return

New FMS System

Invoices

Payments

Procurement

PRIORITY 3. Tasks with Deadlines

Ball Stop fence – St David's

Subsidence – Tantree Way

Wall collapsing - Millennium Gardens

Staff Appraisals

S106 projects

MUGA – use the new framework – chase funding

Play Park – seek planning permission – chase funding

Community Centre – use Contracts Finder

Village Hall Car Park – with Solicitor and awaiting reply

Health and Safety Review - advice received from Peninsula - distribute

Summer planting in the tubs

Tommy's up at the Library by 6th May

,Gov emails for Councillors

Cricket Club Lease - St David's - with solicitor

County Court case – conclusion

Review & Improve Christmas lights

Tree audit – remove highway and private trees off the BPC list.

PRIORITY 4. Tasks without deadline

Bus Shelters – repair and progress Mercedes sponsorship

Holcot Road Bollards - Village Green

Restore railway Benches

BT Box - adopt and re use

New LED heads on the footway lighting

New bigger noticeboard outside Library

Ferro Fields - Find out owners and encourage tidy up

Harborough Road – parking on verges

Renew utilities for Community Centre and The Ashway

Coop – work with the developer to get good outcomes for community

Litter Bins – replacement plan

Spratton Road - tidy up shrubs in the Rec

Local Council Awards Scheme

Booking system for pitches and community centre (Hallmaster?)

New signage in the Recs

Repair fence at Spratton Road

CCTV at St David's

Ashway – cut back shrubs near changing rooms (ASB issues)

Ashway - clear out changing rooms

S106 - Toucan Crossing. Encourage WNC scheme

Clean up/ scan at the Meeting Room, Community Centre

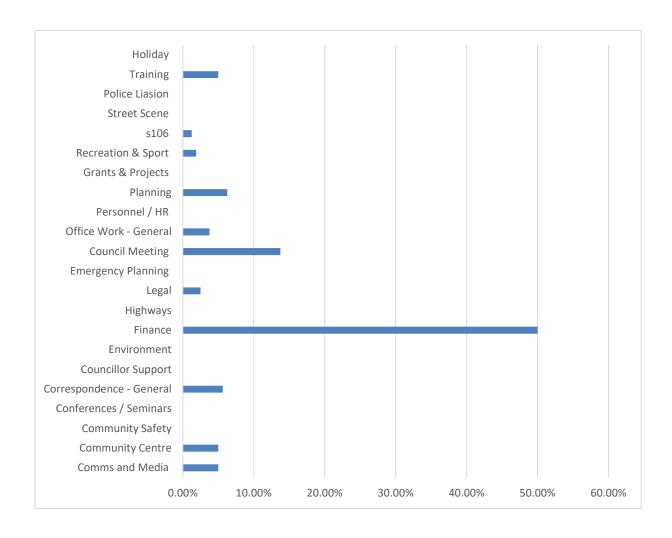
Set up TV for training at the Community Centre Meeting Room

Emergency Plan – develop a new plan and appoint flood wardens

Make Scribe Finance live – develop new budget monitoring sheet for Council

Update the Neighbourhood Plan Web Site

9. Breakdown of my time - April 2021



Paper X – Brixworth Parish Council meeting of 29th April 2021



General Correspondence

Correspondence not already included within the agenda

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE

APRIL 2021





WELCOME TO APRIL

"If April showers should come your way, they bring the flowers that bloom in May."

We hope you had a wonderful Easter and got to enjoy your long weekend.



WHY RENEW?

Still not renewed your membership? Do you know another Parish Council/Village Hall who could benefit from joining?

Find out more about the benefits to signing up for 2021/22.

.CLICK HERE



MEMBERSHIP 2021

Renewal Forms still available Online:

Parish Council Membership
https://forms.gle/Yqwt5aRKGz
MTFyWa7
Community Facilities
Membership
https://forms.gle/Pa4DK2pm
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COVID -19 UPDATE

Step 2 of the COVID-19
Roadmap is due to commence
on 12th April 2021.
To find out more about what
this involves go to:
COVID-19 Response - Spring
2021 (Summary) - GOV.UK
(www.gov.uk)



GOOD FOOD WEST NORTHANTS

Are you a Parish Council or group in West Northants supporting people with food deliveries? Check out the Good Food West Northants site on how organisations are working together to make West Northants a Sustainable Food Place.



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VCSE ASSEMBLY

A new Northamptonshire

VCSE Assembly has been

created for the Voluntary &

Community sector. It aims to

give community organisations

an opportunity to share best

practice. Find out more:

www.voluntaryimpact.org.uk/

vcse-support/



75TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK

We will have been in operation for 75 years in July. We will be holding a series of events during that week to highlight the work of the charity, the ACRE Network and the communities we support. More details coming soon!



SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

Friday 23rd April 2021

'There is no land like England'

Happy Saint George's Day!

HAPPY EASTER

Everyone at
Northamptonshire ACRE
would like to wish you all a
very happy Easter.
Enjoy your long weekend, lets
stay positive and hopeful for
the future.







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Key dates for your diary:

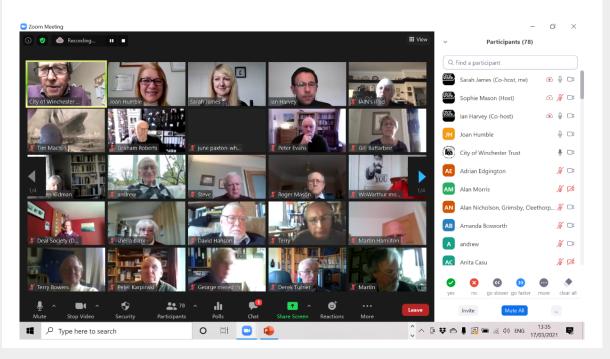
April 26th: New planning rules: What do they mean for you and your high street Register here

May 5th: The Planning Jigsaw: How does it all fit together?

May 12th - Why do we need up-to-date Statements of Community Involvement

More events via: http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/get-involved/events/

We need you to support us. If not now, will you ever join Civic Voice?



We know that civic societies and organised community groups add value to the planning process. Outside of local government, civic societies still remain the best route into the planning process for serious community involvement and engagement – and that role needs to be recognised in the new planning system.

Whilst we support the need for streamlining the planning process, we are extremely concerned that the proposals in the planning white paper reduce the role of communities beyond anything we have seen before. If the proposals go ahead, the role of civic societies will change forever. We need you to support us as we prepare for our biggest challenge yet. We are going to be campaigning strongly against the Government's plans to reduce the right for communities to make representations on individual planning applications. We must ensure there are opportunities for local input as development schemes evolve and make their way through the planning process.

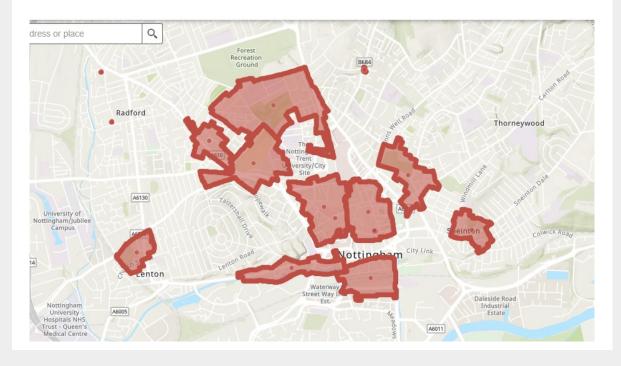
There is a long road ahead to ensure community groups continue to have a voice in the planning a system. A long road to go on to recover public confidence in the planning system. The proposals will only increase the challenges.

We need you to join Civic Voice as we get organised ahead of the Planning Bill later this year.

If you are not prepared to join Civic Voice now, when the role of organised community groups could change forever, we must ask. what will it take for you to join?

- Join Civic Voice as a Civic Society here
- Join Civic Voice as an individual here
- Join Civic Voice as an organised community group here

Join our briefing session to discuss the new planning rules: What do they mean for you, your high street and your community?



Permitted development rights allow changes to be made to buildings and use of land without needing planning permission.

Earlier this month, Housing Secretary Robert Jenrick announced the introduction of new legislation in England to allow certain properties - known as Class E Commercial, Business and Service - to be converted to housing without the need to submit a planning application. Government wants these planning changes - known as permitted development ("PD") rights - to invigorate the high street following the pandemic, giving life to vacant buildings.

What does this actually mean though? The planning jargon can make it really hard to understand what it means for your local high street. At Civic Voice, we see our role as trying to de-mystify the system and make it a bit more accessible. In this webinar, we will focus on the recent planning change.

This informal briefing by Civic Voice will explain in plain English, what the recent Government announcements actually mean. We will consider some of the key changes proposed and their implications.

Civic Voice members get reduced entry to this event. Register to attend here.

Civic Voice and the University of Reading join forces to update our research on Statements of Community Involvement



There is no requirement in legislation for local planning authorities to consult when reviewing and updating their Statement of Community Involvement. In the Civic Voice 2020-23 manifesto, we committed to a campaign to strengthen Statements of Community Involvement (SCIs) so that they set out more clearly how the local authority and developers are expected to meaningfully engage with local communities on planning issues.

We started this in 2019 by undertaking freedom of information requests to all local planning authorities and discovered that 30% of the 275 responses were 'out of date', i.e. more than 5 years old, with the oldest dated 2006! 37% of councils said that they anticipated updating their SCI in the next 12 months and with only 11% specifically mentioning the local civic society.

We are now updating this data, in a project with the University of Reading, but we need your help! We need your contribution to tell us about your local SCIs. Register here if you want to play a role in this national research project and we will send you more information.

Are you interesting in learning more about SCIs? You can register to join our training session on this subject via here.

If you have any thoughts or queries on this or, if your local authority is currently updating its SCI, do get in touch at info@civicvoice.org.uk.

We believe that Statements of Community Involvement must be the bedrock of community involvement. These statements should define how local planning authorities will meaningfully engage communities in planning but, unfortunately, far too many have become too long, out of date and out of touch documents, stating little more than the statutory requirements.

We recommend in our latest consultation response that the Government highlights good practice through a 'National Statement of Community Involvement', showcasing 'best in class' engagement at the different stages of the planning process.

'The Planning Jigsaw' ... How does the planning system all fit together?



We are delighted to announce a new training programme aimed for for civic societies, community groups and Councillors. This is an introductory/refresher training session to ensure you understand the basics of the planning system and how it all fits together. The thinking behind this training is to help Civic Societies and organised community groups best influence the system today, tomorrow and into the future.

Our training programme builds on Civic Voice being a leading commentator in the push for more effective community engagement in the planning system, reflected in national policy changes in recent years.

It will be fully interactive with opportunities for questions and answers throughout. The sessions will feature discussions, case studies, presentation, and a short task home work task.

Part 1 - The Planning Jigsaw: How does it all fit together?

Part 2 - Why do we need up-to-date Statements of Community Involvement

Each session is priced is £25 for non-Civic Voice members and £10 for Civic Voice members.

Civic Voice responds to the consultation on the National Model Design Code



Civic Voice – the national charity for the civic movement with 76,000 members – this week responded to the Government's National Model Design Code and National Planning Policy Framework consultation.

Our response is available here.

Ian Harvey, Executive Director of Civic Voice, said: "Whilst we warmly welcome the National Model Design Code and its aims for good community engagement within the local design code/guide process, we are more concerned with the wider reforms to community participation in the planning system. We know that civic societies add value to the planning process. Civic societies still remain the best route into the planning process for serious community involvement and engagement – and that role needs to be recognised somewhere."

If you responded to the latest Government's consultation, remember to share your response at: info@civicvoice.org.uk.

Thoughts on the idea of a Civic Voice Conference in 2021



Since the COVID outbreak, Civic Voice has delivered an online events programme, but like other organisations, we are now considering, how - at some point in the future - we can plan a return to physical meetings.

Even at this early stage of discussing this, we feel that the engagement of our membership is essential to input to our thinking. What do you think? Should we continue with physical meetings or should we be planning a return to physical meetings?

The survey will be open until 1st May and the results shared in a future civic update.

Please note, any future events would need to adhere to all necessary government guidelines/roadmap settings at the point in time.

Respond to our short survey: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZB27HMM



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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VIRTUAL FUNDING FAIR 2021

Tuesday 15th June – Thursday 17th June, 10am – 3pm

You are invited to the Northamptonshire Virtual Funding Fair 2021

Due to current circumstances, we will be holding a virtual funding fair via Zoom over a three day period. This is your chance to attend a virtual session and listen to presentations from funders to understand who could help with your projects.

Funders will also provide valuable information on how best to apply for grants, along with special hints and tips through a series of presentations.

The schedule of presentations and information on how to book will be www.kettering.gov.uk/fundingfair

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Chief executive's bulletin

Remote meetings

I fully understand and share the levels of frustration and disappointment at the **government's decision last week not to extend remote meeting powers**. We're continuing to work with other stakeholders on this issue and earlier this week we submitted our written evidence to the court as part of the legal proceedings we are supporting for a legal declaration on the ability of councils to hold remote meetings. I will of course keep you updated on these proceedings and any other developments. But can I again strongly urge you to respond to the government's 12-week **call for evidence** about how remote meetings have been used.

Local audit

Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA) have published their **annual report on the results of auditors' work**, here are a few headlines:

- out of nearly 10,000 local (parish and town) councils, 54% declared themselves exempt from a limited assurance review and 46% requiring a review
- last year was difficult for everyone due to the pandemic and a number of councils
 failed to meet required timescales despite the extension which NALC had secured

• the number of authorities receiving an unqualified opinion rose once again, with unqualified opinions accounting for 73% of opinions issued, compared to 70% in 2019 and 66% in 2018.

This year's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) forms are currently being distributed by the auditors and I would encourage councils to read the supporting guidance and submit their returns promptly. This will also help support our case that the sector is fiscally responsible and council tax referendum principles should not be extended.

To help councils, the **Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance** (JPAG) has published the 2021 edition of the *Practitioners' Guide*. This update to the 2020 edition, which was downloaded over 7,000 times, applies to the AGAR for financial years commencing on or after 1 April 2021. Section 4 on best practice in internal audit has been completely revised and there is a new paragraph in section 5 on the importance of having secure e-mail systems and using a council rather than a personal email address.

Model Design Codes response

In our **response** to the government's consultation on a new national Model Design Code and local design codes, we called on the government to promote democracy when implementing reforms for better quality housing. Our submission also welcomed the aim of improving the local quality of housing but the neighbourhood planning process should be used to achieve this; we also supported proposed updates to the National Planning Policy Framework to strengthen protections for protected landscapes, sustainable development and turning down poor development.

HR Services Partnership

Exciting times for NALC's HR partner, **HR Services Partnership** (HRSP), who are now part of a larger group of companies specialising in providing HR and employment law advice, together with associated services such as occupational health, health and safety, and online training. This development will not affect our partnership or their services for local councils, and I'm pleased to hear that their new parent company, Marlowe plc, will be investing in

HRSP over the next few months to widen their range of services. A quick reminder we have an extensive suite of HR templates on the **NALC website** on subjects from annual leave to flexible working to social media.

New Local Council Award Scheme guide

Following changes to the criteria, our newly designed **A guide to the Local Council Award Scheme** is now available. Applications received to the national panel will be assessed under the new criteria from the May 2021 round onwards; the next application deadline for the national panel is 7 May. You can find more information on the scheme **here**.

NALC Policy Committee

NALC's Policy Committee met remotely on 30 March, here are a few highlights:

- Mobile UK gave a presentation on 5G and facts around health risks and it was agreed to disseminate their new local authority toolkit and other information resources
- Councillors noted recent consultation responses and an update on progress
 developing submissions to the House of Lords inquiry into the future governance
 of the UK and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
 consultations on local government reorganisation in Cumbria, North Yorkshire and
 Somerset, and on remote meetings
- policy motions from the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils on Tree
 Preservation Orders, Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils on remote meetings and Kent Association of Local Councils on food and drink packaging, were supported
- the Committee reviewed and agreed on a suite of NALC policies on the creation of new local councils including a revised policy that the final decision following a community governance review should not be taken by principal councils
- Other issues covered included recent Lobby Day, our **#MakeAChange** campaign

New legal guidance

Legal Topic Note (LTN) 37 on freedom of information has been updated and is available in the members' area of the **NALC website** (login required). We have made the content more practical, relevant and council specific and added links to user-friendly guidance. As per the previous version, the LTN contains guidance on the right of access to information, responding to requests and the exemptions that can be applied.

National awards finalist

I'm thrilled our work with county associations over the last year to support local councils has been recognised through us reaching the finals of the **National Association Awards**. These awards celebrate the hard work of associations, federations, chambers, societies and membership organisations across all sectors. Other organisations shortlisted include Chartered Institute of Public Relations, Federation of Small Businesses and UK Hospitality. We're a finalist in the Best Covid response category, results will be announced on 27 July.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to Corby Town Council and Kettering Town Council who were born today as part of local government reorganisation in Northamptonshire. Today is also vesting day for the two new unitary councils which replace the district councils and county council. Huge credit is due to colleagues at the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils who have been heavily involved over the last couple of years including ensuring local councils have been kept informed and represented effectively, and instrumental in the creation of all the new local councils – well done!

And finally...

I hope you all have a Happy Easter, enjoy the long weekend and do continue to stay safe.















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Chief executive's bulletin

Management Board

The **Management Board** oversees the work of NALC, its services, finances and operations met on 6 April 2021. The board welcomed a generally favourable financial position, noted that staff appraisals were nearing completion, and identified many governance issues discussed further by the National Assembly. The board approved role profiles for our parliamentary president and vice-presidents and agreed to consider options for the long-term use of the NALC office in London.

County officers' fortnightly meeting

County officers' met on 7 April 2021 to discuss a range of topics, the key areas of discussion were:

- Parish borrowing concerns on the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) turnaround on loan approval applications were raised, and representatives will be invited to the next County Officers' Forum. NALC will continue to support cases where there have been especially severe delays.
- Remote meetings NALC is now waiting on the current legal proceedings, and other sector bodies view that we will have the judgment by the end of April.

• Civility — NALC continues to support the project on civility in local councils.

Councillor and county officer representatives have been identified, and the first

meeting will take place in due course.

• Website — User testing of the NALC website is currently underway to gain

feedback from users on why they visit and what improvements can be made. We

are looking for new users of the website to take part in an interview. Please contact

NALC at anders.hanson@nalc.gov.uk to take part.

Local Council Award Scheme national panel

The Local Council Award Scheme national panel are currently meeting to discuss the 19

applications received at the beginning of the year. With the first application cycle

concluding, I would like to thank everyone that volunteers their time and expertise,

enabling the national panel to continue. Find out more about applying to the

LCAS or register your interest in joining the national panel.

Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) 2021

Now in its 20th year — learners will be registered for the updated qualification from April

2021. CiLCA 2021 was updated earlier this year to reflect legislation changes. CiLCA is a

level three qualification covering a broad range of knowledge, applicable for clerks,

officers, and councillors working in local councils. I want to encourage all local councils to

invest and support the professional development of their staff. Please find out more in

our recent news story.

Community business event

Not long to until NALC's online event on community business. The event will be an

opportunity for the sector to consider how local councils and community businesses can

work together to help enhance, strengthen and shape communities. Find out more about

the event and register your place today.

National Network: Coastal Communities

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Following positive feedback to the bulletin proposal on 26 March 2021, we will be holding our first National Network: Coastal Communities on 27 April. Participants will help shape the network, which will act as a supportive network to learn, share information, intelligence and good practice, and be a sounding board on national policy. If your local council has a beach and want to get involved, **register your free place today**.

Star Council Awards 2021

A reminder that our Star Council Awards 2021 are currently open for entries. If you know a local council, clerk, young councillor, councillor or county association that has gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic, nominate them today. Full details are available on our **webpage**, and the deadline for entries is 25 May.

Tree Charter case studies

This week, we released the **Tree Charter case study publication** which, captures the stories of local councils who were featured in the monthly Tree Charter newsletter. The Tree Charter was a joint project between NALC, The Woodland Trust and the National Union of Students that ran between 2017 and 2020. The project aimed to bolster the relationship that people have with trees by installing ten principles. I urge you to take a look to gain inspiration for your local area!

Natural England publishes new Countryside Code

Natural England last week published a new **Countryside Code** to help people enjoy the outdoors as lockdown restrictions ease. The new code allows people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits that nature offers while giving it the respect it deserves. Recently, NALC's Policy Committee adopted a motion from the Kent Association of Local Councils on solutions to the blight of littering at drive-through facilities in rural areas.

NALC partners with Utility Aid

I'm pleased to announce our new partnership with the energy broker Utility Aid. As a specialist in sourcing energy for the not-for-profit sector, Utility Aid can help members save money on their energy bills through their free invoice validation service, access to their energy management portal and a free renewable and energy savings technology audit. To find out more, please contact Utility Aid at **customercare@utility-aid.co.uk** or on 0808 170, or visit their **website**.

Democracy Club

With just under a month until the local elections (6 May), the Democracy Club have created a **polling station finder**. I'd also recommend reading the **latest blog** by the Democracy Club wrote for us this week.

And finally...

Exciting news! A new town council in Wickford (Essex) is to be established after the findings from a Community Governance Review were approved by Basildon Borough Council — find out more on the story.















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Chief executive's bulletin

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip

NALC chair Cllr Sue Baxter sent condolences on behalf of the sector on Friday — "It is with great sadness that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has learned of the death of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. I know that those in the local (parish and town) council sector would join me in extending their condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and members of the Royal Family". Sue has subsequently written to HRH The Princess Royal, who attended our Annual Conference in 2019, expressing sympathy for her father's death.

National Assembly — open house session

Around 50 assembly members, county association councillors and county officers met on 13 April 2021 in NALC's latest open house session designed to consider topical issues informally. The meeting split into four breakout rooms to hold workshop sessions to discuss aspirations for the sector and what needed to address and deliver on those aspirations.

The top three aspirations were:

- 1. To parish of the whole of England
- 2. For the sector to be taken more seriously and its potential recognised by other tiers of government and the public sector

3. To secure access to additional government funding

The top four steps to address these were:

- Improve councillor quality and representation through training and new standards regime
- 2. Give more powers to local councils
- 3. Review the General Power of Competence to enable more councils to benefit from it
- 4. No capping or referendum principles

NALC's Policy Committee will discuss these aspirations as part of the work to refresh the current NALC prospectus.

Assembly members also approved NALC's statement on unitary government to the current MHCLG consultation on establishing a unitary government in Cumbria, North Yorkshire and Somerset. A copy of that response will be available next week.

County Officers' Forum — Lacey Day

County Officers' Forum met on 13 April 2021, which was the annual Lacey Day. The main items discussed were updates from the CCLA, discussion on the parish borrowing application process, updates from Derek Kemp on the finance briefings, the new edition of the Practitioner's Guide and critical changes AGARs, and problems with local council banking. Representatives from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) joined the meeting to discuss parish borrowing. They were apologetic for the recent delays in processing applications and that they were now addressing the backlog, which they hoped to clear as soon as they can.

Larger Councils Committee

The next committee meeting will take place on 20 April 2021. The committee will discuss the Super Councils' Network, receive updates from national stakeholders and member services, and committee members on local council COVID-19 response. Please **read the full agenda** on our website.

New event on community buildings

Join our new event on community building on 23 June 2021. With lockdown ending, now is the perfect time to consider the role your village hall or community centre can play in revitalising your community. Our expert panel features Deborah Clarke, rural evidence and village halls manager at Action with Communities in Rural England and Andrew McKenzie, town clerk of Dawlish Town Council. **Find out more about this event and register your place today!**

Finance briefings

The accounts and audit advisor have issued two financial briefings. The first confirms the current procurement threshold figures for the model financial regulations, and the second is on VAT reverse charging rules. You will find these in the **member's area** in the briefings section under finance and audit.

Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance (JPAG)

JPAG has issued additional advice on treating certain COVID-related items in the 2020/21 AGAR, notably furlough monies and closure grants — **find out more**.

New rural report by the Centre for Ageing Better

Yesterday, the Centre for Ageing Better published its *Ageing in a rural place* report. With roughly 70% of local councils are in rural areas, the report looks at the specific challenges that rural populations face, such as housing, employment, protection of local buildings and assets, and transport links. **Find out more about the Centre for Ageing Better work**.

Woodland Trust wants trees to be an election priority

Ahead of 6 May, the Woodland Trust wants metro mayoral candidates to commit to protecting and planting woods and trees by increasing tree canopy cover, opposing damaging developments and improving access to nature for all. You can ask your candidates to commit to native trees by **sending an email**.

And finally...

For LCR's next Your Say survey, we would.... like to find out more about your working relationships with sector and non-sector bodies. Please help us by completing the short **three-question survey** by 7 May 2021.















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Chief executive's bulletin

The court hearing on remote meetings

The proceedings for a court declaration that virtual meetings can continue beyond 6 May were heard in the High Court this week. As NALC is an interested party supporting this court action by Lawyers in Local Government (LLG) and the Association of Democratic Services Officers (ADSO), both Jane Moore, acting head of member services and legal services manager and myself attended the session remotely which the **Law Gazette has reported on**. A decision is expected by the end of April. A **crowdfunding campaign** has been set up by LLG and ADSO seeking financial support to the costs of the court action; NALC has already contributed so please check that out and share more widely.

NALC calls on the government to prioritise standards

More than six weeks after the local government minister, Luke Hall MP **pledged to publish 'shortly' the government's response** to the review of local government ethical standards, our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, has said "this important issue must be prioritised with his department and also included in next month's Queen's Speech". You can read more in this **story by Local Government Chronicle** (login required or register for guest access for two-week unrestricted access).

BBC local elections information

I'm delighted that NALC has been working with the BBC to help them update their

information about the forthcoming local elections through a dedicated page on **Election**2021: What about parish councils? The extensive page includes a video of Jackie

Weaver, chief officer, Cheshire Association of Local Councils, explaining how local

councils work and why they are important, plus information on what they are and do, how

much money do they have and are they holding elections, plus some great maps based on

NALC research.

Rural Coalition

Sue attended this week's meeting of the Rural Coalition which met with the rural affairs minister, Lord Gardiner, to give initial comments on the government's recent **rural proofing report** and to discuss future priorities for rural proofing and levelling up. She stressed the importance of any forthcoming devolution white paper reflecting the needs of rural communities and recognising the key role local (parish and town) councils can play.

Fortnightly meeting with county officers

The fortnightly meeting of county officers took place this week with key areas of discussion including the Welcome Back Fund, council audit timescales and Operation Forth Bridge (the process followed on the death of Prince Philip). NALC is currently compiling information on candidates for the forthcoming local council elections in particular looking at the number of contested versus uncontested seats. We are also continuing to work on engaging with young people and are keen to hear more from local councils about the great work you are doing via our **survey**. There was also a discussion on topics for future meetings and the potential for county officer meetings to be themed to look at different areas of work in more depth.

In and about

The Yorkshire Local Councils Associations held an impressive remote conference this week with over 40 sessions packed into a busy two-day programme. I spoke about how the sector's role in helping communities and vulnerable people had been recognised by the government and other national bodies, and how important it was to build on the new community spirit and harness the interest of first-time volunteers who had come forward to help. And NALC solicitors Gary Barker and Jane Moore delivered training sessions on the code of conduct (where attendees expressed a preference for mandatory councillor training) and Jane gave a presentation on remote meetings and their future post the court hearing. Thanks to YLCA for having us!

 I also attended the Worcestershire Association of Local Councils' executive committee to answer questions about NALC's work and campaigns where there was interest in ensuring the new code of conduct was effective and the importance of training for councillors and clerks.

Blachere Illumination helping councils go green

With international discussion of the climate emergency and World Earth Day this week and a growing number of local councils taking action on the climate emergency (do check out our **dedicated climate change webpage**), I was particularly pleased also to see NALC's partners **Blachere Illumination** launch a **new range of decorations made from recycled plastic bottles**. 'Less plastic bottles for a clean planet and use it to decorate your streets' is a simple objective and message which I am sure everyone would support. And when added to their product range made from sugar cane and therefore biodegradable, Blachere really is blazing a trail in helping the environment and going green!

The first meeting of the new NALC National Network: Coastal Communities

The first meeting of the new NALC National Network: Coastal Communities will take place on 27 April from 11.00 to 12.30. This inaugural event will be chaired by Sue and include contributions from Cllr Phil Harris, Cromer Town Council on Norfolk's coastal forum, second homes and loss of services, and Cllr Wendy Pattison, Northumberland County Council, on partnership working for coastal communities. In short, if you have a beach and would like to attend, **do book a place**.

And finally...

The Non-Domestic Rating (Public Lavatories) Bill took just 9 minutes to pass Third Reading on 20 April, with NALC among the organisations and Parliamentarians thanked by Lord Greenhalgh, minister of state. This means the Bill has now completed its passage through Parliament and is awaiting Royal Assent and we are pressing the government to ensure councils receive their rebates backdated to 1 April 2020 as soon as possible.

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The Star Council Awards are the only awards in England to recognise and celebrate the local council sector's brilliant contribution to its communities. Therefore, the awards are an excellent opportunity for councils, councillors, clerks, and county associations to showcase how they have made a real difference locally.

Following an unprecedented 2020, the theme for this year's awards will be on projects that have positively impacted communities in the context of COVID-19, of which there are numerous examples across the sector.

So now is your chance to get the recognition you deserve by entering the awards!

The five award categories are:

- Clerk of the Year
- County Association Project of the Year
- Young Councillor of the Year
- Councillor of the Year
- · Council of the Year

NALC will announce the winners at an online ceremony in September.

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Find out more about the awards and how to enter













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