

**B****Brixworth Parish Council****Minutes of the meeting held on****Thursday 14th January 2021****Video Conferencing****In Attendance:**

Councillors: Councillor Stephen James, Councillor Ian Barratt, Councillor Jackie Bird, Councillor Elaine Coe, Councillor James Collyer, Councillor Lynne Compton, Councillor Tom Mitchell, Councillor Sandra Moxon and Councillor Kevin Parker

Apologies: None

District Councillor Jonathan Harris had offered his apologies.

Absent: Councillor Stuart Coe and Councillor Frances Peacock.

Also Present: Peter Rowbotham (Clerk)

**Members of
the Public:** 1

21/5255 Welcome

Councillor James welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting of the Parish Council which had been 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.

21/5256 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

21/5257 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

20/5258 Finance – Report of the Finance Working Group

The Parish Council noted the report of the Finance Working Group. The Working Group had recommended that the Parish Council discuss its proposed draft precept and budget together with a virement of £50,000 from General Reserves to ensure compliance with its own Reserves Policy. The Working Group had suggested a budget of £187,725 with no increase in the precept. The Parish Council would formally consider and agree the budget and precept at its meeting on 28th January 2021.

21/5259 Finance – Budget and Precept Draft Proposals for 2021/2022

The Parish Council discussed the draft proposals which had been updated as a result of the previous comments received. There had been a reduction in spending partly due to effective procurement. However, income would be negatively affected by COVID 19.

21/5260 Finance – Virement from the General Reserves

The Parish Council discussed the options with regard to the proposed £50,000 virement from its General Reserves. The Working Group had recommended that the £50,000 be transferred and allocated to 'Projects' within earmarked reserves.

The Parish Council discussed the financial benefits to householders with a reduction in the precept by the use of its General Reserves. It also considered the community benefits of delivering projects which would positively impact upon the quality of life within the village.

Following this discussion it was proposed that £25,000 be allocated to projects with £25,000 being used to reduce the level of precept. This was proposed by Councillor Barratt and seconded by Councillor Mitchell. This motion was not carried. This was a recorded vote:

For the motion: Councillor Barratt and Councillor Mitchell.

Against the motion: Councillor Bird, Councillor Elaine Coe, Councillor Collyer, Councillor Compton, Councillor James, Councillor Moxon and Councillor Parker.

The Parish Council agreed that £50,000 be vired across from General Reserves to 'projects.' This was proposed by Councillor James and seconded by Councillor Moxon.

21/5261 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 Elaine Coe.

The meeting was in closed session from 8:04pm

21/5262 Legal Matters

There were no updates with regard to the ongoing legal issues.

21/5263 Finance - Budget and Precept Draft Proposals for 2021/2022 – Staffing Matters

The Parish Council had no comments on the staffing budget.

The meeting was back in open session from 8:05pm

21/5264 Dates of Future Meetings

- Planning Committee – 25th January 2021
- Council – 28th January 2021

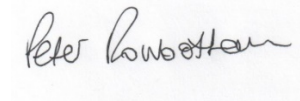
21/5265 Urgent Matters

None raised.

The meeting finished at 8:05pm

Signed as a true and accurate record.

**Councillor Stephen James
Chairman
Brixworth Parish Council
28th January 2021**



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