



## Brixworth Parish Council Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.15pm

Community Centre & Library, Spratton Road, Brixworth NN6 9DS

**In Attendance:** Cllr Moxon (Chairman), Cllr Bird (Vice Chairman), Cllr Ware, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Spratt, Cllr Peacock, Cllr Collyer, Cllr Coe, Cllr Lunnon and Cllr Compton

**Parish Clerk:** Josie Flavell

**Members of Public:** 1 Member of Public

### PART ONE – OPENING PROCEDURES

		<b>ACTION</b>
22/6079	Councillor Moxon welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Parish Council and advised attendees of the evacuation procedures and that the meeting is recorded.	-
22/6080	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b> - apologies were received and accepted from the following Councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cllr Brown</li> <li>▪ Cllr Barratt</li> <li>▪ Cllr Parker</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Jonathan Harris (WNC) and Gavin Kirkup (Admin) also gave their apologies. Cllr Peacock absent from meeting. Prop. Cllr Bird Sec. Cllr Coe</p>	Accepted
22/6081	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>a) There were no declarations of any disclosable pecuniary or other interests reported. b) There were no dispensations or written requests for dispensation of DPI to consider.</p>	-
22/6082	<p><b>Agree and Sign the Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>Council RESOLVED to Chairman Moxon approving the Ordinary Meeting Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2022, as a true and accurate record. Prop. Cllr Bird Sec. Cllr Mitchell</p>	JF
22/6083	<p><b>Public Open Forum Session</b></p> <p>A member of public from the Brixworth Heritage Group requested the Parish Council to add and insure the Brixworth Roman artefacts. They reported that there is money available in the heritage fund to help pay for any premium that may occur. Council agreed for information regarding the artefacts to be forward to the Clerk to allow for this to be investigated with the insurance provider and a further report to council.</p>	JF

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## PART TWO – FOR DECISION

22/6084	<b>2023-24 Budget</b> Council RESOLVED to approve the proposed budget for the 2023-24, as reviewed and recommended by the finance committee at their meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> of January 2023. Prop. Cllr Lunnon Sec. Cllr Nixon	JF
22/6085	<b>2023-24 Precept</b> Council RESOLVED to approve the proposed precept of £175,000 for the 2023-24, as reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee on 11 <sup>th</sup> of January 2023. Prop. Cllr Lunnon Sec. Cllr Nixon	JF
22/6086	<b>Finance</b> Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the payments list for January 2023. Prop. Cllr Mitchell Sec. Cllr Bird	GK/JF
22/6087	<b>West Northants Highways Consultation – 40mph Speed Restriction Station Road</b> Council RESOLVED to fully support the proposed change and agreed to the Clerk responding to this consultation by the 30 <sup>th</sup> of January 2023. Prop. Cllr Mitchell Sec. Cllr Lunnon	JF
22/6088	<b>Armed Covenant Pledge Renewal</b> Council RESOLVED to renew the pledge and for the Proper Officer to authorise and return the form. Prop. Cllr Bird Sec. Cllr Spratt	JF

## PART THREE – FOR INFORMATION

22/6089	<b>St. David's Recreational Ground MUGA</b> a) Chairman Moxon reported that the laying of the MUGA surface has now been completed – photos were circulated prior to the meeting. b) Chairman Moxon reported that a lot of research had taken place concerning the various line dimensions and colours for each sport for the line painting to be agreed as follows: tennis white, football blue, netball yellow and basketball red. All sports representatives have been contacted to ensure they are happy with the colours and dimensions given, but due to there not being enough of a run-off for the basketball court because of the fixed hoops and lack of room available, the Chairman of Basketball Northants was consulted and he reported that only 3x3 basketball would be suitable. 3x3 Basketball is now a major Olympic sport and big in the world of international basketball and at grassroot level in Northamptonshire, and the MUGA will allow for 2 courts at either end. Plans have been drawn up by Kompan for the 3x3 basketball lines and dimensions and these will be sent to the Chairman for approval. The Clerk reported that a well-known coach and ex-international player has been contacted and he is happy to be considered to open the MUGA, holding a basketball event with the local primary school children. Council unanimously agreed to give the Clerk delegated authority to complete this project and to report in to the Working Group. Prop. Cllr Compton Sec. Cllr Coe	JF
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22/6090	<p><b>Parish Council Surgery</b></p> <p>a) Cllr Moxon and Cllr Compton updated Council on the Council Surgery held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023. A report was circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>b) Council NOTED that Cllr Bird and Cllr Parker will be holding the next surgery on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</p> <p><b>NB:</b> The Clerk was requested to contact the landowners concerning the parking bollards.</p>	JF
22/6091	<p><b>Community Safety Reports</b></p> <p>a) Council received and NOTED the report prior to the meeting.</p> <p>b) Council received and NOTED the Speed Data Analysis Report prior to the meeting.</p>	-
22/6092	<p><b>Finance Committee</b></p> <p>Council received and NOTED the following reports prior to the meeting.</p> <p>a) Cost Centre Summary Report</p> <p>b) Monthly Breakdown Receipts and Payments Report</p> <p>c) Net Position by Cost Centre Report</p> <p>d) Committed Spend Report</p> <p>e) Expenditure from Reserves Report</p> <p>f) December Bank Reconciliation Report</p>	-
22/6093	<p><b>Planning Committee</b></p> <p>There were no minutes to receive due to the meeting not being quorate.</p>	-
22/6094	<p><b>Clerk's Report</b></p> <p>Council received and NOTED the Clerk's monthly report.</p>	-
22/6095	<p><b>Administration Assistant's Report</b></p> <p>Council received and NOTED the Administration Assistant's Report.</p>	-
22/6096	<p><b>Parish councillor representatives updates</b> - Council received the following updates:</p> <p>a) Village Hall – Cllr Lunnon reported that Cllr Nixon will now take over liaising with Gigaclear due to being the link between the Parish Council and Village Hall representative.</p> <p>b) Thomas Roe Charity - Cllr Mitchell reported the next meeting will be held in March.</p> <p>c) NCALC – There was nothing new to consider from Chairman Moxon.</p> <p>d) Police Liaison – Cllr Coe reported there is a Police Rural Crime event to attend.</p> <p>e) Armed Forces- Cllr Bird reported there is a new British Legion Group based in Brixworth.</p> <p>f) Verification Officer – Cllr Compton reported that verification will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.</p> <p>g) I.T. Working Group – There was no report to consider.</p> <p>h) Climate Change Champion – Cllr Ware reported that the new hedges have been planted and the property on the Ashway needs the hedge to be re-flailed once the ground has dried out. The Clerk is to request the funds from CPRE towards the hedges.</p>	JF
22/6097	<p><b>To Note the Dates of the Next Meetings:</b></p> <p>Council NOTED all meeting dates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Saturday Surgery 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023 10am – 12noon</li> <li>▪ MS Office 365 Training 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 6-7pm</li> <li>▪ Personnel Committee 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 6:30pm-7:30pm</li> <li>▪ Planning Committee 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 7:30pm – 8:30pm</li> <li>▪ MS Office 365 Training 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 6-7pm</li> </ul>	-

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**PART FOUR – CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

22/6098	<p><b>Exclusion of The Press and Public</b>  Council RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 sect 1.2, to discuss matters of commercial and personal confidentiality (Papers for Members only), due it being prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.  Prop. Cllr Coe Sec. Cllr Bird.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page 1265</p> <p><b>The Press and Public will be requested to leave the meeting (subject to 22/6098)</b></p>	-
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**PART FIVE – CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

22/6099	<p><b>Eaglehurst Commuted Sum</b>  Council RESOLVED to NOTE the calculation of the commuted sum offered and to advise Persimmon Homes that the Solicitor will advise and confirm the offer, as per confidential information circulated to council prior to the meeting. Cllr Nixon and the Clerk will be meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2023, to agree the response to the Solicitors.  Prop. Cllr Nixon Sec. Cllr Ware. All in favour with 1 abstention.</p>	JF/TN
22/6100	<p><b>Personnel</b>  Council RESOLVED to approve the increase in the Living Wage as per confidential information circulated to Council prior to the meeting. Prop Cllr Lunnon Sec. Cllr Coe.</p>	JF
<b>The Press and Public to be invited back into the meeting.</b>		

**PART SIX – CLOSING PROCEDURES**

22/6101	<p><b>Next Ordinary Meeting</b>  A. council considered and agreed to include the following items to the February meeting agenda: -  ▪ Hedgehog highway project  b. Council NOTED the date of the next ordinary meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2023.</p>	JF/GK
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**In the absence of further business, the meeting was closed at 20:11pm**

**Signed as a true and accurate record:**

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Sandra Moxon - Chairman  
**Brixworth Parish Council**  
Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

**Minutes Prepared by:**  
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