

# **Brixworth Parish Council**

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 25th January 2024 at 7.30pm

The Meeting will be held in the Community Centre & Library, Spratton Road, Brixworth NN6 9DS

Please inform the Clerk of your apologies in writing, should you be unable to attend.

Email: parish.clerk@brixworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

Signed: ...... Josie Flavell - Proper Officer/Clerk

The press and public are also invited to attend

Please note that this is a public meeting, and you may be filmed, recorded and/or published.

# **AGENDA**

#### **PART ONE - OPENING PROCEDURES** 23/6442 Welcome Welcome by the Chairman and information regarding evacuation procedures. ALL 23/6443 Apologies for absence and acceptance of apologies for absence To consider and accept any apologies reported. ALL 23/6444 **Declarations of Interest** ALL a) To consider any declarations of any disclosable pecuniary or other interests. b) To consider any dispensations or written requests for dispensation of DPI. Agree and Sign the Minutes of Previous Meeting 23/6445 RESOLVE to the Chairman approving the following sets of meeting minutes: a) Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Confidential Minutes dated 30th November 2023 Paper C1 b) Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Minutes dated 21st December 2023. Paper A Paper C2 c) Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Confidential Minutes dated 21st December 2023 23/6446 **Public Open Forum Session** a) 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 via the Chairman. Each will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Parish Council via the Chairman. This open session is limited to 15 minutes. b) 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. c) Those who wish to comment on an agenda item are encouraged to do so at this time or

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they may ask the Chairman to be allowed to speak when the subject is raised.









|         | PART TWO – FOR DECISION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         |
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| 23/6447 | National Allotments Society Membership (NAS) RESOLVE to approve the membership fee of £55 (exc. VAT) to join NAS to allow council to gain advice for the Northampton Road Allotment issues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | -       |
| 23/6448 | Finance RESOLVE to consider and approve the payments list for January 2024.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Paper B |
| 23/6449 | WNC Consultations – Local Cycling and Walling Infrastructure Plans RESOLVE to agree a comments response to the aforementioned consultation by the deadline date of 25th February 2024.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | -       |
| 23/6450 | <ul> <li>Biodiversity Policy</li> <li>a) RESOLVE to approve this policy pursuant to legislation i.e. the 2021 Environmental Act and information received from Northants CALC.</li> <li>b) RESOLVE to agree any further steps council can make to conserve and enhance biodiversity.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                  | Paper C |
| 23/6451 | <ul> <li>Wellbeing Park – Spratton Road POS</li> <li>a) RESOLVE to receive and approve the proposal (Paper F) and support the overall project concept with a formal project plan being brought back to Council, should Council resolve to take this idea further.</li> <li>b) To NOTE that each phase of the project will be scoped and costed accordingly and brought to full council for approval.</li> </ul> | Paper D |
| 23/6452 | Wellbeing Park Grant Funding – King Charles III Charitable Fund RESOLVE to give the Clerk delegated authority to apply for the King Charles III Charitable Fund and other grant funding as appropriate, to pay for items for the wellbeing park at Spratton Road.                                                                                                                                               | Paper E |
| 23/6453 | Local Council Quality Awards RESOLVE to pay the registration fee of £50 (exc. VAT) to allow the Officer team to submit an application to gain Foundation and Quality status, eventually, seeking to gain gold standard.                                                                                                                                                                                         | Paper F |
| 23/6454 | <ul> <li>Host A Councillor</li> <li>a) To consider an invitation from Brixworth Community Larder to 'Host a Councillor' on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. Cllr Barratt and Cllr Mitchell to attend.</li> <li>b) RESOLVE to cancel the planned Saturday Surgery date of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of April, subject to the above invitation being accepted.</li> </ul>                                   | -       |
| 23/6455 | Capability Policy RESOLVE to approve this policy as reviewed by Cllr Christine Ware.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Paper G |
| 23/6456 | Village, National and World Events RESOLVE to approve the purchase of the products itemised within Paper H to celebrate various events in the village and agree a budget of up to £100, utilising the Community Events budget.                                                                                                                                                                                  | Paper H |
| 23/6457 | Railway/Heritage Bench Restoration Project RESOLVE to approve the total cost of £5,775 as stated within meeting Paper I, to restore the 3no. railway/heritage benches. Costs to be borne out of the heritage budget and earmarked reserves.                                                                                                                                                                     | Paper I |

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|         | PART THREE – FOR INFORMATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                      |  |
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| 23/6458 | Saturday Surgery  To receive and NOTE the Saturday Surgery Report of 6th January. Cllr Compton & Cllr Coe attended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Paper J                                              |  |
| 23/6459 | Community Centre Lighting Quote  To NOTE that the revised quote and costs for the lighting upgrades have been received and approved, from West Northants Council's contractor Lawrences Electrical as follows, with the relevant invoices raised to cross charge the sums owed by the separate organisations as follows:  Community Centre 3 x lights - £264.21 (exc. VAT)  Clive Branch 16 x lights - £1,409.12 (exc. VAT)  Parish Council 8 x lights - £704.67 (exc. VAT) | (Quote)<br>Paper K                                   |  |
| 23/6460 | Committee and Working Group Minutes  To receive and NOTE the following sets of minutes/notes, as circulated to Council:  a) Planning Committee Meeting held on 8th January 2024  b) Climate Action Group Meeting held on 9th January 2024. c) Allotments Working Group meeting held on 10th January 2024. (Confidential) d) Buildings Working Group Meeting held on 15th January 2024. e) Sports Liaison Working Group Meeting held on 16th January 2024.                   | Paper L<br>Paper M<br>Paper C3<br>Paper N<br>Paper O |  |
| 23/6461 | Clerk's Report To receive and NOTE the report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Paper P                                              |  |
| 23/6462 | Housing Needs Survey To receive a progress report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | -                                                    |  |
| 23/6463 | Q3 Finance Pack To NOTE the contents of the Q3 Finance Report which includes the following items:  Summary of Rec & Payments  Monthly Breakdown of Receipts and Payments  Net Position  Committed Spend Rolling Budget  Reserves Budget  Bank Reconciliation Report                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Paper Q                                              |  |
| 23/6464 | Parish Councillor Representatives Updates  a) Village Hall – Cllr Lunnon/Cllr Nixon  b) Thomas Roe Charity - Cllr Mitchell  c) NCALC – Parish Clerk  d) Police Liaison – Cllr Coe  e) Armed Forces - Cllr Bird  f) Verification Officer – Cllr Compton  g) Environment, Highways and Climate Change Champion - Cllr Ware  h) Central Sports Rep – Cllr Nixon                                                                                                                | -                                                    |  |

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| 23/6465 | To Note the Dates of the Next Meetings:                                                        |  |
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|         | <ul> <li>Planning Committee Meeting – 29th January 2024</li> </ul>                             |  |
|         | <ul> <li>Parish Surgery (Community Centre) 3rd February 2024 JB &amp; AA Attending.</li> </ul> |  |
|         | ■ Planning Committee Meeting – 19th February 2024                                              |  |
|         | ■ Full Council Meeting – 29th February 2024                                                    |  |
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|         | PART FOUR – CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
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| 23/6466 | Exclusion of the Press and Public  RESOLVE to consider the exclusion of 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. |  |
|         | The Press and Public will be requested to leave the meeting (subject to 23/6466)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |

# PART FIVE - CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

| 23/6467 | Cricket Club Lease To receive a verbal report and agree any actions concerning the meeting held with the Cricket Club on 24th January 2024.                                                             | TN/AA       |
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| 23/6468 | Land Transfer – Rear of Village Hall  To receive a verbal report and agree any actions regarding the meeting held with the Northold  Group on 12th January 2024.                                        | TN/JF       |
| 23/6469 | All Saints Church Churchyard Maintenance  a) To receive and note the contents of the Church Quinquennial Report. b) To consider the request to maintain the churchyard and RESOLVE what action to take. | Paper<br>C4 |
| 23/6470 | Code of Conduct Review To receive and NOTE the progress report from Cllr Aisbett (For information only).                                                                                                | Paper<br>C5 |
| 23/6471 | Cleaning – Community Centre  a) To receive a report concerning the temporary cleaning contract. b) RESOLVE to approve all associated costs in relation to this matter.                                  | JF          |

| PART SIX – URGENT MATTERS |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |   |
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| 23/6472                   | Urgent Matters for Report Only                                                                                                                                                                                   |   |
|                           | Business must be urgent, and the Chairman notified by no later than 5pm on the day of the meeting. Business discussed will be noted by Council ONLY, as no decisions can be legally made under this agenda item. | - |

| PART SEVEN – CLOSING PROCEDURES |                                                                                                                                                                          |   |
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| 23/6473                         | Next Ordinary Meeting                                                                                                                                                    |   |
|                                 | a. To consider any items for inclusion on the February Ordinary Meeting agenda. b. To NOTE the next meeting date for the Ordinary Council Meeting as 29th February 2024. | - |
|                                 | b. To NOTE the next meeting date for the Standary Souther Meeting do 25 Tebruary 2024.                                                                                   |   |

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