

## **BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### ***Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 26 January 2010 at 7.15p.m. in the Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth***

**Present:** Councillors: I Barratt, C Bament, R Chattaway, S Gilkes, M Lacey,  
R Low, Mrs E Nunn, S Pointer, M Ward and Mrs E Wiig

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk  
PCSO J Hillery - Northants Police

#### **10/829 Apologies for absence**

Members apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Gunnett, Cllr Monk, Cllr Whiffen and Cllr F Wiig.

Apologies had also been received from County Cllr C Millar and District Cllr N Bunting.

#### **10/830 Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items**

Cllr E Wiig declared a personal interest – Member of another Local Authority and Member of the District Council Planning Committee

#### **10/831 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 15 December 2009**

The minutes of the meetings held on 15 December 2009 and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of this meeting.

*The meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to address the Council. A note of the matters raised are attached to the minutes.*

*The meeting reconvened at 7.30pm.*

#### **Planning**

##### ***10/832 Minutes of Meetings 4 & 25 January 2010***

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 4 & 25 January 2010 having been previously distributed were accepted.

##### ***10/833 Approvals and Refusals January 2010***

The following approvals and refusals were noted.

#### **Approvals**

##### ***DA/2009/0316 Mr S Edmonds, 20 Church Street, Brixworth***

*Demolish existing garage New double door garage to adjoin house with extension to rear.*

11.5.09 PC No Objection 18.6.09 DDC Approved 31.12.09 DDC Approved  
Amendments

**DA/2009/0776 Mr M Kirtland, 5 Shelleycotes Road, Brixworth**

*Detached double garage at front of dwelling*

12.10.09 PC No objection

23.11.09 DDC Approved

**DA/2009/0790 Mr & Mrs Turpin, Beech Hill, 25 Church Street, Brixworth**

*Single storey detached annexe for elderly relative*

12.10.09 PC No objection

2.12.09 DDC Approved

**DA/2009/0840 Miss Carrick, 11 Broad Street, Brixworth**

*Single storey extension to rear*

23.11.09 PC No objection

16.12.09 DDC Approved

**Refusals**

None

*Cllr E Wiig left the meeting*

*Cllr Chattaway and Cllr Low declared a personal interest due to the locality of one of the sites, mentioned in the report, which is close to their properties. They felt free to speak about Brixworth as a whole and the SHLAA itself but would feel obliged to declare an interest if one of the sites which was close to their houses was referred to specifically.*

***10/834 SHLAA Report***

The Chairman read out the draft letter to the West Northants Joint Planning Unit, which the Planning Committee had agreed at its meeting, in response to the report.

**Finance**

***10/835 Income Received for December 2010***

The Clerk reported the Income received for December 2010, which was as follows: -

<b><u>Received from</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
Community Centre	Hall Hire	739.64
		<b><u>739.64</u></b>

***10/836 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December 2009***

The bank reconciliation as at the 31 December 2009 was reported and accepted as follows:

Current Account	£10,357.96
Reserve Account	£158,854.44
Less Cheques outstanding	£791.64
Balance Carried forward as at 1.01.10	£168,420.76

***10/837 Income and Expenditure & Reserves Report for December 2009***

The Council accepted the Income and Expenditure and reserves report for December 2009.

***10/838 Clerk's Annual Subscription to SLCC***

It was resolved to approve the Clerk's annual subscription to the SLCC for £151.00.

***10/839 Clerk's Annual Subscription to SLCC Institute of Local Council Management***

It was resolved to approve the Clerk's annual subscription to the ILCM for £66.00.

***10/840 To Approve the Bills for Payment for January 2010***

A schedule of payments, to be made in January 2010 was available to each member at the meeting.

It was resolved for the following accounts to be passed for payment; therefore the Chairman signed the schedule of payments.

**Direct Debit Payments**

	<b>Payment To</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	<b>£</b>
	British Gas Business	Elec. Chgs Sept. - Dec 09 - Changing/Rooms	41.62
<b>Chq No.</b>	<b>Payment To</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	<b>£</b>
4198	A H Blason & Son	Fuel for van - Dec & Jan	151.60
4200	Earth Anchors	Replaces cheque no. 4200 - Lost in post	133.29
4201	Groundsman	Groundman's Salary Jan 2010	1,074.32
4202	Clerk	Clerk's Salary Jan 2010	1,061.58
4203	Part Time Groundsman	P/T Groundsmans wages Jan 2010	117.80
4204	Cleaner	Cleaner Comm. Centre wages Jan 2010	255.20
4205	Litter Picker	Litter Picker wages Jan 2010	185.60
4206	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax & NI Jan 2010	751.66
4207	NCC	Pension Contribution	352.48
4208	Mrs J Macken	Postage	9.98
4209	Mrs C Daley	Comm Ctr Treasurer - Postage	10.80
4210	ESPO	Stationery and Cleaning materials	67.36
4211	Euromec	Ignition barrel for Kubota	41.75
4212	NCC	Saxon Church & PC logo Signs	182.47
4213	E.ON	St. Light Elec. Chgs Sept. - Dec 09	62.74
4214	B & Q	Gravel for recreation grounds	30.82
4215	Lovell Hardware	Materials for groundsman	108.41
4216	R W Heygate	Trimming Ashway PF hedge	115.00
4217	Anglian Water	Comm Ctr Water chgs -Oct 09 - Jan 10	251.13
4217	Anglian Water	C/Rooms Water chgs - Oct 09 - Jan 10	41.42
4218	SLCC	Annual Clerks Membership	151.00
4218	SLCC	ILCM Membership	66.00
			<b>5,264.03</b>

***10/841 Six Month Internal Check of Accounts***

It was noted that Cllr Monk had carried out the six monthly check of the accounts and that everything was in order and there were no matters to report.

***10/842 Clerks Submission for Cilca Section 7 Power of Well Being***

The Council congratulated the Clerk who has now passed the Cilca section 7 power of well being. In order for the Council to attain the Power of Well being, three further Councillors need to attend the appropriate training. NCALC are to advise the Council when the training is available.

***10/843 Annual Support to Campaign for Rural England CPRE***

It was resolved to approve the annual financial support to CPRE at a cost of £29.00.

#### ***10/844 Parish Council Website***

Cllr Gilkes reported that he had started to set up the Parish Council website [www.brixworthpc.org.uk](http://www.brixworthpc.org.uk). It was confirmed that the annual cost for the website would be £24.95. Any additions (i.e. pc brixworth email addresses or a pdf writer) would be extra. It was resolved to arrange a meeting to look at the managing of the site.

The Chairman reported that Mr Coles had informed the Parish Council that the Brixworthonline website may be sold or passed on. The Council wished to pass on their thanks to Mr Coles for providing this valued community website and service for the village over the years.

#### ***10/845 Police Representative's Report***

*PCSO Jo Hillery gave the following report:*

- 7.1.10 Bike stolen from Northampton Road
- 12.1.10 Land Rover stolen from Station Road
- 12.1.10 Two vehicles damaged in Broad Street
- 20.1.10 Motor bike stolen, youth crashed the bike and was arrested
- 20.1.10 Theft from motor vehicle (van with tools) in Hall Park
- 21.1.10 Car damaged in the Ashway
- 21.1.10 Man exposed himself to young girls on St David's Recreation Ground
- 22.1.10 Three parking tickets issued – parking on yellow lines in Northampton Road
- 22.1.10 Police visited ten youths parents (regarding anti social behaviour), resulting in banning the group going out. One being interviewed at Police Station.

Overall crimes are up 221 compared to 185 this time last year.

Community Panel held on 7 January 2010, unfortunately noone turned up. Next meeting to be held on 18 March 2010.

Sgt Harris has left following promotion and Sgt Grady is back to lead the Brixworth Safer Community Team.

#### ***Recreation and Amenities Development***

##### ***10/846 To Accept Minutes of Meeting 19 January 2010***

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 19 January 2010 having been previously distributed were accepted.

##### ***10/847 Cricket Club's Request for Continuation of Arrangement at St David's Recreation Ground this Season***

It was resolved to continue the Cricket Club's arrangement at St David's Recreation Ground as previous years.

##### ***10/848 Report on BMX/Skate Facility***

Members had received a copy of a letter of engagement from Shoosmiths and received, at the meeting, a report on the legal situation from the solicitor. The report concluded that 'whilst Brixworth Parish Council can proceed to use the Road as the

BMX/Skate facility once the Traffic Regulation Order has been sealed, it cannot stop the neighbouring land owners also using the Road with motor vehicles to gain access and egress to their own land in accordance with any existing access points to those land parcels. I do not think it would be safe for the facility to be in use and for motor vehicles to use it at the same time and consider that Brixworth Parish Council would be at risk as licensee of the land in respect of any damage to property, personal injury or death which occurred as a result of an accident between users of the facility and other persons entitled to use the Road’.

Following a discussion and in light of the legal opinion the Council resolved to not proceed with the project and to seek redress for costs incurred following discussions with County Cllr Millar.

It was agreed to include this in the next edition of the newsletter. The Clerk was asked to speak to the funders and advise them of the situation.

### **Highways and Environment**

#### ***10/849 To Accept Minutes of Meeting 1 December 2009***

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 1 December 2009 having been previously distributed were accepted.

#### ***10/850 Brixworth Weekend Bus Service and Consider Questionnaire***

Following a discussion it was decided that the Council needed to contact the regulator or licensing authority for further information. Therefore the matter was put on hold until the Council had further details. Cllr Lacey agreed to make the necessary enquiries. This is to be reported at the next Highways and Environment committee.

#### ***10/851 Bad Weather Road Conditions in the Village***

Concerns were raised with regards to certain roads not being gritted during the bad weather (in particular Froxhill Crescent). It was suggested to invite a representative from MGWSP along to a meeting to discuss.

### **Correspondence for discussion**

#### ***10/852 Letter - Brixworth Christian Fellowship***

The Council had received a letter from the Christian Fellowship thanking the Council for reducing their charge for the Olive Branch Coffee Shop.

#### ***10/853 DDC Chill Out Home Insulation Scheme***

The District Council has sent out letters to all residents with regards to the chill out home insulation scheme. An exhibition is to be held in the village on 6 February 2010.

#### ***10/854 DDC Standards for England Annual Assembly 2009***

A toolkit for Parish Councils has been issued to all parishes. The Chairman is currently looking at the document, which will be available for all other members to look at.

***10/855 DDC Mowing in Villages***

It was resolved to charge the District Council £875.00 per annum (the council charged £826.00 in 2006) to mow the land at the junction of Spratton Road and Brampton Way.

***10/856 East Midlands Fire and Rescue Control Centre***

Details of the new Fire and Rescue Control Centre were noted.

***10/857 NCALC – Consultation of Northamptonshire Councils Charter***

NCALC has submitted a consultation document which describes the working relationship between Local Councils and Principal Councils in Northamptonshire. Members are to email their comments to the Clerk for further discussion at the next meeting.

**10/858 Correspondence for information only**

The Chairman reported that the correspondence file was available for circulation.

**10/859 Date of Next Meetings**

The next Full Council Meeting is to be held on 23 February 2010 in the Community Hall, Library/Community Centre.

**Urgent Matters For Report Only**

***10/860 Twinning Working Group***

The next working group meeting is to be held on 3 February 2010. The group will put together a report to present to the Full Council.

***10/861 Community Centre***

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to ACRE's solicitor who is happy to attend a meeting, carry out the preparation of a trust deed and help with the application for registration to the Charity Commission at a cost. This item was delegated to the Highways and Environment Committee to consider.

***10/862 Weight Watchers***

The Chairman has received complaints regarding the large weight watchers signs, which are, permanently, on display on the roadside. It was agreed to ask for the signs to be removed.

***10/863 Mobile Cinema***

Item to be discussed at the next Highways and Environment committee. It was suggested for Cllr Nunn to provide details for inclusion in the next newsletter.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.

Dated 23 February 2010

**Notes of matters raised by members of the public.**

1. A resident from St David's Close reported that members of the football clubs are still parking their vehicles inconsiderately in the close. PCSO Hillery confirmed that she would provide leaflets to be put on to the offending vehicles. If the offender persists then an inconsiderate parking ticket can be issued.

It was noted that the Council has written to all the clubs to remind them that members should use the car park at the rear of the pavilion.