

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 23 February 2010 at 7.15p.m.
in the Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth*

Present: Councillors: I Barratt, C Bament, R Chattaway, Mrs A Gunnett,
M Lacey, R Low, R Monk, Mrs E Nunn, S Pointer and M Ward

In Attendance: Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk
PCSO J Hillery - Northants Police
Cllr C Millar - County Councillor
Five members of the public

10/864 Apologies for absence

Members apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Gilkes, Cllr Whiffen, Cllr E Wiig and Cllr F Wiig.

Apologies had also been received from Sgt Grady.

10/865 Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items

There were no declarations of interest

10/866 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 26 January 2010

The minutes of the meetings held on 26 January 2010 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.

10/867 Police Representative's Report

PCSO J Hillery reported the following crimes for the month: -

- 02/Feb/10 Theft From Motor Vehicle – Spratton Road – Unknown person smashes passenger side window and removes items from within.
- 03/Feb/10 Attempted Burglary – Brixworth Country Park – A Group of 5 youths enters insecure yard then attempt to force rear door to premises.
- 03/Feb/10 Burglary Non Dwelling. Pytchley Close – Unknown person uses unknown instrument to force lock on she door, nothing taken.
- 04/Feb/10 Theft Of Pedal Cycle – Breach Close – Bike stolen from rear garden.
- 07/Feb/10 Burglary Non Dwelling – Brixworth Primary School – Offenders force open ground floor, nothing taken.
- 07/Feb/10 Criminal Damage – Eastfield Road – Unknown person scratches paintwork on the passenger side of vehicle.
- 11/Feb/10 Theft From Vehicle – The Slip – Numbers plates removed from vehicle.
- 12/Feb/10 Burglary Dwelling – Harborough Road – Unknown person enters property through large dog flap and removes handbag.
- 21/Feb/10 Criminal Damage – Eastfield Road – Unknown person has poured a substance over vehicle causing damage to paint work.
- 22/Feb/10 Criminal Damage – Kennel Terrace – Unknown person causes damage to window my unknown means.

- 27/Feb/10 Criminal Damage – Ferro Fields – Unknown person have cut bolts to gate, no entry gained

There is a new Intelligence log system (Single Point of Contact SPOC) which tracks low level anti social behaviour. It builds up a file on an individual and the evidence can be used in court.

10/868 County Councillors Report

Cllr Millar reported the following : -

SHLAA – The report has identified a number of sites in Brixworth for potential development. The District Council is to consider the criteria required to ascertain which villages, in the District, are able to sustain additional growth.

A508 Footbridge – The footbridge has been estimated to cost £600,000, which was due to be built from specific funding. The public exhibition displaying the proposals for the bridge, which was due to be held during week commencing 22 February 2010 in the Brixworth Library/Community Centre, had been cancelled. Cllr Millar informed the meeting that he had spoken to Cllr Smith to ascertain why the project had been put on hold. It was suggested that the Parish Council writes to Cllr Smith to emphasise the importance of having the footbridge built.

Twinning – Cllr Millar asked to be kept informed of any progress.

Bollards along Harborough Road – Following a vote it was resolved to agree to ask the County Council to send a request to the landowner to remove the bollards, which block the road on the old Harborough Road.

Empowerment Fund – Funding is still available to the Parish Council.

Waste – There are changes to the management of the Recycling Centre's. The new contractor starts on 1 April 2010. There will no longer be a shop on site. Shops are to be located off site. This will prevent the Recycling Centres being blocked by people in cars, purely shopping. The profits from the shops off site will benefit the taxpayers.

Planning

10/869 Minutes of Meetings 15 February 2010

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 15 February 2010 having been previously distributed were accepted.

10/870 DA/2010/0083 Trustees of Principle Systems, Waterloo, Huddersfield Station Yard, Station Yard, Brixworth

Outline application for the erection of B1 Units, access & nine dwellings

Following a vote it was resolved that the Parish Council objects to this outline planning application in the manner that has been proposed.

The proposal includes the provision of houses on a site which is outside the village envelope. As far as the Parish Council is aware, there is no intention to provide this housing solely for workers to be employed on the proposed industrial estate, who need it to perform their duties effectively. It should not therefore be permitted development.

10/873 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 January 2010

The bank reconciliation as at the 31 January 2010 was reported and accepted as follows:

Current Account	£9,667.56
Reserve Account	£158,870.46
Less Cheques outstanding	£3,424.93
Balance Carried forward as at 1.02.10	£165,113.09

10/874 Income and Expenditure & Reserves Report for January 2010

The Council accepted the Income and Expenditure and reserves report for January 2010. The Council is 83% through the year and the actual expenditure is broadly inline with the budgeted expenditure. It was confirmed that there is £4,469 in the income and £4,469 in the sundries expenditure, which balances each other out. (£2,000 from NCC empowerment fund for the BMX track, which was paid back to NCC for the legal costs. £2,469 for the cost of the repairs to the Spratton Rd play equipment, which was recovered by the insurance claim).

10/875 Financial Support for Brixworth SCT Office 2009-10

Following a vote it was resolved to approve the financial support for the Brixworth Safer Community Team's office for the sum of £4,800.

It was agreed to ask Sgt Grady to attend the next meeting to discuss the strategy for Policing in Brixworth and the future funding of the Brixworth office.

10/876 Return of Grant Funding from ACRE

It was resolved to approve the payment of £8,000 for the return of the grant funding received from ACRE for the BMX/skate facility.

10/877 To Approve the Bills for Payment for February 2010

A schedule of payments, to be made in February 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.

4219	Groundsman	Groundman's Salary Feb 2010	1,074.52
4220	Clerk	Clerk's Salary Feb 2010	1,061.38
4221	Part Time Groundsman	P/T Groundsmans wages Feb 2010	107.20
4222	Cleaner	Cleaner Comm. Centre wages Feb 2010	255.20
4223	Litter Picker	Litter Picker wages Feb 2010	185.60
4224	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax & NI Feb 2010	748.86
4225	NCC	Pension Contribution Feb 2010	352.48
4226	Mrs J Macken	Postage	22.68
4227	Mr M Nice	Comm. Ctr Manager Expenses	10.99
4228	ESPO	Cleaning materials, stationery	119.03
4229	Anglian Water	Water Chgs Mill Gdn Oct 09 - Jan 10	11.58
4230	Lovell Hardware	Materials for groundsman	59.38
4231	OCS Group	Sanitary Unit Comm Ctr Feb - Apr 10	13.43
4232	Plexus Media Ltd	PC Spanglefish Website - Annual Charge	24.95
4233	BT	Clerks telephone/broadband - Nov - Jan 10	170.12
4234	Brixworth Landscaping	Work to Library border	50.00
4235	CPRE	Renewal of Annual Membership	29.00
4236	Avenue Agriculture	Replacement Padlocks - St Davids Car Park Gate	90.44
4237	CAI	Replacement Padlock - St Davids Car Park Gate	36.01
4238	Shoosmiths	Solicitors Legal costs - BMX/Skate Facility	1,588.85
4239	Northants Police	Financial Support for Brixworth Office	4,800.00

4240	ACRE	Return of Grant Money received for Skate Equip.	8,000.00
4241	AH Blason & Son	Fuel, ATF fluid & oil	91.44
			18,903.14

10/878 Councils Risk Assessment for 2009/10

It was reported that each committee had reviewed its risks associated with its committee. The Council accepted and approved the annual risk assessment for the year 2009-10. The Chairman signed the overall summary.

10/879 Grant Application Process

Cllr Chattaway agreed to draft some guidelines for consideration at the next Finance committee in April.

10/880 Date for Website Working Group Meeting

It was agreed to hold a meeting after the Council meeting scheduled for the 3 March 2010.

10/881 Power of Well Being Training Course 22 March 2010

Cllr E Wiig, Cllr F Wiig, Cllr Low and Cllr Ward will be attending the Power of Well Being Training Course arranged for the 22 March 2010 at Scaldwell Village Hall at a cost of £18.00 each.

10/882 Purchase of 120 Minute Fire Safe

The Clerk gave details regarding a Fire Safe for the storing of the Council minutes. The Clerk was asked to find out the lifespan of this safe.

Recreation and Amenities Development

10/883 Report on Confirmation on Byelaws

The Byelaws for St David's Recreation Ground, Spratton Recreation Ground and the Ashway Playing Field have now been approved by the Communities and Local Government and will come into force on the 1 March 2010.

10/884 BMX/Skate Project

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the three funders to advise them of the situation and had asked whether or not the funding could be used for an alternative youth project. So far ACRE has replied and has requested that their grant for £8,000 is returned.

10/885 Date of Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 23 March 2010.

Highways and Environment

10/886 To Accept Minutes of Meeting 2 February 2010

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 2 February 2010 having been previously distributed were accepted.

10/887 Report on Meeting with ACRE's Solicitor – Community Centre 3 March 2010

Mr Jonathan Dawson, a solicitor working on behalf of ACRE who specialises in setting up Village Hall Registered Charities, will be attending the Council meeting to

be held on 3 March 2010. The meeting is to consider applying for the Community Centre to become a registered charity.

10/888 Report on Saxon Spires Patient Panel Group Meeting

Cllr Bament and Cllr Chattaway attended the recent Patient Panel Group meeting. There are several alterations planned for the inside of the Brixworth surgery building. It was agreed for Cllr Bament to be the Parish Representative on this Group.

10/889 Millennium Garden

It was noted that the U3A Gardening Group are interested in maintaining the Millennium Garden, along side the BTCV. The Clerk has arranged a site meeting with members of the group.

Correspondence for discussion

10/890 NCC Creating Sustainable Communities Consultation

This item was deferred to the Planning Committee

10/891 NCC Proposed A508 Bypass Footbridge – Public Exhibition

This item was discussed under County Councillors report.

10/892 NCALC New Model Standing Orders for Local Councils

The Council noted the new model Standing Orders received from NCALC. It was agreed to defer this to the next Finance Committee meeting.

10/893 NCALC – Consultation of Northamptonshire Councils Charter

Cllr Chattaway and Cllr Monk agreed to look at the document and report back to the Council next month with any recommendations.

10/894 NCALC – Incorporation of NCALC – Special Meeting 20 March 2010

Cllr Lacey agreed to attend this meeting, if appropriate.

10/895 Anglian Water – Water Park User Meeting 13 April 2010

Cllr Nunn agreed to attend this meeting.

10/896 Northants ACRE – Grant Application

The Chairman stated that the Council has been successful in its application for a Bitesize grant from ACRE for £250.00.

10/897 Correspondence for information only

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

10/898 Update from Twinning Working Group

The Chairman reported that himself and Cllr Nunn were the only members from the working group present at the last meeting. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next Council meeting.

10/899 Parish Council Newsletter

It was resolved to approve the printing and circulation of the newsletter at a cost of £200.00 by the Brixworth Bulletin.

10/900 Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting

It was once again decided to invite all organisations to which the Council has provided a grant to, to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 5 May 2010.

Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 12 May 2010.

10/901 Date of Next Meetings

The next Full Council Meeting is to be held on 30 March 2010 in the Community Hall, Library/Community Centre. A Special Council meeting is to be held on 3 March 2010 as mentioned earlier.

Urgent Matters For Report Only

10/902 Bulb Planting

Item for next month's agenda.

10/903 Larger Councils Meeting 10 March 2010

The Chairman reported that he hoped to attend the NCALC Larger Council meeting on 10 March 2010.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.

Dated 30 March 2010

Notes of matters raised by members of the public.

1. Residents from Station Road raised several concerns with regards to the planning application DA/2010/0083 Station Yard, Station Road (Formerly Mabbuts Yard). Concerns raised included the following: -
 - Scale of development, to include 200 car parking spaces
 - Increase in traffic through village, in particular lorries
 - Not on a public transport route
 - No infrastructure to support scheme
 - Drainage of site
 - Site formerly used for a rural business