

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 25 May 2010 at 7.15p.m.
in the Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth*

Present: Councillors: I Barratt, C Bament, R Chattaway, S Gilkes, Mrs A Gunnett, M Lacey, R Monk, Mrs E Nunn, M Ward, S Whiffen, Mrs E Wiig and F Wiig.

In Attendance: Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk
Cllr C Millar - County Councillor
1 member of the public

10/1012 Apologies for absence

Members apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Pointer and Cllr Low.

Apologies had also been received from Sgt Grady, PCSO Hillery and District Cllr Bunting.

10/1013 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

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

10/1014 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 27 April 2010

The minutes of the meetings held on 27 April 2010 and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of this meeting.

10/1015 Signing of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 12 May 2010

The minutes of the meetings held on 12 May 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 by members of the public are attached to the minutes.
The meeting reconvened.*

10/1016 Police Representative's Report

Unfortunately the Police were unable to send a representative to the meeting.

The following crimes were reported for the past month: -

01/05/2010 Possession Control Drug – Known offender is stopped searched and drugs are found.

01/05/2010 Theft From Vehicle – Church Street – Unknown person(s) remove front and rear registration plates.

01/05/2010 Theft – Hunters Way – Two known offenders select items and leave without paying.

02/05/2010 Theft – Hunters Way – Unknown vehicle pulls up at shops and takes scooter that had been left unattended.

04/05/2010 Theft – Creaton Road – Unknown males and female climb over fence to gain entry to yard and then remove items.

07/05/2010 Theft From Vehicle – St David's Close – Unknown person bends driver's door on vehicle to gain entry nothing taken.

08/05/2010 Burglary Non Dwelling – Holcot Road – Three unknown males have entered insecure rail shed and removes items.
09/05/2010 Theft From Vehicle – Holcot Road – Unknown person smashes rear passenger window to vehicle and removes items.
14/05/2010 Burglary Non Dwelling – Northampton Road – Unknown male enters medical room and takes purse from handbag.
15/05/2010 Burglary Non Dwelling – The Ashway – Unknown person forces lock on garden gate and enters insecure garage and removes items.
19/05/2010 Attempted Burglary – The Ashway – Unknown person forces open garage door, nothing taken.
23/05/2010 Theft From Vehicle – Lesson Road – Unknown person steals rubber trimming from vehicle.

10/1017 To Consider Funding a Bicycle for PCSO

The Local Police had suggested that the Parish Council might wish to provide funding for a bike for PCSO Hillery, to use for work in Brixworth. It was thought that this is something that the Police Force should provide and not the Parish Council.

10/1018 County Councillors Report

Cllr Millar reported that there is no money available for a footbridge across the A508 Bypass, but funding may be available for a pedestrian crossing, which he is pursuing with the County Council. It was resolved for the Highways & Environment Committee to consider the amount the Council may wish to contribute to this crossing.

The Regional Spatial Strategy has reduced the numbers of new houses to be built in Northamptonshire, due to the downturn in the housing market.

Daventry District Council will need to consider the current infrastructure available within the villages, which would be able to sustain any future developments. There is no immediate threat to villages. A consultation will be carried out with Local Councils in the future.

In order to cut spending the District Council is looking at carrying out services in new ways. Idea is to reduce spending but not cut services.

Cllr F Wiig arrived

Planning

10/1019 Minutes of Meetings 10 May 2010

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 10 May 2010 having been previously distributed were accepted.

It was noted that the application for the redevelopment of Mabbutts Yard, Station Road, Brixworth had been withdrawn. It is proposed to be resubmitted.

10/1020 Approvals and Refusals report April 2010

Approvals

DA/2010/0235 Mr Rose, 2 Tantree Way, Brixworth

Extension and part conversion of garage

29.3.10 PC No objection

5.5.10 DDC Approved

Refusals

DA/2010/0220 & 0221 Mr S Mehra, The Manor , Harborough Road, Brixworth

Alterations and extensions to existing single storey rear kitchen wing (built 2002) including extension to ground floor plan, increase in height to create first floor accommodation above, new pitched roof with conservation rooflights and revised link structure. Associated internal alterations, including removal of partition wall to enlarge kitchen/dining space.

29.3.10 PC No Objection

30.4.10 DDC refused

Cllr E & F Wiig did not take part in any discussions regarding the next two planning applications.

***10/1021 DA/2010/0357 Mr Burston, Campsite, Northampton Road, Brixworth
Erection of shower/wc/laundry building. Repositioning of approved campsite office.
Siting of timber bases for yurt tents. Hardstanding for touring caravans (not static).
Repositioning of aquatron biopant. Formation of gravel vehicular access ways.***

The Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons: -

- Originally the Parish Council did not envisage that this site would have anything like the impact that this proposal would have. The presence of so many caravans, yurts, additional vehicles and buildings will be visually intrusive and detrimental to the landscape and the setting of the Country Park.
- The approach road from the A508 roundabout to the access road to the campsite is narrow and has no footpath. This road is used by pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles visiting the Country Park and Sailing Club.
- Section 11 total proposed parking spaces 50. The drawings we have do not show a car park although this is referred to in the Design & Access Statement
- Section 14 The answer to the question re any adverse effect on adjacent or nearby important biodiversity features is NO. Surely there is the possibility of contamination and other types of pollution e.g. noise and light on the nearby Pitsford Reservoir, which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, birds and other wildlife in the country Park and the pond and stream close to the site.
- Section 16 Trees & Hedges The form states that there are no trees and hedges on the development site and that there are none on adjacent land, which could influence the development, or be an important of the local landscape character. This is not the case. From a distance the Visitors Centre and other buildings in Brixworth Country Park are unobtrusive due to hedges and trees.
- Section 25 The form states that the site cannot be seen from a public road, bridleway or other public land. This is wrong. It can be clearly seen from the footpath linking Brixworth to the Country Park and is visible from the

Holcot Road at the top of the hill leading down to the causeway and from the Brixworth bypass.

***10/1022 Additional Information DA/2010/0276 & 0340 Rumwood, Hall Park.
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two new dwellings with common access to private roadway***

The Parish Council's previous objections still stand. The design and access statement has not provided any further information to change this view.

Finance

10/1023 Income Received for April 2010

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

Received from	Details	£
Community Centre	Hall Bookings	168.45
HM R & C	VAT Refund 1.01.10 - 31.03.10	623.58
DDC	First Instalment of Precept	48,870.00
		<u>49,662.03</u>

10/1024 Bank Reconciliation as at 30 April 2010

The bank reconciliation as at the 30 April 2010 was reported and accepted as follows:

Current Account	£18,559.57
Reserve Account	£162,755.36
Less Cheques outstanding	£15,910.23
Balance Carried forward as at 1.05.10	£165,404.70

10/1025 To Approve Payment to Wicksteed Leisure for 10% Cancellation Charge

Following a discussion it was resolved to approve the payment of £1,380.00 plus VAT to Wicksteed Leisure. This 10% cancellation charge was due to the skateboard equipment etc. that had been manufactured for the BMX/skate park, which had been subsequently cancelled following legal advice. It was noted that Wicksteed would deduct this sum from a future order.

10/1026 Bills for Payment for May 2010

A schedule of payments, to be made in May 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.

<u>Chq No.</u>	<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Payment To</u>	<u>Reason for Payment</u>	<u>£</u>
4295		Groundsman	Groundman's Salary May 2010	1,074.65
4296		Clerk	Clerk's Salary May 2010	1,061.15
4297		Litter Picker	Litter Picker wages May 2010	185.60
4298		Cleaner	Cleaner Comm. Centre wages May 2010	255.20
4299		Part Time Groundsman	P/T Groundsmans wages May 2010	214.40
4300		NCC	Pension Contribution - May 2010	360.80
4301		HM R & C	PAYE Tax & NI May 2010	775.81
4302		Mrs J Macken	Postage, mileage	53.16
4303		Anglian Water	Water Chgs - Comm Ctr. 20.1.10 - 21.04.10	358.48
4304		Sage UK Ltd	Renewal of Payroll Software	111.63
4305		BT	Clerks telephone & broadband - Feb - May 10.	146.01
4306		Lovell Hardware	Materials for groundsman	42.35
4307		Cannon	Comm. Ctr. Sanitary Unit May - July 10	13.43

4308	ESPO	Stationery	65.80
4309	Chubb Fire Ltd	Fire Extinguisher Service - Changing Rooms	84.54
4310	10/949 Dave Shurville	Neighbourhood Watch Signs	176.25
4311	10/929 D Salisbury	Annual Grounds Maintenance	4,441.50
4312	10/005e Mr J Dawson	Solicitors Fees - Community Centre	575.00
4313	10/943 BCF Action	Refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting	10.00
4314	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Cancellation Charge - Skate Equipment	1,621.89
4315	AH Blason & Son	Fuel	160.26
4316	Dyno Rod	Service BVH Car Park Drains - Oct 09	115.00
4317	DDC	Business Rates - Comm Ctr 2010-11	87.49
			<u>11,990.40</u>

It was noted that any payments referring to the Community Centre would be paid from the Parish Council bank account until a new bank account for the Brixworth Community Centre is opened.

10/1027 Approve the Annual Accounts For the Year Ending 31 March 2010

It was resolved that the Annual Accounts for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2010, copy of which had been previously circulated, were adopted and signed by the Chairman and Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

The Clerk was congratulated on producing the annual accounts once again.

10/1028 Approve Section 1 & 2 of The Annual Return For the Year Ending 31 March 2010

The Council agreed to Section 1 and considered the answer 'yes' to all the questions on section 2 – Statement of assurance for the Annual Return for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2010.

Recreation and Amenities Development

10/1029 To Accept Minutes of Meeting 18 May 2010

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 18 May 2010 having been previously distributed were accepted.

Highways and Environment

10/1030 To Report on Dog Control Orders

It was noted that the District Council has not yet signed up for this.

10/1031 Bollards – Harboorough Road

The bollards, which are blocking the Harboorough Road, have not yet been removed. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with the County Council.

10/1032 Quality Parish Council Status

The Clerk was proud to report that following the recent application, NALC have awarded Brixworth Parish Council as a Quality Parish Council. The Chairman congratulated the Clerk and thanked her and those all involved with putting the evidence together and attending the panel meeting. It was noted that Brixworth is now the 14th Local Council in Northamptonshire to achieve this status, out of a total of 208.

10/1033 Brixworth Community Centre Charity Application

The Brixworth Community Centre is now a registered charity. In order to comply with Charity Law a separate bank account is now required for the Community Centre, which will be operated by the Parish Council. It was resolved that the existing five bank signatories will also be authorised signatories for the new account.

A Special Council meeting is to be held on 7 June 2010 to discuss the Community Centre, followed by an Inaugural Community Centre meeting. These meetings will take place after the Planning Committee meeting.

10/1034 NCALC Special Meeting 15 May 2010

Cllr Lacey attended this meeting and reported the following: -

The meeting was brief, with all 3 motions passed, virtually without comment:

1. To dissolve the unincorporated association known as the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (Northants CALC)
2. To transfer the assets and liabilities to the company limited by guarantee known as the Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils Ltd, registered in England.
3. The dissolution and transfer to take place as soon as reasonably practicable.

As a result, NCALC will proceed to incorporate as a company limited by subscription and one pound of our annual fee will be ring fenced as the limit of our subscription and liability as Brixworth Parish Council.

Correspondence for discussion

10/1035 Letter from Resident

The comments made by the resident had been discussed earlier on in the meeting.

- It was agreed to write to the residents with the overhanging bushes.
- The local Police are to be reminded that the double yellow lines, on the Northampton Road, need to be enforced.
- It was agreed to write to all the football clubs, regarding the swearing during football matches and to remind them that they are playing on a public open space surrounded by residents properties..
- Yellow tickets are available from the Police, which can be placed on vehicles parked illegally on the footpath by residents. Persistent offenders details are then passed onto the Police.
- It was noted that there had been an increase in litter on St David's Playing field, due to increase of young people gathering in the evenings, this has hopefully been resolved.
- The Junior Football Team had made precautions for the increase in parking in their arrangements. It was noted that this is a one off annual event.

10/1036 NCALC Charter Consultation Report

The NCALC Charter Consultation Report had been circulated previously to members and was noted.

10/1037 DDC – Parish Council's with DDC Computers

An email from the District Council had been received, copy of which had been previously circulated to members, informing the Parish Council that they are no longer in a position to support the few District Council computers still used by Parish Councils. Brixworth currently have a District Council computer and will therefore need to make alternative arrangements, should assistance be required. It was resolved to discuss this matter further at the next Finance meeting.

10/1038 DDC Parish and Town Council Meeting 1 July 2010

The Chairman hopes to attend the next Parish and Town Council meeting in Daventry.

10/1039 Safer Stronger Partnership – Funding for Youth Projects

It was noted that funding is available from the Safer Stronger Partnership for Youth Projects. Details of which had been passed on to the Youth Club.

10/1040 NCC – Changes to Household Recycling Centres

A letter sent to the Council concerning the changes to the household waste recycling centres, had been previously circulated to members. The Parish Council was already aware of these changes.

10/1041 Correspondence for information only

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

10/1042 Date of Next Meetings

The next Full Council Meeting is to be held on 29 June 2010 in the Community Hall, Library/Community Centre.

Urgent Matters For Report Only

10/1043 Junior Football Tournament – 23 May 2010

A resident had emailed the Clerk and raised their concerns with regards to the inconsiderate parking in the village on the day of the Junior Football Tournament. This had been discussed earlier and the Clerk was asked to reply to the resident with details of the precautions arranged by the football club and action taken by the Local Police on the day.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

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Chairman

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.
Dated 29 June 2010

Matters raised by members of the public.

1. A resident from Windmill Glade referred to his letter, which had been circulated to members and was on the agenda for consideration later during the meeting. Concerns raised included the following: -
 - Vehicles parking on pavement throughout the village and on double yellow lines
 - Litter on the playing fields
 - Dog fouling on the playing fields
 - Swearing by players during football matches on a public park
 - Overhanging branches over footpaths
 - Inconsiderate parking during the Junior Football Tournament on 23 May 2010
 - Speeding vehicles through village

The Chairman clarified a few points, including the Junior Football Tournament and action taken by the local Police on the day and speed surveys carried out in Froxhill Crescent.