

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 31 August 2010 at 7.15p.m. in the Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth

Present: Councillors: I Barratt, C Bament, R Chattaway, R Low and M Ward.

In Attendance: Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk
PCSO J Hillery - Northants Police
2 members from Central Sports/Football Club
3 members of the public

10/1100 Apologies for absence

Members apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs S Pointer, Mrs E Nunn, R Monk, M Lacey, Mrs A Gunnett, Mrs E Wiig and F Wiig.

10/1101 Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items

None

10/1102 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 27 July 2010

The minutes of the meetings held on 27 July 2010 was 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 at 7.25pm.*

The following items were brought forward to discuss.

10/1103 To Discuss Land at the Rear of Knightons Way

The Clerk reported that the land to the rear of Knightons Way is still in the ownership of David Wilson Homes. She had contacted the developers to report that some of the trees in the land, known as the buffer strip, are overgrown and need trimming.

10/1104 To Discuss St David's Recreation Ground Car Park

Residents, whose properties back on to St David's Recreation Ground, had contacted the Parish Council to raise their concerns about anti social behaviour in the car park and the play area during the evening. The main problem appears to be that the gate to the car park is not locked at night and the young people are parking in the car park and causing a nuisance. The Council had invited members from the Sports Clubs and Central Sports Club to attend the meeting. Unfortunately no residents were able to attend the meeting.

Following a lengthy discussion it was resolved to write to the sports clubs to remind them to ensure that the gate is locked at the end of matches or training. It was also agreed to change the combination of the lock once a month, so that the young people do not become aware of the combination, for a trial period of six months. In six months time the Council will review this situation and possibly consider CCTV. The Clerk was also asked to write to a couple of residents to politely ask them to trim back their bushes which overhang the road leading to the car park.

10/1105 Police Representative Report

PCSO J Hillery reported the following : -

- 4.8.10 Criminal damage – Pitsford Fishing Lodge
- 4.8.10 Sky dish damaged
- 4.8.10 Paint over vehicle – Eastfield Road
- 5.8.10 Shop lifting – Co-op Youngsters dealt with. Now banned from Co-op
- 9.8.10 Non dwelling burglary – shed
- 9.8.10 Shop lifting – Co-op. 3 girls identified and paid for wine stolen
- 10.8.10 Criminal damage to fence in Froxhill Crescent
- 11.8.10 Fixed penalty notice issued for abusive behaviour
- 14.8.10 Drugs identified – Froxhill Crescent – Male dealt with
- 16.8.10 Criminal damage to fence in Froxhill Crescent
- 17.8.10 Damage to vehicle – Breach Close
- 28.8.10 Drugs arrest
- 25.8.10 Wire stolen from allotments
- 28.8.10 Shop lifting – Co-op
- 30.8.10 Criminal damage – Cricket Club

The Chairman congratulated and thanked PCSO Hillery for the issuing of fixed penalty notices and for talking to the young offender's parents on several occasions.

10/1106 County Councillors Report

County Cllr Millar reported that he was waiting to receive the full specification for the A508 crossing, which is to cost in the region of £25,000.

The outcome of the Harrington Wind Farm appeal is still pending. The District Council is lobbying the Government to change current policy, to increase the distance from a turbine to the nearest dwelling to 2km and to take into account the energy efficiency in that area (in particular in low wind speed areas).

NCC have prepared a list of roads to be repaired this year. All roads will be repaired to last, rather than being just filled in.

Cllr Millar agreed to look into the progress of the planning application for the former Uplands Centre, which is proposed to become a new children's centre.

Planning

10/1107 Minutes of Meetings 2 & 23 August 2010

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 2 & 23 August 2010 having been previously distributed were accepted.

It was noted that the Library already applies for a separate licence each time in order to carry out some of its musical activities and has now decided to apply for a one off Premises Licence.

The following approvals and refusals were noted: -

12.7.10 No Objection

12.7.10 PC No Objection 8.10 DDC Approved

12.10.09 PC Noted 18.8.10 NCC Approved

12.7.10 PC No Objection

This item was referred to the Planning Committee.

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

The Income and Expenditure reports and reserves report were accepted and noted. The Clerk confirmed that the cost of the Community Centre's Business Rates for this year had been deducted from the General Reserves as agreed and therefore is not included in the Community Centre's expenditure.

10/1113 Bills for Payment for August 2010

A schedule of payments, to be made in August 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>Min. Ref.</u>	<u>Payment To</u>	<u>Reason for Payment</u>	<u>£</u>
4356		Groundsman	Groundman's Salary August 2010	1,084.89
4357		Clerk	Clerk's Salary August 2010	1,061.35
4358		Part Time Groundsman	P/T Groundsmans wages August 2010	268.00
4359		Community Ctr Cleaner	Cleaner Comm. Centre wages August 2010	315.00
4360		Litter Picker	Litter Picker wages August 2010	232.00
4361		HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax & NI August 2010	811.41
4362		NCC	Pension Contribution August 2010	360.80
4363		BDO Stoy Hayward	External Audit Fees 31 Mar 2010	646.25
4364 10/038e		BTCV	Work to Mill Gdn	329.00
4365 10/041e		Multesign	Dog Fouling Signs	135.13
4366		ESPO	Stationery	33.89
4366 10/052r		ESPO	Replacement Wheels for Goals - Ashway PF	169.79
4367		Avenue Agriculture	Combination lock St David's Rec Grd	39.81
4368		OCS Group UK Ltd	Sanitary Unit - Comm. Ctr. Aug - Oct 10	13.43
4369		Playsafety Ltd	Playground Inspections	229.13
4370		Lovell Hardware	Materials for Groundsman	44.90
4371		BT Payment Services	Clerk Telephone & Broadband Aug - Oct 10	135.25
4372		Post Office Ltd	Annual Van Road Tax	200.00
4374 10/051r		Brixworth Landscaping	Trim Spratton Road Rec Grd Hedge	335.00
4375		AH Blason & Son	Fuel	113.88
				<u>6,558.91</u>

Recreation and Amenities Development***10/1114 Freestyle Soccer Academy FSA and use of St David's Recreation Ground***

The Clerk stated that FSA was concerned that Central Sports had increased their daily charge and wondered if the Parish Council could assist in anyway. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the daily charge would remain the same at this time.

Highways and Environment***10/1115 To Accept Minutes of Meeting 3 August 2010***

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 3 August 2010 having been previously distributed were accepted.

10/1116 Spring Bulb Planting 17 October 2010

It was agreed to carry out the spring bulb planting on Sunday, 17 October 2010. Once again Mike Nice kindly offered to organise the event. The Clerk is to write to the village organisations asking for volunteers and to order six 25kg bags of daffodils from K Troops.

10/ 1117 NCC Temporary Road Closure – Brixworth Road, Spratton 18-29 October 2010

Details of a road closure in Spratton from the cemetery to Sauls the Butchers from 18 –29 October was read out.

10/1118 Request to Replace Bench in Millennium Garden Dedicated to Former Resident

A family member of a former resident enquired whether they could replace the bench in the Millennium Garden, which was in memory of their Grand Father. The Clerk was asked to contact the family for further information.

Correspondence for discussion

10/1119 DDC Code of Conduct – Standards Committee Training Event & Aide Memoir

Training events are to be held throughout the District. It was suggested that the Community Centre could be used for a training event and members of nearby Parish Councils could be invited.

10/1120 DDC Consultation – Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Criminal Record Policy

The Council noted this document.

10/1121 DDC Consultation – House to House Collections Policy

The Council noted this document.

10/1122 NCALC - Local Referendum to Veto Excessive Council Tax Increases – Consultation Paper

The Council discussed this consultation paper and it was resolved to reply to NCALC with the response that if there is a necessity to control Local Council spending than an alternative / cheaper option would be preferred than to have a Local Referendum, which could be costly to the tax payer.

10/1123 NCALC AGM 20 October 2010

It was resolved that Cllr M Lacey, Cllr Whiffen and Cllr Bament may attend the AGM on behalf of the Council. Cllr Lacey was appointed as the voting delegate for this meeting.

10/1124 Northants Fire & Rescue Services – Home Fire Safety Checks

The Fire & Rescue service wish to increase the number of Home Fire Safety checks in the community. It was suggested that the service could use the Community Centre Foyer for a display to promote the Home Fire Checks and to find more volunteers.

10/1125 Correspondence for information only

The Chairman reported that the circulation file, which included correspondence for information only, was available for members to take home.

10/1126 Date of Next Meetings

The next Full Council Meeting is to be held on 28 September 2010 in the Community Hall, Library/Community Centre.

Urgent Matters For Report Only

10/1127 Members Special Dispensation – Brixworth Community Centre

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the District Council that the Standards Sub Committee had granted all members special dispensation with regards to matters relating to the Community Centre, for a one-year period. The sub committee felt that alternative administrative arrangements should be found, as the current arrangement was unsatisfactory. The Clerk was asked to find out what the sub committee meant by unsatisfactory.

10/1128 Retirement Announcements

It was reported that Mr Lovell at Lovell's Hardware store was retiring and Mr Harvey Fox was retiring from the Bulletin after many years. It was agreed to send cards with the Councils thanks and best wishes.

10/1129 Dog Fouling

It was agreed for this item to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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Chairman

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.
Dated 28 September 2010

Matters raised by members of the public.

1. A resident referred to his email to the Council enquiring about the land to the rear of his property in Knightons Way. The trees on this land are overgrown and need trimming.