

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 19 October 2010 at 7.15p.m. in the Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth

Present: Councillors: I Barratt, C Bament, R Chattaway, M Lacey, R Low,
R Monk, M Ward, Mrs E Wiig, F Wiig (and Cllr J Fitzgerald after Co-
Option)

In Attendance: Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk
Mr M Nice - Centre Manager
PCSO G Lewis - Northants Police
PC J Brotherton - Northants Police
2 Member of the Public

10/1164 Apologies for absence

Members apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr E Nunn, Cllr S Pointer and Cllr A Gunnett.

10/1165 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 District Council Planning Committee

10/1166 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 28 September 2010

The minutes of the meetings held on 28 September 2010 was signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of this meeting.

There were no members of the public present wishing to address the Council.

10/1167 Co-option of Parish Councillor

The Chairman thanked the two applicants for applying for the vacancy. Unfortunately there is only one vacancy, which can be filled by co-option.

Each of the two applicants had sent an email to the Council (a copy of which had been previously circulated to all members), giving brief information about themselves and why they would like to be a Parish Councillor. Each one then had the opportunity to expand on their letter at the meeting.

It was agreed to vote by signed ballot. Following a vote, it was resolved to Co-opt Ms Jennifer Fitzgerald as a Parish Councillor. Cllr Chattaway agreed to mentor Cllr Fitzgerald.

Cllr R Monk arrived

10/1168 Police Representative Report

PCSO G Lewis introduced the new Police Officer to the team and gave the following report: -

Crime Figures Total crimes recorded for the six-month period ended Sept 2010 are 93. This compares to 114 for the same period last year. The overall drop is 18% but, of greater importance, 21 fewer victims of crime. The largest falls are in Burglary, 7

fewer, Theft of motor vehicles, 5 fewer, Criminal damage, 8 fewer and general Theft, 9 fewer. Against this there has been an increase in Drugs related offences up by 6 to a total of 7. In each case there has been a detection and disposal. In Sept two drugs warrants were carried out in New Street and Windmill Glade and in each case the offender charged.

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) - Dealing with ASB continues to be at the top of the agenda. In the first 6 months we recorded a total of 478 calls from the whole Rural North area of which, 135 came from Brixworth. These are broken down as:

Rowdy behaviour	70
Vehicle nuisance	14
Neighbours	11
Civil dispute	10
Noise	9
Nuisance calls	8
Vehicle Obstruction	7
Misc incl litter	6

Community Panel - At the last panel meeting the Locally Identified Priority (LIP) was set at reducing litter. A joint letter from the Panel, PC and DDC is to be sent to all the shops on Hunters Way seeking their assistance. A school litter pick and a school's poster campaign is also planned. This will be backed up by enforcement from the Safer Community Team.

10/1169 County Councillors Report

Cllr Millar had sent his apologies.

Planning

10/1170 Minutes of Meetings 4 October 2010

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

Cllr E Wiig and Cllr F Wiig took no part in the discussion with regards to the next two planning applications. Cllr F Wiig provided general guidance on planning matters regarding developments in gardens.

10/1171 DA/2007/1400 Amended Residential development consisting of approximately 1050 dwellings with employment area, local centre, primary school, care home, open space, structural landscaping, highways and drainage infrastructure works and a park and ride scheme

Land at Brampton Way, Boughton

The Parish Council wished to express the same concerns over the proposal as per its previous comments, which were:-

It is felt that that this is an inappropriate location for such a development. Not only will the urban sprawl spill over into the open countryside but it will become virtually impossible to access the important employment area of Moulton Park, the shops at Kingsthorpe and the town centre itself from the A508 at peak times. Any diminishment of the open countryside between Brixworth and Northampton or any of the local villages will be detrimental to the residents of the area as a whole.

There are already long tailbacks on the A508 in the mornings and it is also very busy in the evenings. The right turn to Chapel Brampton at Pitsford and traffic attempting to join the main road at the Pitsford turn contribute greatly to this congestion. These are matters, which must be addressed before any development takes place.

***10/1172 DA/2010/0820 Mr & Mrs Davies, Cedar, Brixworth Hall Park, Brixworth
Renewal of outline planning permission DA/2007/0213 for a new dwelling***

Following a discussion, which included the applicant, it was resolved to defer this planning application to a special Planning Committee meeting to be held on Monday 25 October 2010.

Finance

10/1173 Income Received for September 2010

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

Received from	Details	£
DDC	Precept - Second instalment	48,870.00
Community Centre	Hall Hire	173.74
Brixworth All Saints FC	Use of St Davids Ground	414.38
Natwest	Bank Interest - July - Sept 10	13.05
		<u>49,471.17</u>

10/1174 Bank Reconciliation as at 30 September 2010

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

Current Account	£19,182.23
Reserve Account	£159,653.30
Less Cheques outstanding	£9,659.28
Balance Carried forward as at 1.10.10	£169,176.25

10/1175 Income and Expenditure & Reserves Report for September 2010

The Council accepted the Income and Expenditure and reserves report for September 2010. The Income and Expenditure are within budget and broadly on target.

10/1176 Bills for Payment for October 2010

A schedule of payments, to be made in October 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.

Retrospective Approval

Chq No.	Payment To	Reason for Payment	£
	British Gas	Gas Chgs Com. Ctr. Jun 09 - Aug 10	1,488.89
	British Gas	Elec. Chgs - C/Rooms Apr 10 - Aug 10	165.43
4400	Groundsman	Groundman's Salary Oct 2010	1,074.65
4401	Clerk	Clerk's Salary Oct 2010	1,061.15
4402	PT Groundsman	P/T Groundsmans wages Oct 2010	128.60
4403	Litter Picker	Litter Picker wages Oct 2010	189.22
4404	Cleaner	Cleaner Comm. Centre wages Oct 2010	259.75
4405	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax & NI Oct 2010	755.21
4406	NCC	Pension Contribution Oct 2010	360.80

4407	Mrs J Macken	Postage	10.14
4408	Mr C Bament	Parish Councillor Expenses	26.40
4409	Trade UK	Materials for groundsman	43.88
4410	EON UK	Street Light Maintenance - Jun - Sept 10	27.75
4411	EON UK	Street Light Electricity - Jul - Sept 10	62.74
4412	Avenue Agricultural	Banding - signs	53.18
4413	Ashley Commercial Fin	Annual Chlorination - C/rooms	524.05
4414	RBL Poppy Appeal	Poppy Wreath - Donation to Poppy Appeal	16.50
4415	Complete Weed Control	Spray weeds- Sports fields	616.88
4416	Earth Anchors	Replacement Litterbin - St Davids Rec	554.54
4417	Brixworth Landscaping	Repair to fence - St David's Recreation Ground	410.00
4418	AH Blason & Son	Fuel	65.00
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10/1177 To Accept Minutes of Meeting 12 October 2010

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 12 October 2010 having been previously distributed were accepted.

10/1178 Increase of the Fidelity Guarantee Insurance to £180,000 - Additional Premium £44.10

The Finance Committee had reviewed the Fidelity Guarantee Insurance sum insured following the comment made by the External Auditor. It was therefore resolved to increase the Fidelity Guarantee Insurance to £180,000 at an additional sum of £44.10 per annum.

Recreation and Amenities Development

10/1179 Purchase of a Hammerdrill for Groundstaff

It was resolved to purchase a hammer drill for the ground staff at a cost of £150.00.

Highways and Environment

10/1180 To Accept Minutes of Meeting 5 October 2010

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 5 October 2010 having been previously distributed were accepted.

10/1181 Purchase of Dog Fouling Bags

The Clerk reported that the District Council would no longer be supplying free dog fouling bags to its residents. The Parish Council therefore resolved to purchase the dog fouling bags at a cost of £210.00. The DDC Information Office has kindly agreed to continue distributing the bags free to residents.

10/1182 Update on Speedwatch Campaign

It was reported that together the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Watch have collected approximately 250 signatures. (500 signatures are required). It was agreed to include an article in the next Newsletter.

10/1183 To Consider the Purchase of Signs – ‘You Are Now Entering a Neighbourhood Watch and Smartwater Area’

The Neighbourhood Watch enquired whether the Parish Council would consider purchasing signs stating ‘You Are Now Entering a Neighbourhood Watch and Smartwater Area’. It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Watch group should apply for a grant to purchase the signs, the same way they purchase their standard signs.

10/1184 Report on Community Panel Meeting

Cllr Bament gave a brief report on the Community Panel meeting held on 14 October 2010. 24 people attended the meeting. The Co-op is looking to change its opening times. A letter is to be sent to the Co-op requesting that they tidy up outside more often. The main priority is reducing litter.

Correspondence for discussion

10/1185 Email - Merry Tom Folk Festival

An email had been received from the Merry Tom Folk Festival group, enquiring whether the Parish Council would like to see a formal presentation of their intentions. It was agreed that it is the Council's policy not to receive a presentation from a group that is applying for funding. All applications are considered at the special Grant Application meetings and representatives are invited to attend to clarify any points raised by members.

10/1186 NCC – Definitive Map and Statement for Northants

A new edition of the definitive map and statement for Northants is to be issued. The Parish Council will receive one copy free and will need to pay £5.50 for an additional copy. The Chairman signed the two copies of the license, which enables the County Council to release the Parish Council a free copy.

10/1187 Northants Police – Have Your Say

This item was deferred to the next Council meeting. The Clerk was asked to circulate the relevant web link to members as a reminder.

10/1188 Local Government Boundary Commission - Electoral Review of Daventry

It was noted that the first consultation stage on warding patterns in the electoral review of Daventry District Council is now taking place.

10/1189 NHS Foundation Trust Application and Consultation

It was noted that Northampton General Hospital is applying to become an NHS Foundation Trust.

10/1190 Letter from Applicant - DA/2010/0820

The Chairman had been handed this letter during the meeting. Unfortunately the applicant is unable to attend the special planning meeting arranged for 25 October 2010. Due to the deadline the special planning meeting could not be rearranged.

10/1191 Winter Newsletter

It was resolved to approve the printing of the Winter Newsletter 2010 at a cost of £200.00. To be included in the next edition of the Bulletin. Items to include dog fouling, speedwatch, flytipping, Spratton Road bus shelter and planning.

10/1192 Remembrance Parade

The Clerk was asked to contact the Vicar to confirm that the Youth Groups would like to parade to the church prior to the Remembrance Service, as per the previous year. It was also suggested to ask whether the young people could stand along the sides so that they could see what was happening.

10/1193 Future Projects

Following a discussion it was resolved to draft a questionnaire, consulting parishioners on what they considered were the priorities and where the Council should spend its money or work with other authorities to improve areas in the village. The results of the questionnaire would then provide the Council with the basis to form future projects.

10/1194 Correspondence for information only

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

10/1195 Date of Next Meetings

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

Urgent Matters For Report Only

10/1196 Brixworth Youth Foundation

The Clerk reported that the young people are ready to present their findings to the Council. It was agreed for them to attend the next Full Council meeting. Meeting to start at 7.00pm.

10/1197 Victors Barn

A letter had been received from a planning consultant enquiring whether he could present his draft scheme for extra care housing for the elderly. It was agreed to invite him to the planning meeting scheduled for the 1 November 2010.

10/1198 Christmas Tree Recycling

Once again it was agreed not to have a central recycling area for Christmas trees in the village. Parishioners would either use the recycling centre or their brown bins.

10/1199 NCALC AGM 20 November 2010

NCALC will be presenting the Council's representatives with the Council's Quality Parish Council Status certificate at this meeting.

10/1200 Code of Conduct Training 11 January 2011

The District Council has arranged a Code of Conduct training event in the Community Hall on 11 January 2011. The Parish Council had previously agreed to provide the hall free of charge.

10/1201 Letter from Resident – Noise nuisance

A letter from a resident had been received that evening with regards to the noise nuisance being experienced by residents in Stonehill Way. This letter is to be referred to the Highways and Environment Committee's next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.17pm

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Chairman

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.
Dated 23 November 2010