

**Minutes of Highways and Environment Committee Held at the Library/Comm
Community Centre on Tuesday 4 October 2011 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs C Bament,, J Fitzgerald, M Lacey, K Pointer, D Parnaby (Chairman) and M Ward

11/051e Apologies Cllr s, I Barratt, E Nunn S Parker, E Wiig.

11/052e Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

11/053e Minutes of last Meeting Held on 2 August 2011 : Approved and signed.

11/054e Matters Arising from the Minutes: Report on Footpath.

This matter was likely to be superseded by the planned Eaglehurst development.

11/055e To Report on Site Meeting on Silver Street on 8 September 2011.

A site meeting had take place on 8 September 2011 when Cllrs Bament and Parnaby met with Mr Nick Gore of MGWSP and with Mrs Murphy (resident), to discuss road safety problems in Silver Street. Full details of the meeting are contained in a report issued following the meeting. However, it was proposed by Cllr Ward and seconded by Cllr Pointer to purchase 4 signs at a cost of £4.91 each, notifying a recommended speed limit of 15mph for the street. Additionally, MGWSP had agreed to re-paint the white lines at the Church Street end of Silver Street to incorporate a hatched area, with the intention of slowing down the speed of vehicles entering the Street.

11/056e To Consider an additional location for Parish Council Notice Board.

The parish Clerk had obtained quotations for the cost of an additional notice board. Free standing versions of such boards were quite expensive, in the region of £ 500 to £ 2000 depending upon the materials used and whether they were wall boards or free standing. However, TALK TALK had advised that they would provide free notice boards with their logo. Before taking this matter further, it was decided that sites near St David's Playing Field might be suitable and this would be investigated. It was pointed out that an additional notice board would involve additional time spent by the parish Clerk in updating the information on it.

11/057e To Report on Parking Near the Pedestrian Crossing- Northampton Road.

A site meeting had been scheduled for 1900 hours on Tuesday 8 August 2011 to investigate possible solutions to this problem. but only one person attended. A further meeting was to take place at 0830 hours on Wednesday 5 October 2011.

11/058e Footpath at Honey Holm.

There had been no action on the overgrown bushes at Honey Holm. Mr Smith of MGWSP had been asked to progress matters.

11/059e To Receive an Update on A 508 Crossing.

Work on the A508 crossing was now in progress.

11/060e To Discuss Signage around the Village.

A number of aspects relating to signs in the village required discussion:

- Unauthorised signs in the Conservation Area. ACE Reuse and Sure Start signs had been erected within the Conservation area. It was agreed that letters should be sent to the proprietors of ACE re-use and Northampton County Council drawing attention to the fact that the signs were within the Village Conservation Area and should be removed.
- The PC also had been approached by Glyn Mould, a woodcarver manufacturing traditional village signs of an attractive appearance and it was suggested that signs of this type would be suitable both as markers for the approaches to the village and to the Conservation Area. However, the cost of the signs were in the region of £ 2000- £ 2500 each and funding for this was outside the powers of the Committee. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Finance Committee as a special project.
- Where events took place in the locality, temporary signs were frequently posted around the village. Unfortunately, these often remained in place for weeks after the event in question had taken place. It was agreed that, wherever possible, those erecting these temporary signs should be asked to remove them shortly after the end of the event which they advertised.

11/061e To Report on the Annual Inspection of Benches and Bus Shelters. The annual report on benches and bus shelters was received. This showed that benches and shelters were in generally good condition and required only normal maintenance. However, the bus shelter on Spratton Road required a replacement roof and sides, which constituted a complete rebuild. It was agreed unanimously that this shelter should be dismantled.

11/062e To Discuss the RHS Britain in Bloom Campaign.

This was noted. If it were to be pursued, a Project Officer would be required.

11/063e To Discuss Letters in the Brixworth Bulletin Relating to Litter, Dog Fouling and the Millennium Garden.

- Litter. Complaints had been received about litter within the confines of the Village. DDC had the responsibility for emptying litter bins and it was considered that the provision of bins in key areas of the Village was already adequate with the exception of the St David's Playing Fields area. An additional bin might be required in this area and the Parish Clerk would be able to advise on the cost of this. A site meeting would be convened for Wednesday 5 October 2011 to examine a suitable site for any additional bin.
- Dog Fouling was now being addressed by DDC and some improvement in this area was anticipated.
- Complaints relating to the state of the Millennium Garden were now considered to have been overtaken by events following annual maintenance work in that area. Also, responsibility for the Millennium Garden had now been passed to the Recreation Committee.

11/064e To Discuss Parking on Pavements in the Village.

It was agreed that Cllrs Parnaby and Pointer would walk certain areas of the village to investigate the extent of the problem of parking on pavements, following which they would report to the

Committee.

11/065e To consider Appointing a Representative on the Friends of Brixworth Library Committee. Cllr Bament was already member of this Committee so a further appointment of a representative was considered to be unnecessary.

11/066e To Consider the Budget for 2012/2013.

Additional bins might be required and the matter of financial provision for these would be raised at the next Finance Committee meeting.

11/067e To Review Committee's Risk Assessment.

Owing to pressure of time, the Committee would review the Risk assessment where it pertained to Highways and Environment outside the meeting and report any necessary changes to the Chairman NLT Friday 14 October 2011. (No such changes were advised).

11/068e Urgent Matters for Report Only.

No urgent matters for report had been notified.

Date of Next Meeting would be 6 December 2011 at 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 8.58 pm.