

Brixworth Parish Council

Minutes of Brixworth Parish Council Planning Committee held at the Library/Community Centre on Monday, 8 March 2010

Present: Councillors C Bament, R Chattaway (Chair), Mrs A Gunnett, M Lacey
R Low, S Pointer and M Ward.

In attendance:

3 members of the public including the applicant for DA/2010/0132

Observing: None

10/025p Apologies: Cllrs R Monk, S Gilkes, Mrs E Nunn, S Whiffen, Mrs E Wiig & F Wiig

10/026p Declarations of interest on Agenda items:

None

10/027p To approve the Minutes of the 15 February meeting

It was agreed that these were a true record of the meeting held on 15 February 2010 and they were signed accordingly.

10/028p Matters arising from the Minutes

- a) *DA/2010/0083 Trustees of Principle Systems, Waterloo, Huddersfield, W Yorks. Old Station Yard, Station Yard, (better known locally as Mabbutts Woodyard) Brixworth: Outline application for the erection of B1 Units, access & nine dwellings. Following a site meeting on 22 February attended by Cllrs Chattaway, Mrs A Gunnett, R Low, S Pointer & M Ward, the applicants agent, & nearby residents a recommendation to object was approved by the Parish Council on 23 February. The grounds for objection were:*

- 1) the provision of houses outside on a site outside the village envelope not intended solely for workers to be employed on the site*
- 2) its previous use as a woodyard had been in keeping with its rural location and did not generate the amount of traffic required to service a site employing up to 200 people*
- 3) the impact on the Brixworth Conservation Area where the roads are totally inadequate potential volume of traffic, particularly in the vicinity of the 7th Century church*
- 4) the need to further address problems with the infrastructure including drainage & sewers.*

b) articles concerning the draft SHLAA had appeared in the Brixworth Bulletin, the Parish Council's newsletter & Daventry Calling. It was mentioned that the relevance of the projections used for estimating the housing requirement had been called into question by a Liberal Democrat spokesman Vince Cable MP on a recent visit to the County.

10/029p DA/2010/0132 Dr Peter Williams, Cedars Farm, Silver Street, Brixworth
Conversion of and extension to an outbuilding to form a three – bed property.
Construction of a single storey pitched roof stone garage.

No objection.

10/030p Report on DA/2010/0100 application for a wind farm comprising Five 126m high & two 121m high turbines to the south of the A14 north of Haselbech, Kelmarsh

The Parish Council had not been invited to submit comments on this application. It was considered unlikely that the application would be heard by DDC's Planning Committee for several months however and it was decided to maintain a watching brief.

10/031p NCC Creating Sustainable Communities Consultation.

The Parish Council has been granted an extension to the deadline for responses until week commencing 29 March 2010. It was therefore decided that this matter should be discussed at Parish Council on 30 March. The Committee took the view that the County Council's proposals to take a central role in the matter of developers contributions to necessary improvements required in the infrastructure as consequence of their developments was desirable, given their obligations to provide & maintain schools, roads and libraries countywide.

10/032p Urgent Matters for Report Only

1) It had been reported that there would be no priority given to applications for affordable housing by Brixworth residents once the building on the old Rigiflex site had been completed. The situation was unclear due to amendments to the original conditions imposed when planning permission was obtained for the project.

2) It was reported that an application had been received for 75 Northampton Road, Brixworth DA/2010/0161) too late for discussion at this meeting. The Planning Officer had refused to extend the consultation period and it was therefore necessary to call a special Planning Committee meeting to discuss it. The best time for this appeared to be before the Recreation Committee meeting on Tuesday 23 March. The room had been booked for from 7.00pm to permit this.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm. The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 29 March at the Library/Community Centre