

Brixworth Parish Council

Minutes of Brixworth Parish Council Planning Committee's meeting held at the Library/Community Centre on Monday, 24 January 2011

Present: Councillors C Bament, B Chattaway(Chair),M Lacey,

In attendance: None

11/11p Apologies Cllrs Mrs E Nunn, Mrs J Fitzgerald, R Low

11/12p Declarations of interest on Agenda items:

None

11/13p To approve the Minutes of the 10 January meeting

It was agreed that these were a true record of the meeting held on 10 January 2011 and they were signed accordingly.

11/14p Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Minutes of the previous meeting showed the wrong date. This was corrected.

11/15p DA/2011/0008, Mr Wills, 1 Burrows Vale, Brixworth. First floor side extension:

No objection

11/16p To receive update on the West Northants Joint Planning Unit.

The Committee were informed that the WNJPU Joint Strategic Planning Committee will be considering a Pre-Submission Joint Core Strategy Draft at its meeting on 31 January. It is proposed to reduce the requirement for new housing between 2001-2026 from 62,000 to 50150. 15500 have already been built and planning permission given for a further 13000. 'Housing development will be directed to the most sustainable locations in and around Northampton, Daventry, Towcester and Brackley with more limited development in the rural areas to provide for local needs and support local services.'

It is also provides for a rural settlement hierarchy which will enable the provision of new homes, jobs and services needed in rural areas, whilst ensuring that new development is focussed in sustainable settlements and protecting the overall rural character of the area. The categories will be Primary Service villages, Secondary Service villages & other villages.

'The hierarchy will be based on a robust analysis of village services and facilities. This will include an assessment of the following services and facilities:

a) Most Important Services and Facilities: Secondary School, Primary School, GP Surgery, General Food Store, Post Office, Village Hall/ Community Centre, and Public Transport (quality of service). b) Important Facilities and Services: Other Shops/ Takeaways, Local Employment Provision, Libraries/ Outreach Centres and Pre-school Provision. c) Other Facilities: Play Area, Sports Ground and Allotments.'

‘Particular emphasis is given to the role of local communities in identifying and meeting their own needs for development. Documents such as Parish Plans provide an appropriate mechanism whereby local communities can identify the vision for the future of their village and what is needed to deliver it.’
The overall scale of residential development proposed for Primary Service Villages is 10% -12% of the existing dwelling stock.

A short discussion followed during which it was agreed that further development was not desirable in Brixworth where the infrastructure was inadequate to cope with existing demand. Concerns were expressed about any possible development on the southern side of Brixworth which together with 1000 new homes at White Hills would diminish the amount of open countryside in between and eventually result in infilling. Should there be a possibility of new housing being imposed on Brixworth it was felt that the Parish Council should explore various alternatives and consult the community accordingly.

11/17p Urgent Matters for Report Only

None

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm Monday14 February 2011 at the Library/Community Centre.