

# **Brixworth Parish Council**

## **Minutes of Brixworth Parish Council Planning Committee's meeting held at the Library/Community Centre on Monday, 18th April 2011**

**Present:** Councillors I Barratt, E Nunn, D Parnaby, C Bament, M Lacey,

**In attendance:** Approx 15 members of the public

**11/55p** As Planning Committee Chair and vice-Chair are both vacant, Cllr Barratt took the Chair with the meeting's agreement

**11/56p Apologies** Cllr J Fitzgerald

**11/57p Members' Declarations of Interest** None

**11/58p To Approve the Minutes of last meetings held on 18th April 2011**

The Minutes were approved

**11/59p Matter Arising From Minutes**

None

**11/60p DA/2007/1400 (Further Amendment)**

**To receive update from Ensign Group Ltd on Buckton Fields Development**

Rob Barber, Paul Doyle and Beth Matley attended on behalf of the developers and gave the meeting an outline of the development and the changes within this application. They said the number of houses planned had decreased, and described the facilities which would be included in the proposed development.

Members of the public asked questions and expressed some concerns. The Ensign representatives described their proposed funding for facilities and roads, though it is too early for amounts or timings to be specific. Questions included A508 congestion, school facilities, retained open land and the proposed Park and Ride. The meeting learned that a proportion of the Affordable Housing would also be available for the Borough Council to use.

The Committee decided to **maintain their previous objections to the development. In addition we consider the green areas on the northern boundary of the development to be insufficient as either a visual or developmental barrier. Future urban sprawl is a concern to this Committee. Especially at the north eastern edge, the Committee is of the opinion that, in contrast to the more natural boundary further west, that the presence of housing along the boundary will be both visually intrusive and a missed opportunity to enhance the green infrastructure and to reduce the intrusiveness of this proposed development (RSS8)**

**We also believe that if existing features and facilities are to be seen as enhancing this proposed development, (such as the Brampton Valley Way) then a commitment for making on-going financial contributions towards such facilities should be made by the developer at an early stage.**

It was noted that any further questions to the developers could be addressed by email at [contact@bucktonfields.co.uk](mailto:contact@bucktonfields.co.uk)

**11/61p DA/2011/0273 Remove Tree within a Conservation Area**

Rosemary Cottage, Frog Hall

Cllr Barratt had viewed this tree from the road and confirmed it was a mature tree and had a considerable lean. Although of benefit to the area, it was not in prominent view from the road.

**The committee would have *no objection* to its removal but would make a request that a replacement British native tree be planted in a suitable position on this site in the Conservation area and that the removal of the existing tree be done by a qualified person for reasons of safety.**

**11/62p DA/2011/ 0625 10 Grass Slade. House extension**

**Construction of first floor extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension**

Letters of objection from a neighbour were read and held in consideration.

The applicant explained the purpose of the extension and the necessary wheelchair access

*The Parish Council has no objection to this application*

**11/63p DA/2011/0304 Alterations and extension 23 Broad Street**

*The Parish Council has no objection to this application*

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm**