

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 29 January 2008 at 7.00p.m. in the Village Hall, Holcot Road, Brixworth

Present: Councillors: I Barratt (Chairman), C Bament, S Dobson, T Everard, Mrs P Fox, D Kennedy, M Lacey, J McFadyen, Mrs S Verallo, S Whiffen & Mrs E Wiig

In Attendance: Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk
Sgt Grady – Northants Police
20 Members of the public

08/001 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr Millar, Cllr R Monk, Cllr Chattaway and Mr A Leighton (NCC Highways).

08/002 Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items

Cllr S Verallo declared a personal interest – Member of the Brixworth Bulletin Team and School Governor.

Cllr Fox declared a personal interest – Member of the Brixworth Bulletin Team.

Cllr E Wiig declared a personal interest – Member of another Local Authority and member of Brixworth Village Hall Committee.

Cllr McFadyen declared a personal interest – Resident adjacent to Ashway Playing Field (particularly minute reference 08/024).

Cllr S Dobson declared an interest – Resident in Northampton Road (particularly minute reference 08/004).

08/003 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 18 December 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2007 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of this meeting.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.05pm, to allow members of the public to address the Council. Cllr Dobson left the Council table and sat with the members of the public for this part of the meeting.

The Chairman introduced the Parish Councillors and Clerk to the meeting and welcomed Sgt Grady and all those in attendance for coming. The Clerk had delivered approximately 80 letters to residents and local businesses, who are near to the proposed parking restrictions, which were under discussion, inviting them to attend this Parish Council meeting and to make any comments. A map of the proposals was made available for everyone to see (it was noted that 128b as shown on the map is not the village hall, but in fact the former Parish Hall on Northampton Road). The Chairman explained that following comments made by residents the Council would then formally consider the proposals; no decision had already been made. A sum of money had become available to fund this project, through County Councillor Chris Millar's Empowerment Fund, which was supported by the Local Police and therefore would not be paid for by the Parish Council. In all instances the double yellow lines would conform to the Highway Code, which is no parking within ten metres of a junction. As part of the initial consultation carried out by the County Council, the Parish Council is consulted on the proposals, as are the emergency services and District Councillors.

There are four areas to be considered, double yellow lines in Spratton Road and Pytchley Way T junction, Spratton Road and Harborough Road corner, Kennel

Terrace, Harborough Road, Holcot Road crossroads and a maximum of one hour parking restriction in Spratton Road Lay by opposite the shops in Hunters Way.

Notes of matters raised by the members of the public are attached as appendix A.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and reconvened the meeting at 8.05pm

08/004 To Consider Limited Parking Restrictions in Brixworth

Cllr Dobson remained seated with the members of the public and took no part in the discussion.

The Council formally considered the limited parking restrictions proposals. Each Parish Councillor commented on the four areas and in turn each of the four proposals was voted on. The following was resolved: -

Kennel Terrace/Harborough Road/Holcot Road Crossroads-

To approve the 10 metre yellow double lines from each corner at the Kennel Terrace entrance outside the Post House and Chambers Butchers. The Council objected to the proposal of yellow lines on the Holcot Road side. However, it would like this junction to have a STOP sign with a continued white line at the junction of the bottom of the Holcot Road where it joins Northampton Road at Greens Corner and Daisy Roots.

It was noted that Atkins would be carrying out work, before the end of March 2008, to alter the corners outside Chambers and the Post House in Kennel Terrace. This includes the squaring off and laying of tactile paving to the corners.

Spratton Road / Harborough Road Corner

To approve the continued double yellow lines around this dangerous corner. The Council would like the lines to stop at the drain, which is outside No. 79 Northampton Road. This will allow the residents at No. 81 to park their vehicles outside their property, without having a knock on affect further on down the road.

Layby on Spratton Road adjacent to Hunters Way

To approve the parking restriction for the layby to a maximum of one-hour between the hours of 8.00am – 6.00pm Monday to Saturday.

Spratton Road/Pytchley Way T Junction

To approve the double yellow lines as shown, but asks for the lines to be continued on the shops side only to the entrance behind the shops.

It was suggested for the Council to explore the possibility of making the Library/Community Centre car park available for residents to park before 9.00am. This may include the installation of bollards for the members of staff. Also to advertise the fact that QMP car park is available during the weekend.

It was suggested that the long term solution of parking in certain areas of the village to be considered and discussed at the next Highways and Environment Committee meeting.

The Council adjourned for a five-minute break. All the members of the public left the meeting. Cllr Dobson returned to the Council table and participated in the remainder of the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 9.05pm.

08/005 Police Representative's Report

Sgt Grady reported the following: -

- Crime statistics are down 150 from 162 last year as at the end of December.
- Increase in thefts at Co-Op, thieves from Northampton.
- A car had its number plate stolen in Oathill Close.
- Police cones have been placed on the corner of Spratton Road and Pytchley Way, where the yellow lines are proposed to be marked. The Police have asked staff in shops not to park in the layby and car park.

Sgt Grady was thanked for attending the meeting.

08/006 Venue for Full Council Meetings

Cllr Wiig declared an interest and did not participate in the discussion.

Following on from the previous month, the Council had been advised that the step aerobic instructor was not able to change her evening or time and therefore would continue to be using the hall at the same time as the Council meeting was held. Cllr Verallo stated that she was prepared to drop the matter of looking for an alternative venue to hold Council meetings. On proposal by Cllr Fox and seconded by Cllr Everard and following a vote it was resolved to stay at the village hall for an additional six months after the February meeting.

Planning

08/007 To Accept the Minutes of Meeting 17 December 2007, 7 & 28 January 2008

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 17 December 2007, 7 & 28 January 2008 having been previously distributed were accepted.

Concerns were raised that amended plans are not always sent to the Parish Council for consideration. Cllr Wiig stated that this matter is to be discussed and clarified at the next District Council meeting to be held on 30 January 2008.

08/008 DDC Planning Approvals and Refusals – January 2008 Report

The planning approvals and refusals for January 2008 were noted as follows: -

Approvals

DA/2007/1231 Mr & Mrs Hurrell, 18 Brampton Way, Brixworth

Two storey rear extension

26.11.07 PC No Objections 17.12.07 DDC Approved

DA/2007/1232 Mr & Mrs Harris, 69 The Ashway, Brixworth

Single storey rear extension

26.11.07 PC No Objections 17.12.07 DDC Approved

DA/2007/1238/TC Mercedes benz high Performance Engines, Morgan Drive, Brixworth

Installation of 10metre 3G monopole mast

26.11.07 PC No Objections 14.12.07 DDC Approved

DA/2007/1247 Mr & Mrs Cleary, 1 Shelleycoates Road, Brixworth

Single storey rear extension

26.11.07 PC No Objections 17.12.07 DDC Approved

**DA/2007/1260 Mr Patel, Golf Lane, Church Brampton - 7 Froxhill Walk,
Brixworth**

Two storey dwelling with new vehicular access

26.11.07 PC Objected

17.12.07 DDC Approved

Refusals

None

Finance

08/009 Income Received for December 2007

The Clerk reported the Income received for December 2007, which was as follows: -

<u>Received from</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>£</u>
Community Centre	Hall Hire	522.25
BCF Action Ltd	3rd instalment of rent - Olive Branch	280.04
Natwest Bank	Interest Oct - Dec 07	889.62
		1,691.91

08/010 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December 2007

The bank reconciliation as at the 31 December 2007 was reported and accepted as follows:

Current Account	£16,492.60
Capital Reserve Account	£83,176.71
Less Cheques outstanding	£478.53
Balance Carried forward as at 1.01.08	£99,190.78

08/011 Income and Expenditure & Reserves Report for December 2007

The Council accepted the Income and Expenditure and reserves report for December 2007.

08/012 Retrospectively Approve December Payment to British Gas for Changing Rooms Electricity

It was resolved to approve the December payment to British Gas for the Changing Rooms Electricity for the sum of £37.45. It was noted that the bill had been received after the December Full Council meeting and needed paying before the next meeting.

08/013 Additional Insurance Premium for New Play Equipment

It was resolved to approve the payment to Allianz Cornhill for £134.49 for the additional insurance premium for the new play equipment on Spratton Road Recreation Ground and the Ashway Playing Field.

08/014 Renewal of Clerks Membership to SLCC

It was resolved to approve the renewal of the Clerks subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks for the sum of £145.00.

08/015 To Approve the Bills for Payment for January 2008

A schedule of payments, to be made in January 2008 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.	Minute	Payment To	Reason for Payment	£
3631		British Gas Business	Elec. Chgs Nov 07 - Changing/Rooms	37.45
Chq No.	Minute	Payment To	Reason for Payment	£
3632		Groundsman	Groundman's Salary Jan 2008	1,032.73
3633		Clerk	Clerk's Salary Jan 2008	1,061.62
3634		Part Time Groundsman	P/T Groundsmans wages Jan 2008	125.83
3635		Litter Picker	Litter Picker wages Jan 2008	217.62
3636		Cleaner	Cleaner Comm. Centre wages Jan 2008	349.00
3637		HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax & NI Jan 2008	859.21
3638		Mrs J Macken	Postage	11.52
3639		Mr M Nice	Centre Mgr expenses - printer cartridge	15.99
3640		Cannon	Sanitary Unit - Comm. Ctr Feb -Apr 08	12.23
3641		British Gas Business	Elec. Chgs Dec 07 - C/rooms	37.24
3642		Lovell Hardware	Materials for groundsman	64.53
3643		E.ON	St. Light Elec. Chgs Oct - Dec 07	39.26
3644		DDC	Emptying wheelie bins - 1.1.08 -31.3.08	387.94
3645		Allianz Insurance Plc	Additional Insurance - New Play Equipment	134.49
3646		HFS Timber	Posts - Holcot Rd	91.80
3647	07/072e	NCC	Street Signs	683.92
3648	07/086r	B & Q	Timber for shelves - C/room	83.77
3649	07/081r	BACA	Recreation Signs	610.41
3650	07/418	Brixworth Landscaping	Work to Library/ Community Ctr border	117.44
3651	07/065r	R W Heygate	Trimming Ashway P/Field hedge	117.50
3652	07/049e	ESPO	Fire Extinguishers, Litterpick sticks, gloves	176.33
3653	07/311	SMP Playground	New Play Equipment - Ashway P/Field	11,744.12
3654		A H Blason & Son	Fuel for pick up	105.40
				18,117.35

08/016 Local Government Pensions Meeting 5 March 2008

The Clerk reported that a meeting has been arranged with the County Council's Pension Officer and the Parish Council's members of staff on 5 March 2008, to discuss the Local Government Pension Scheme.

08/017 Renewal of the CPRE Membership

It was resolved to approve the renewal of the annual CPRE membership at a cost of £28.00.

Recreation and Amenities Development

08/018 Minutes of Meeting 21 January 2008

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 21 January 2008 having been previously distributed were accepted.

Highways and Environment

08/019 Poor and Illegal Parking in the Village

It was thought that this matter had been thoroughly discussed earlier on during the meeting.

08/020 Report on Drains in Holcot Road and Northampton Road

Cllr Fox reported that members of the Council had met with representatives from NCC Highways and Atkins to discuss the problems with the drains in Holcot Road and Northampton Road. A letter from NCC Highways was circulated at the meeting to members stating what action the County Council was going to take to try to resolve the problem on the Holcot Road. However the ownership of the collapsed drains in Northampton Road needs to be established. Atkins had contacted Mr Steve Welton at the District Council to find out who was responsible for repairing these drains. This matter is to be discussed further at the next Highways Committee meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Fox and Cllr Dobson for all their efforts in trying to resolve this matter.

08/021 Annual Work to Parish Council Trees

It was resolved to approve the annual work to the Parish Council trees by Mike Pell at a cost of £475.00. This included crown cleaning the large tree in Pytchley Close.

Correspondence for discussion

08/022 NCC Draft Budget 2008-9 Consultation

The Council noted the draft budget 2008-9. (A copy had been previously circulated to members).

08/023 Local Government – Consultation on Orders and Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England

The Council noted the contents of the letter. (A copy had been previously circulated to members).

08/024 Shoosmiths – Adoption of open Public Spaces

The Council's solicitor informed the Council that he has not heard anymore in relation to the transfer of the open public spaces in the Ridings and Ashway. (A copy had been previously circulated to members).

08/025 NCC – Review of Subsidised Bus Services

NCC are reviewing the subsidised bus services to Brixworth and surrounding villages. (A copy had been previously circulated to members). The Council resolved to request for the County Council to consider for a late night bus from Northampton to Brixworth at approximately 10.00 – 10.30pm on contract numbers DM130, DM201, RDM502 and N200, service 62. This would provide transport home for the young people in the village, who may wish to spend their evening in Northampton.

08/026 East Midlands Government office – Publication of the Draft East Midlands Plan Panel Report

The Council noted that this report was available. (A copy had been previously circulated to members).

08/027 Natural England – Public Bodies & Your Statutory Obligations to Biodiversity

A seminar is to be held on 7 February 2008 at Nottingham Racecourse and members are invited to attend. (A copy had been previously circulated to members).

08/028 Daventry Citizens Advice Bureau – Thank you letter

Daventry Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) had sent a letter thanking the Council for the grant received. (A copy had been previously circulated to members). Daventry CAB has included an article in the next edition of the Brixworth Bulletin advertising their services.

08/029 Parish Council Election

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council Election is to be held on 1 May 2008, (assuming if it is contested). The Annual General Meeting of the Council is to be held on 14 May 2008. It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday, 23 April 2008 in the Community Hall. It was agreed for the Chairman to write an article for the Brixworth Bulletin about the election.

08/030 Correspondence for information only

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

08/031 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 26 February at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Urgent Matters For Report Only

08/032 St Davids Car Park Gate

Cllr Bament reported that the gate to St Davids Recreation Ground car park had been left open over the weekend, which had resulted in youths driving into and skidding in the car park. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the Central Sports Club reminding them to ask the users and sports clubs to lock the gate once they have locked the pavilion. It was suggested that perhaps the Central Sports Club could investigate into who had left the gate open.

08/033 Waste Bin Collection

Cllr Fox reported that the new arrangements for the waste bin collections is to be discussed at the next Highways and Environment committee meeting to be held on 5 February 2008.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.

Dated 26 February 2008

Notes of matters raised by members of the Public.

The comments made by the members of the public were as follows: -

- Spratton Road resident applauds the Council for yellow lines near the shops, but is concerned that it will not be enforced and that drives may be obstructed. Suggested that a notice is sent to the shops asking staff to park in the rear, as some currently park in the layby. QMP car park not utilised at the weekend, perhaps a better sign is needed.
- Sgt Grady confirmed that his team would issue penalty notices to people who parked on the yellow lines. Currently there are police cones on the Spratton Road/Pytchley Way junction and so far they have issued three fixed penalty notices.
- A Northampton Road residents enquired why the Council was not proposing yellow lines outside the school The Chairman explained that the Parish Council has looked at this issue and that the school is covered by the Safer Routes to School scheme and the County Council is looking at all the schools in the County, but Brixworth is not currently a priority.
- The Breadline are concerned that yellow lines in Kennel Terrace would affect their business and felt strongly against this proposal.
- Concerns were raised about the bus stop on the Northampton Road, as customers to the shops park in the bus stop area. Elderly residents struggle to get onto and off the bus, if it cannot park next to the kerb. It was suggested that perhaps the bus stop could be moved further down the road. This item to be discussed further at the next Highways and Environment meeting.
- A lady from Kennel Terrace raised her concerns that having yellow lines in Kennel Terrace would have a knock affect and limit the parking in Kennel Terrace for residents who have to park on the road outside their properties. A suggestion for resident only parking was made.
- A gentleman from Northampton Road suggested for the whole issue of parking in the area is looked at by a group of residents and appropriate agencies to come up with a solution to suit all. The parking of cars slows the traffic down.
- Another gentleman who lives near to the corner in Northampton Road/Spratton Road commented that he didn't feel it was necessary for lines on this corner. However he did suggest for the lines to stop at the drain to allow him and his partner to park outside their property without having a knock on affect further on down Northampton Road.
- A shopkeeper from Hunters Way confirmed that he approved of the proposal for the yellow lines in Spratton Road/Pytchley Way. It was suggested for the lines to extend to the entrance behind the shops. It was reported that there are no additional spaces at the rear of the shops for staff to park. Possible parking in the Library/Community Centre car park early in the morning may provide space for parents dropping off their children to school. Currently parents park in the Hunters Way car park, because the Library/Community Centre car park is locked.