

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 28 July 2009 at 7.15p.m. in the Village Hall, Holcot Road, Brixworth

Present: Councillors: I Barratt (Chairman), C Bament, R Chattaway,
Mrs A Gunnet, Mrs E Nunn, S Pointer, Mrs E Wiig and F Wiig.

In Attendance: Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk
PCSO Jo Hillery - Northants Police
Cllr C Millar - County Councillor
Three members of the public

09/618 Apologies for absence

Members apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr M Lacey, Cllr S Gilkes, Cllr R Monk and Cllr S Whiffen

Apologies were also received from District Councillor N Bunting

09/619 Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items

Cllr E Wiig declared a personal interest – Member of another Local Authority and Member of the District Council Planning Committee.

Cllr F Wiig declared a personal interest - Member of another Local Authority and Chairman of District Council Planning Committee. Chairman of Brixworth Village Hall and member of the Friends of All Saints.

Cllr R Chattaway declared a personal interest – Member of the Friends of All Saints

Cllr C Bament declared a personal interest – Member of the Friends of All Saints

09/620 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 23 June 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2009 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of this meeting.

The meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to address the Council. A separate minute is attached for reference.

The meeting reconvened at 7.45pm.

09/621 Resignation of Parish Councillor

The Chairman reported that Cllr Tony Everard had resigned. The Council would like to formally thank Cllr Everard for all his work carrying out his duty as a Parish Councillor. In particular for all the time and effort spent as Chairman of the Recreation & Amenity Committee.

The Clerk will notify the Returning Officer at Daventry District Council and display the statutory notice. It was agreed to put a notice in the next Bulletin. The deadline for applications will be 30 September 2009 and hopefully Co-Opt at the October 2009 meeting.

09/622 Police Representative's Report

PCSO Jo Hillery reported the following: -

- 05/07/09 Criminal Damage – Spratton Road – Unknown youths have kicked copingstone off wall causing it to smash.
- 09/07/09 Criminal Damage – Northampton Road – Unknown person has walked over vehicle causing damage to bodywork.
- 09/07/09 Burglary Dwelling – Froxhill Crescent – Person unknown have entered property through insecure ground floor window, items are removed from within.
- 11/07/09 Criminal Damage – Northampton Road – Person unknown causes damage to vehicle by running over it.
- 14/07/09 Criminal Damage – Brixworth Country Park – Unknown person has damage wooden doors to notice boards and a Memorial item, which is beyond repair.
- 17/07/09 Theft – Spratton Road – Unknown person has forced a padlock on barn and gained entry, items have been stolen.
- 18/07/09 Burglary Non Dwelling – Merry’s Estate Agents - Unknown person forces entry to front door entry gained unsure if anything was taken.
- 20/07/09 Burglary Dwelling – Northampton Road – Unknown person enter house by unknown means, offender is disturbed and exits the property.
- 20/07/09 Theft Of Motor Vehicle – Country Park – Person unknown steal vehicle whilst left unattended and secure. Vehicle is recovered in Scaldwell
- 22/07/09 Interfering With Motor Vehicle – Lay-by Northampton Road – Unknown male smashes rear passenger window they caused damage to the ignition and steering lock.
- 24/07/09 Burglary Non Dwelling – Haddonstone – Unknown person force open window at rear of premises causing no damage entry is then gained to canteen vending machine forced open.
- 25/07/09 Criminal Damage – Woodsfield – Known offender smashes rear window to gain entry male arrested.
- 27/07/09 Arson – Brixworth Clinic – Unknown person uses unknown accelerant to set light to wheelie bin, which causes damage to wooden doorframe.
- 27/07/09 Spratton Road – Bales of hay set on fire. Unknown whether it was arson.

09/623 Meeting with Police – BMX & Skate Park

A meeting is to be held with members of the Local Police (Inspector Julia Potts, Mike Scraggs, Claire Corbin) and members of the Council on Tuesday 4 August 2009 at 6pm. The meeting is to discuss safety and security matters for the proposed new BMX/Skate Facility.

09/624 County Councillors Report

Cllr Millar agreed to look into the feasibility and costs of making St David’s Close into a resident’s parking only area.

Cllr Millar referred to the WNJPU consultation document and made several comments. Daventry District Council is defending any further growth within its District. It was noted that South Northants want to push the development in the County to the North. It was suggested that the Parish Council, in its reply, states that the current infrastructure in Brixworth would not be able to support any future development around Brixworth. The deadline for the consultation is 11 September 2009. The plan is to be put into place during 2010.

Cllr Millar agreed to look into the possibility of road restrictions on the A508 crossing to the Country Park. This to be discussed further at the next Highways and Environment Committee meeting.

09/625 Twinning with Castel San Pietro Romano in Italy

The Chairman reported that he had received a reply from the Mayor of Castel San Pietro Romano who would like to invite members to visit the village and to discuss and explore the possibility of twinning the two villages. It was agreed for Cllr Millar and Cllr F Wiig to visit the Mayor and the village, at their own expense, and to report back to the Council in due course. The Council can then make an informed decision whether to proceed further.

Planning

09/626 Minutes of Meetings 13 July 2009

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 13 July 2009 having been previously distributed were accepted.

09/627 Approvals and Refusals July 2009

Approvals

DA/2009/0314 Mr S Stanley, 85 Spratton Road, Brixworth

Two storey extension to side of dwelling (amended)

11.5.09 PC No Objection 18.6.09 DDC Approved

DA/2009/0315 Mr P Houston, 10 Delapre Crescent Road, Delapre, Northampton. 1 Brackenborough, Brixworth

Single storey extension to side of dwelling

11.5.09 PC No Objection 18.6.09 DDC Approved

DA/2009/0316 Mr S Edmonds, 20 Church Street, Brixworth

Demolish existing garage New double door garage to adjoin house with extension to rear.

11.5.09 PC No Objection 18.6.09 DDC Approved

DA/2009/0372 Rock Investments, London, Pitstop Restaurant, Quarry Road, Brixworth.

Change of use of restaurant/conference building to offices (B1) plus single storey extension

1.6.09 PC No Objection 2.7.09 DDC Approved

DA/2009/0376 Mr R Johnson, 36 The Knoll, Brixworth

Two bed bungalow (amended design)

22.6.09 PC No objection 1.7.09 DDC Approved

DA/2009/0388 Brixworth Parish Council, 'Old'Harborough Road, Brixworth

BMX/Skate facility including youth shelter and new fencing

1.7.09 DDC Approved

Refusals

None

09/628 WNJPU – Emergent Joint Core Strategy For West Northants

This had been discussed earlier. The Parish Council would be responding towards to the end of August 2009. To be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting.

09/629 Urban Development Corporation's Quinquennial Review Consultation

The Planning Committee considers that the West Northamptonshire UDC should be dissolved with the relevant local authorities resuming powers and responsibilities transferred to the WNUDC. This was agreed.

Finance

09/630 Income Received for June 2009

The Clerk reported the Income received for June 2009, which was as follows: -

Received from	Details	£
Freestyle Soccer Academy	Use of St Davids Recreation Ground	115.00
DDC	Contribution to utilities/Cleaning DDC office	143.37
Community Centre	Hall Hire	528.55
NatWest Bank	Interest Apr - June 2009	11.90
HM R & C	VAT Refund Jan - Mar 2009	863.54
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09/631 Bank Reconciliation as at 30 June 2009

The bank reconciliation as at the 31 June 2009 was reported and accepted as follows:

Current Account	£28,416.10
Reserve Account	£110,123.07
Less Cheques outstanding	£3,490.25
Plus Receipts not banked	£353.13
Balance Carried forward as at 1.05.09	£135,402.05

09/632 Income and Expenditure & Reserves Report for June 2009

The Council accepted the Income and Expenditure and reserves report for June 2009.

09/633 To Approve the Bills for Payment for July 2009

A schedule of payments, to be made in July 2009 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.

Direct Debit Payments

Payment To	Reason for Payment	
British Gas Business	Elec. Chgs Mar. - May 09 - Changing/Rooms	62.67

Chq. No.	Minute No.	Payment To	Reason for Payment	£
4066		Cleaner	Cleaner Comm. Centre wages July 2009	286.50
4067		Groundsman	Groundman's Salary July 2009	1,073.98
4068		Clerk	Clerk's Salary July 2009	1,049.69
4069		Part time Groundsman	P/T Groundsmans wages July 2009	264.50

4070	Litter Picker	Litter Picker wages July 2009	229.10
4071	Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax & NI July 2009	791.55
4072	NCC	Pension Contribution July 2009	347.97
4073	Mrs J Macken	Postage	141.39
4074	Mr C Bament	Parish Councillor Expenses	6.00
4075	NCALC	Code of Conduct Training Courses	116.00
4076	ESPO	Stationery, Cleaning ,materials	59.96
4077	Park Leisure Ltd	Repairs to damaged Play Equipment - Sp Rd Rec	2,983.10
4078	Play Safety Ltd	Annual Inspection Play Equip, H & S Report Har Rd	327.75
4079	E.ON	Street Light Elec. Chgs. April - June 2009	62.74
4080	Lovell Hardware	Materials for groundsman	72.32
4081	LexisNexis	Local Council Admin. Book - CAB 8th Edition	59.05
4082	Anglian Water	Water Chgs - April - July 2009	296.79
4083	A H Blason & Son	Fuel, tractor repairs, new battery for Kubota	160.90
4084	Brixworth Hall	Hall Hire - July & September 2009	45.00
			8,436.96

09/634 Report on Business Rates for Library/Community Centre

The District Council confirmed that it could not waive the Business Rates charge for this financial year, however as the Parish Council had not budgeted for this sum it agreed to defer the paying of the rates until next financial year. The Parish Council agreed to accept this offer.

09/635 Date for Well Being Training Course

The Clerk had circulated a list of dates in September and October for the Well Being Training Course. It was agreed for members of Scaldwell Parish Council to join Brixworth. The cost will be £18 per person, NCALC had agreed to refund the cost already paid for the Well Being Training Course.

09/636 Purchase of a Parish Defibrillator For the Brixworth First Response Team

Cllr E Wiig had attended the first meeting of the Brixworth First response Team. There are 48 schemes in the county. It is run by a team of volunteers, on a rota basis and trained by the ambulance service. It is hoped to get the scheme up and running by the end of the year. The group needs approximately £1500 to purchase a defibrillator and associated kit. Following a vote it is resolved to make a grant to the First Response team for no more than £2000 towards the purchase of a defibrillator. Cllr E Wiig is to ask the group to formally write to the Parish Council stating the exact cost of the machine.

09/637 Report on Council's Toyota Hilux and to Consider Purchasing a New Vehicle for Groundsman

The Clerk reported that the Pick Up's head gasket had 'gone' and the carburettor needed replacing. It was resolved that it was uneconomical to repair the pick up and that the Council needed to look for a replacement vehicle immediately. Hopefully a new vehicle can be considered at the next Council meeting.

Recreation and Amenities Development

09/638 Minutes of Meetings 21 July 2009

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 21 July 2009 having been previously distributed were accepted.

It was noted that the Committee had agreed the purchase of wheels for the Junior Goal Posts on the Ashway Playing Field. The Clerk had spoken to Dave Salisbury who had suggested that any other wheels purchased, from a different supplier, would need to be adapted to fit the existing goal posts. Therefore it was agreed to purchase the wheels from ESPO at a cost of £289.00.

09/639 Update on BMX Facility/Skate Park Project

The Clerk reported that the Council has planning permission; a notice has been displayed and advertised in the Chronicle and Echo that the Council intends to place an order. The Council will know the outcome of funding bids towards the end of July – beginning of August. A meeting has been arranged with the Local Police to discuss the safety and security of the proposal.

09/640 To Adopt and Seal the Byelaws for St David's Recreation Ground, Spratton Road Recreation Ground and the Ashway Playing Field

The Clerk reported that Communities and Local Government had provisionally approved the Byelaws. It was resolved to adopt the Byelaws and for Cllr Bament and Cllr Barratt to formally seal and sign the two copies of the document. The Byelaws are to be made available for public inspection for a period of one month on the day that it is formally advertised in the local paper. Following this the Council will send the documents and apply for confirmation by the Communities and Local Government and to receive the Secretary of States Seal.

Highways and Environment

09/641 Highways Representative Meeting in September

Cllr Bament is to attend the next Highways Representative meeting in September.

09/642 Report on Active Ageing Event 16 September 2009

The Active Ageing Event is to be held on 16 September 2009 at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Various public services, WI, Short Bowls Club, U3A will be there. The Chairman has been asked to formally open the event. It was agreed for the organising committee to use the Community Room free of charge.

09/643 Report on Church Allotments

Cllr Chattaway reported that the Church Allotments were looking to expand the ground as more people are interested in allotments. There are currently 18 people on the waiting list and the longest person on the list has been waiting for one year. (The average is 20 people at any one time). Cllr Whiffen will be working with members of the allotments in connection with the Village Green. It was noted that someone from the allotment might be interested in maintaining the Millennium Garden.

Correspondence for discussion

09/644 Resident's Letter – DA/2009/0388 BMX Skate Facility Harborough Road

A letter had been received from the owners of Catherine's House, which is located adjacent to the proposed BMX/Skate facility. (A copy of which had been previously circulated to all members). The owners raised their concerns with regards to the

proposal for the BMX/Skate facility. The Parish Council agreed to involve the owners with certain aspects of the proposal (i.e.fencing). It was noted that the Chairman had written and acknowledged the letter, in addition Cllr E Wiig & Cllr F Wiig had also replied to the owners as District Councillors.

09/645 Resident's Letter – St David's Recreation Ground Tennis Courts

A letter had been received from a resident in St David's Close (A copy of which had been circulated to all members). This had been discussed earlier on in the meeting.

09/646 Resident's Phone call – Double Yellow Lines

A resident on Northampton Road had raised his concerns with the Chairman about the new Double Yellow Lines on Northampton Road. The Parish Council had asked for the lines to stop at the drain to allow more vehicles to park along the road. The council has taken this matter up with the County Council, but have been told that the lines are the legal limit and will not be changed. The Clerk to send a letter to the resident.

09/647 Reply from Northants Police – Police Representative at Council Meetings

A reply from the new Inspector Julia Potts had been received (A copy of which had been circulated to all members). The Inspector confirmed that a Senior Member of the Police is to attend Council meetings once every six months and a local Police representative once every three months.

09/648 To Report on Friends of All Saints Annual Flower and Produce Show 19 September 2009

The Friends of All Saints will be holding its Annual Flower and Produce Show on Saturday, 19 September 2009. It was resolved for the Council to support this event with £25 from the Chairman's Allowance.

09/649 DDC – Sustainable Community Strategy for Daventry District 2009-2026

The District Council's Sustainable Community Strategy for Daventry District 2009-2026 was noted.

09/650 Northamptonshire Link – Giving People a Voice in Health and Social Care

It was noted that the Northamptonshire Link are involved in the District Over Fifties partnership and will be at the Active Ageing Event in September.

09/651 NCALC AGM 14 October 2009 – Moulton Village Hall 7.30pm

It was resolved for Cllr M Lacey and Cllr S Whiffen as NCALC representatives to attend the NCALC AGM in October.

09/652 Correspondence for information only

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

09/653 Autumn Parish Council Newsletter

The Autumn 2009 Parish Council newsletter is to be included in the next Brixworth Bulletin at a cost of £200.00.

09/654 Date of Next Meetings

The next Full Council Meeting is to be held on 25 August 2009 in the Olive Branch, Library/Community Centre

Urgent Matters For Report Only

09/655 Millennium Garden

A letter had been received from the founders of the Millennium Garden expressing their disappointment in the Council's decision not to employ a qualified/trained gardener as requested. As agreed at the last meeting the Council would look for volunteers first before considering paying for someone to maintain the garden. An article appealing for volunteers is to be included in the next Newsletter and an advert is on the Notice Board.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.

Dated 25 August 2009

Notes of Matters Raised by Members of the Public

1. A resident from St David's Close referred to her letter to the Council, in which she stated her disappointment in the Council's decision to spend £29,994 on a BMX/Skate facility when the facilities, in her opinion, on St David's Recreation ground need replacing/improving. She made several suggestions for improvement to the tennis courts, fencing, access to play area and suggested a toilet especially during school holidays. In addition it was suggested for a sign to be installed at the Northampton Road/Ashway roundabout directing traffic to the Ashway Playing Field
2. The issue of inconsiderate parking, by sports clubs, was once again reported to the Council by residents from St David's Close. Suggestions of Police stickers put on vehicles obstructing the road and the possibility of resident's only parking to be looked into.
3. Both issues to be discussed further at the relevant committee meeting.