

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 25 August 2009 at 7.15p.m. in the Olive Branch, Library/Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth

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

In Attendance: Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk
Inspector Julia Potts- Northants Police
PCSO Glynn Lewis- Northants Police
Mr M Nice - Community Centre Manager

09/656 Apologies for absence

Members apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr M Lacey and Cllr F Wiig.

Apologies were also received from County Cllr Millar

09/657 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 R Monk declared a personal interest – BT Telephone kiosk in Church Street close to home.

09/658 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 28 July 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 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 7.25 pm.

09/659 Police Representative's Report

Inspector Potts reported the following:

03/Aug/09 Theft - St David's Close - Known male steals 2 x Alloy wheels, male given a caution

04/Aug/09 Burglary Non Dwelling - Recycling Centre - Unknown offenders cut padlock to entrance to recycling centre and load vehicle with various items.

04/Aug/09 Theft From vehicle - Branswell Close - Unknown person removes number plates from vehicle.

10/Aug/09 Theft - Grange Farm Holcot Road - Unknown person enters secure yard by unknown means and syphons 300 gallons of red diesel from insecure tank.

10/Aug/09 Shoplifting - Co-op Hunters way - 2 x known males ask for cigarettes and leave the shop without attempting to pay.

11/Aug/09 Criminal Damage - Brampton way - Unknown person causes damage to wing mirror by hitting with unknown object.

13/Aug/09 Theft From Motor vehicle - Car park Spratton road - Person unknown smashes offside window and remove items that are on show

20/Aug/09 Attempt Burglary - Oathill Close - 2 x males with helmets on were disturbed by neighbour whilst trying to get into garage

- PCSO Lewis reported that underground BT cables, containing copper wire, had been stolen in Hanging Houghton.
- The bark of a tree in Brampton Way has been stripped back and it was suggested that a guard should be placed around the tree. The Clerk to take this matter up with the District Council.
- Parking Tickets have been issued near the shops and the butchers.
- PCSO Jo Hillery will be alternating her Saturday surgeries between the Co-op and Northampton Road, to deal with parking issues at the same time.
- The problem of parking in St David's Close is ongoing and the matter to be discussed with Sports Clubs.
- There have been recently 29 patrols to deal with anti social behaviour, there have been stop searches, confiscation of alcohol and fixed penalty notices issued in Northampton Road and Pytchley Way
- There will be new priorities discussed in the next few weeks

A leaflet giving details about the Safer Community Team was handed out.

Inspector Potts confirmed that she intended to attend the Council meetings every three months.

It was requested that the Police check the speed of traffic along the A508 Bypass particularly on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings.

Planning

09/660 Minutes of Meetings 3 & 24 August 2009

The Minutes of the Committee Meetings held on the 3 & 24 August 2009 having been previously distributed were accepted.

09/661 Approvals and Refusals August 2009

Approvals

DA/2009/0367 Mr Cook, Rookery Gardens, Church Street, Brixworth

Work to tree subject of a TPO

1.6.09 PC No Objection

20.7.09 DDC Approved

DA/2009/0415 Mrs J Hampton, 36 Church Street, Brixworth

Work to tree subject of a Tree Preservation Order

22.6.09 PC No objection

22.7.09 DDC Approved

DA/2009/0455 Mr P Granger, 10 Tantree Way, Brixworth

Rear and side single storey extension

13.7.09 PC No objection

4.8.09 DDC Approved

DA/2009/0463 Mrs D Duncan, 3 Northampton Road, Brixworth

Widen gable end and remove velux window

13.7.09 PC No objection

28.7.09 DDC Approved

Refusals

None

09/662 WNJPU – Emergent Joint Core Strategy For West Northants

It was noted that a Special Planning meeting is to be held on Tuesday 8 September 2009 to look at the document. Cllr Chattaway and Cllr Bament had attended an open day at Moulton and it was noted that a member of the WNJPU would attend a Council meeting. It was agreed to invite a member to attend this meeting.

It was agreed to discuss the NBC Emerging Strategy Central Area Action Plan at this meeting.

Finance

09/663 Income Received for July 2009

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

Received from	Details	£
Community Centre	Hall Hire	411.26
Freestyle Soccer Academy	Use of St Davids Recreation Ground	57.50
BCF	Rent for Oliver Branch, contribution to utilities	285.44
HM Revenue & Customs	Reclaim VAT 1.4.09 - 30.06.09	<u>2,057.33</u>
		<u>2,811.53</u>

09/664 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 July 2009

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

Current Account	£25,957.03
Reserve Account	£110,123.07
Less Cheques outstanding	£6,656.61
Plus Receipts not banked	£353.13
Balance Carried forward as at 1.08.09	£129,776.62

09/665 Income and Expenditure & Reserves Report for July 2009

The Council accepted the Income and Expenditure and reserves report for July 2009. Third way through the financial year, generally the actual spending is in line with the budget. Some expenditure needs to be kept an eye on, some are seasonal or are one offs. Income is higher than expected.

09/667 To Approve the Bills for Payment for August 2009

A schedule of payments, to be made in August 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.

Chq. No. Min. Ref. Payment To

Reason for Payment

£

4085	Groundsman	Groundman's Salary August 2009	1,063.10
4086	Clerk	Clerk's Salary August 2009	1,049.69
4087	Part Time Groundsman	P/T Groundsmans wages August 2009	211.40
4088	Litter Picker	Litter Picker wages August 2009	183.40
4089	Community Centre Cleaner	Cleaner Comm. Centre wages August 2009	264.20
4090	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax & NI August 2009	761.29
4091	NCC	Pension Contribution August 2009	347.97
4092	Mrs J Macken	Postage & Public Notice - Byelaws	286.41
4093	Lovell Hardware	Materials for Groundsman	28.59
4094	Avenue Agriculture	Grease Gun & Grease	22.22
4095	Chubb Fire Ltd	Service Emergency Lighting - C/Rooms	156.29
4096	BT Payment Services	Clerk Telephone & Broadband Aug - Oct 09	178.45
4097	OCS Group UK Ltd	Sanitary Unit - Comm. Ctr. Aug - Oct 09	12.25
4098 09/603	ESPO	Replacement Goal Posts - Asway PF	487.60
4099	AH Blason & Son	Fuel	206.70
4100	Friends of All Saints	Flower & Produce Show - 19.9.09	25.00
			<u>5,284.56</u>

09/668 Date for Well Being Training Course

The Well Being training course is to be held on Monday 5 October 2009 at 7pm in the Community Hall. Several members of Scaldwell will also be attending. NCALC will be charging members £18 each. It was agreed to ask BCF to provide tea and coffee at 50p each. It was noted that the Training Budget for this year will be overspent.

09/669 Report on Council's Toyota Hilux and to Consider Purchasing a New Vehicle for Groundsman

The Council agreed that if the Hilux was to be scrapped then it must be sold to a dealer who would provide the appropriate scrap paperwork, however it was hoped that the Council could receive more if the vehicle was part exchanged.

Following a discussion it was resolved to purchase a vehicle, no more than five years old, with warranty, to a maximum of £4,500 ex VAT. The Parish Council delegated the responsibility of negotiating a deal with a dealer to the Clerk, following consultation with members via email.

09/670 Parish Council Website

Cllr Gilkes gave an update on the Council's website, which was in the process of being designed. It was agreed for members Names, postal addresses and email addresses to be put on the website. Cllr Gilkes to look into a value for money email system which would provide each Councillor with a Parish Council email address.

Recreation and Amenities Development

09/671 Update on BMX Facility/Skate Park Project

The Clerk reported that all the funding applications had been successful, which meant that the installation of the dirt BMX track and the skate equipment would be fully funded. A cheque for £10,000 had been received, from the District Council from the Money 4 Youth scheme. Daventry and District Housing had verbally confirmed that they are to award the Council with £5,000 and ACRE had sent a letter congratulating the Council that it had been successful in its bid for a grant of £10,000. Ray Bell has also verbally confirmed that he would supply sub soil free of charge.

Members of the Council had met with members of the Local Police to discuss the proposals and design out any potential problems. A site meeting is to be arranged with Wicksteed, the contractors and the Police to look at fencing, location of track etc.

09/672 NCC Licence for BMX/Skate Facility Harborough Road

It was resolved for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the two copies of the County Council licence. This licence enables the Parish Council to use the disused road in Harborough Road for recreation use. A site visit with a member of the County Council is to be arranged to look at and report on the state of the road before the handover. The state of the road is to be logged in case the road reverts back to its original use in the future.

09/673 Installation of Socketed Junior Goal Posts for St David's Recreation Ground

The Junior Football Club had enquired whether they could install sockets into the ground on St David's Recreation Ground. It was noted that the original sockets are still available for use.

Highways and Environment

09/674 Minutes of Meetings 21 July 2009

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

09/675 Directional Street Signs to Playing Fields

It was resolved to purchase four new directional street signs for the Ashway Playing Fields and St David's Recreation Ground from Nordis signs at a cost of approximately £100.00. Signs to be located in Northampton Road.

09/676 Report on Bridge for A508 Bypass

Cllr Bament reported that the County Council had advised him that plans are currently being drawn up for a new footbridge across the A508 bypass to the country park. Work should commence next year.

County Council have suggested that the signs on the Bypass could be improved and may be changed to highlight the pedestrian crossing.

Correspondence for discussion

09/677 Reply from commercial resident – DA/2009/0388 BMX/Skate Facility, Harborough Road

The reply from the commercial resident was noted.

09/678 BT – Adoption of Red Telephone Kiosk in Church Street £1

The Parish Council had received a letter from BT enquiring whether it would like to adopt the kiosk for £1. The telephony would be removed and the Council would have to take on the responsibility of the upkeep of the kiosk. The District Council had previously objected to the removal of this telephone kiosk and BT had agreed not to appeal, however BT are now writing to all the Parishes individually. Cllr F Wiig had informed the Chairman that the District Council was taking this matter up with BT.

Therefore it was agreed for the Parish Council to allow the matter to be resolved by the District Council.

09/679 Correspondence for information only

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

09/680 Date of Next Meetings

The next Full Council Meeting is to be held on 22 September 2009 in the Village Hall

Urgent Matters For Report Only

09/681 DOF Event 16 September 2009

Cllr Bament was formally thanked by the Parish Council and the District Council for all his help in assisting with the arrangements for the DOF event on 16 September 2009. It was agreed for Cllr Bament to officially open the event, in the Chairman's absence on behalf of the Council.

09/682 Pick Up / Kubota Replacement Fund

It was noted that the money from this fund had been used to purchase the new Kubota ride on mower. Unfortunately both the pick up and Kubota need replacing in the same financial year.

09/683 Twinning

A letter from the Mayor of Castel San Pietro Romano had been received inviting Cllr Millar and Cllr Wiig to visit 9 – 11 October 2009. Concerns had been raised that it would be expected that a return visit would need to be reciprocated and that this may incur costs. Following a lengthy discussion Cllr Whiffen and Cllr Gilkes offered accommodation for the visitors and it was suggested that a buffet could be arranged by Councillors. The Chairman stated that an extraordinary meeting may be required to discuss this matter.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.

Dated 22 September 2009

Notes of Matters Raised by Members of the Public

1. Mr Nice enquired what the situation was regarding the business rates for the Community Centre. The Chairman confirmed that the District Council had deferred payment for the rates for this year, until the next financial year. The Parish Council was still waiting to hear from the County Council with regards to the lease.