

## BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### *Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 22 September 2009 at 7.15p.m. in the Village Hall, Holcot Road, Brixworth*

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk  
PCSO Jo Hillery - Northants Police

#### **09/687 Apologies for absence**

Members apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr R Chattaway, Cllr R Low, Cllr S Pointer and Cllr F Wiig. It was noted that Cllr F Wiig is unable to attend meetings at the moment due to ill health, members asked for their best wishes to be sent to Cllr F Wiig.

Apologies were also received from County Councillor C Millar

#### **09/688 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.

#### **09/689 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 25 August and Special Council Meeting 8 September 2009**

The minutes of the meetings held on 25 August 2009 and 8 September 2009 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of this meeting.

*There were no members of the public.*

#### **09/690 Parish Councillor Vacancy**

The District Council has confirmed that the Parish Council may fill the casual vacancy by Co-Option. It was agreed to consider the applications at the next Full Council meeting in October 2009.

#### **09/691 Police Representative's Report**

PCSO Jo Hillery reported the following: -

- 1.09.09 Criminal Damage – Brixworth Country Park. Removal of ropes to climbing frame.
- 4.09.09 Theft at Co-op
- 7.09.09 Theft – Brampton Valley Way – car window smashed
- 10.09.09 Theft – Church Car Park – stole handbag from vehicle
- 15.09.09 Theft from dwelling – mobile phone taken
- 18.09.09 Shoplifting in Co-op
- 18.09.09 Theft from child's grave
- 21.09.09 Theft of plant pots – Brampton Way



**09/695 WNJPU – Emergent Joint Core Strategy For West Northants**

The Planning Committee had agreed on its response to this document, at the planning committee meeting held on 21 September 2009.

**Finance**

**09/696 Income Received for August 2009**

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

<b>Received from</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>£</b>
BJFC	First instalment St Davids and Ashway PF	706.25
DDC	Money 4 Youth BMX/Skate Park	10,000.00
Community Centre	Hall Hire	233.00
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**09/697 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 August 2009**

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

Current Account	£27,722.70
Reserve Account	£110,123.07
Less Cheques outstanding	£2,414.46
Balance Carried forward as at 1.09.09	£135,431.31

**09/698 Income and Expenditure & Reserves Report for August 2009**

The Council accepted the Income and Expenditure and reserves report for August 2009. The Income is inline with the budget. The Chairs of the committees were asked to plan their expenditure within the year.

The Clerk explained the details of the two sundries income and expenditure figures of £4,469.

**09/699 To Approve the Bills for Payment for September 2009**

A schedule of payments, to be made in September 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**

<b>Payment To</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	
British Gas Business	Elec. Chgs June - Aug 09 - Changing/Rooms	186.91

<b>Chq No.</b>	<b>Payment To</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	<b>£</b>
4101	Groundsman	Groundman's Salary Sept.2009	1,063.10
4102	Clerk	Clerk's Salary Sept. 2009	1,049.69
4103	PT Groundsman	P/T Groundsmans wages Sept. 2009	211.60
4104	Litter Picker	Litter Picker wages Sept. 2009	183.40
4105	Cleaner	Cleaner Comm. Centre wages Sept. 2009	229.20
4106	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax & NI Sept. 2009	761.09
4107	NCC	Pension Contribution Sept. 2009	347.97
4108	Mr I Barratt	Chairmans Telephone Allowance	37.50
4109	Mr J Daley	Postage - Comm Ctr Treasurer	3.60

4110	Mr M Nice	Comm. Ctr. Manager expenses	24.36
4111	E.On	Street Light maintenance Jun - Sept 09	27.16
4112	D G Salisbury	Marking out pitches, installing goal sockets	322.00
4113	Liquidity Ltd	Annual chlorination and water sample - C/rooms	512.90
4114	NCALC	Community Engagement T/Course 16.9.09	58.00
4115	Lovell Hardware	Materials for groundsman	43.08
4116	DDC	Emptying bins Sept. - March 2010	1,009.06
4117	Brixworth Bulletin	Printing and circulation of Autumn Newsletter	200.00
4118	Brixworth Landscaping	Trim Spratton Road Hedge	373.75
4119	ESPO	Stationery, wheels for goal post	358.65
4120	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Replacement cradle seat and cross bar for rocker	185.92
4121	A H Blason & Son	Fuel	127.44
4122	Mrs J Macken	Postage, mileage and Clerks Allowance	122.72
<b>Total</b>			<b><u>7,252.19</u></b>

***09/700 Report on the Six Monthly Internal Check on the Accounts for the Year Ending 31 March 2009***

Cllr Monk reported that he checked the last half-year of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2009 and found the accounts to be all in order. The Clerk was thanked for all her hard work.

***09/701 Report on Council's Toyota Hilux and to Consider Purchasing a New Vehicle for Groundsman***

The Clerk reported that she and the Groundsman had visited several garages to look at different vans. The Clerk produced a report of the different vehicles available for sale, together with the part exchange details for the Toyota Hilux.

Following a vote it was resolved to purchase a Vauxhall Combovan from Danetre Garage for £4,490.00 plus VAT, with a part exchange value of £100.00 plus VAT for the pick up. There would be an additional cost of £185.00 for the Road Tax.

It was resolved for this sum to be debited from the General Reserves.

**Recreation and Amenities Development**

***09/702 To Accept Minutes of Meeting 15 September 2009***

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 15 September 2009 having been previously distributed were accepted.

***09/703 To Elect Four Additional Members on to the Committee***

Cllr Gunnett was elected as a member of the Recreation and Amenity Committee. There are still three vacancies.

***09/704 To Receive Update on BMX Facility/Skate Park Project***

The Clerk reported that a site meeting has been arranged for Friday, 9 October 2009 with the local Police, Crime Prevention Officer and Wicksteed. It was agreed to also invite local businesses along Harborough Road to attend this meeting, for them to ask questions and to gain information.

The County Council have agreed to switch off the street lights, as per ROSPA's and the Crime Prevention Officer's recommendation. The Clerk is to meet with the Community Engineer to look at road signage.

It was suggested to look for funding for a Youth Worker to supervise the facility on occasions.

***09/705 To Discuss Possibility of Swimming Pool and Activity Centre***

Cllr M Lacey reported that whilst on holiday in the Czech Republic he visited a water park, which had been funded by European Union (EU) money and wondered whether a similar facility, in particular for the young people, could be provided and funded with EU money in Brixworth. The Council had no idea where this facility could be located or whether it would be granted planning permission. Following a vote it was resolved to enquire whether EU funding would be available to Brixworth.

Cllr E Wiig raised her concerns that if the project did go ahead then it may encourage new development in and around the village, which the Council is against.

**Highways and Environment**

***09/706 Review of Concerns Previously Raised by Residents – Public Open Space The Ridings***

The Chairman reminded Councillors about the concerns raised by residents in the past and that the Council had agreed to review the situation in six month time. He confirmed that he had not received any complaints from any of the residents and therefore it was agreed to close the matter.

***09/707 Report on Request for Millennium Garden Volunteers***

The Clerk reported that in response to the recent notices two residents had offered to assist with the maintenance of the Millennium Garden, however this would not be on a full time basis. Cllr Whiffen stated that some allotment owners had a proposal for the council, but details had not be given. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at either the next committee meeting or Full Council.

For the short term it was suggested that perhaps the volunteers might assist Mr Fox with an Autumn tidy up. In the long term the Clerk was asked to contact various bodies to obtain quotes for maintaining the garden.

***09/708 Church Sign in the Pound***

The Chairman reported that the Saxon Church sign in the Pound had been damaged. The Clerk was asked to contact the Friends to enquire whether they would like the Council to remove the broken sign and what their plans were to replace it.

***09/709 Limited Parking Signs for Spratton Road Layby***

Cllr Bament confirmed that the County Council would be installing the signs by the end of the week.

**Correspondence for discussion**

***09/710 Brixworth Youth Club – Babysitting Courses***

As there was no representative from the Youth Club present and the Council had limited information, it was agreed to defer this matter to the next Council meeting

***09/711 Email from Resident – Cycling on Public Footpaths***

This matter had been discussed under the Police Representative Report.

***09/712 DDC Information Service – Antiques Roadshow and Open Day***

It was noted that the DDC Information Service Open Day is to be held on Thursday, 15 October 2009. The Parish Council will have a stand and it was suggested to display details on the new BMX/Skate park, twinning and planning.

***09/713 Moulton Secondary School – Partnership Governor***

It was noted that the school, which has become a Foundation School, was inviting the Council to nominate a partnership governor, currently the school is looking to appoint two partnership governors.

***09/714 Sustainable Communities Act***

An email regarding the Sustainable Communities Act campaign had been emailed to all councillors and was noted.

***09/715 Police – Doorstep Crime***

Northamptonshire Police have set up a Doorstep Crime Action Network, to stop and prevent more people being victims to distraction burglaries and rogue doorstep traders. It was agreed to put an article in the next newsletter.

***09/716 Friends of Brixworth Country Park Group***

Members of the Council had been invited to the new Friends of Brixworth Country Park group on 5 October 2009.

***09/717 Northants 50+ Network – Getting Involved***

Cllr Bament gave a brief report on the Daventry over Fifties event held in the Village Hall on the 16 September 2009. Cllr Bament was thanked for assisting with the event.

***09/718 WNDC – Pre-consultation Notification – WNDC Sustainability Manual***

It was noted that the WNDC Sustainable Manual would be open for consultation in October 2009.

***09/719 NCC – Consultation on Proposal To Operate a Traffic Management Permit Scheme on the Highway Network***

This was deferred to Highways and Environment committee.

***09/720 Remembrance Sunday 8 November 2009***

The Chairman reported that last year the Council had received a request from a parishioner (ex soldier) for a Remembrance parade, for all the Uniformed organisations to take part in, before the Remembrance service. Unfortunately the letter was received too late to do anything about last year. However after last year's service the Chairman spoke to several members of the Scouts and Guides Association who are also keen to have a parade.

It was agreed to write to Rev Watkins and to enquire whether this is something that the church would consider.

***09/721 Correspondence for information only***

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

**09/722 Date of Next Meetings**

The next Full Council Meeting is to be held on 20 October 2009 in the Community Hall, Library/Community Centre. It was agreed to use the Community Hall whilst it is vacant.

**Urgent Matters For Report Only**

***09/723 Daventry Express – Copy of Agendas***

It was noted that the Daventry Express had requested a copy of the Full Council meeting's agenda each month. The Clerk was asked to enquire whether the Express could be sold in the village.

***09/724 Planning Application - Guilsborough Dentist***

The Chairman reported that he had received a phone call from the Chairman of Guilsborough Parish Council to inform him that there was a planning application for a new Dentist Surgery in Guilsborough to be considered at Daventry the next day.

***09/725 Bolsterstone – Brixworth Wind Farm***

It was noted that the company Bolsterstone Brixworth has been withdrawn from Companies House.

***09/726 Twinning Meeting***

The Chairman confirmed that he had not received a reply from the Mayor, therefore it was agreed to wait before arranging a twinning meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.

Dated 20 October 2009