

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 15 December 2009 at 7.15p.m. in the Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth

Present: Councillors: R Monk (Vice Chairman), C Bament, R Chattaway,
S Gilkes, Mrs A Gunnet, M Lacey, Mrs E Nunn, S Pointer,
S Whiffen, M Ward, Mrs E Wiig and F Wiig.

In Attendance: Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk
Mr M Nice - Centre Manager
Cllr C Millar - County Councillor

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Cllr Monk chaired the meeting.

09/806 Apologies for absence

Members apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr I Barratt and Cllr R Low

Apologies had also been received from PCSO Jo Hillery.

09/807 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

09/808 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 24 November 2009

The minutes of the meetings held on 24 November 2009 and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and correct record of this meeting.

The meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to address the Council. A note of the matters raised are attached to the minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 7.25pm.

09/809 Police Representative's Report

PCSO Jo Hillery had sent her apologies. The latest Brixworth Bulletin with details of the recent crimes had been circulated to members earlier that day.

- 28/11/09 Attempted Burglary – Brixworth Country Park – Unknown person have attempted to break into rear of ranger's office by unknown means, no entry gained
- 28/11/09 Criminal Damage – Frog Hall – Unknown person damages insecure wooden front door by unknown means, no entry gained.
- 01/12/09 Burglary In A Dwelling – St David's Playing Field – Unknown person uses unknown instrument to attempt to force entry to 2 x brick building entry gained nothing taken.

- 01/12/09 Shoplifting – Co-op Hunters way – Unknown male enters store and fills shopping basket up with food and leaves without attempting to pay for them.
- 01/12/09 Shoplifting – Co-op Hunters Way – The same unknown male enters store and fills basket up with meat and leaves without attempting to pay.

09/810 County Councillors Report

Cllr Millar reported that he is still waiting to hear from the Landowner of the field adjacent the proposed BMX/Skate facility. The Landowner is seeking legal advice and is concerned that he was not consulted with regards to the Road Traffic Order or was advised that the road classification was changed for recreational use. Cllr Millar suggested that perhaps the Parish Council also sought legal advice with regards to the minimum access, which should be provided to the field and to ascertain the ‘right of way’ along the road.

The Strategic Housing Land Assessment is due out for consultation later in the week. This includes several sites on the outskirts of Brixworth for potential housing development. The Plan is to be in place during the first quarter of 2010, however a different Government, following the election in May, may change the plans.

The County Council’s budget needs to save 100 million pounds over the next four years. This will result in many cuts in services. It is proposed to increase the Council Tax by 3.5% next year.

Planning

09/811 Minutes of Meetings 14 December 2009

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 14 December 2009 having been previously distributed were accepted.

Cllr Chattway thanked members for their attendance at Planning Committee meetings and for their continued support throughout the year.

09/812 SHLA Report

This is to be discussed further at the next Planning Committee meeting in January.

Finance

09/813 Income Received for November 2009

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

Received from	Details	£
Community Centre	Hall Hire	293.34
NCC	Contribution for Cleaning foyer and toilets	618.64
Freestyle Soccer Academy	Use of St Davids Ground - October 09	46.00
AFC Crown	Use of Ashway PF Pitch and C/rooms	400.00
DDC	Contribution for water chgs and Cleaning	139.42
		<u>1,497.40</u>

09/814 Bank Reconciliation as at 30 November 2009

The bank reconciliation as at the 30 November 2009 was reported and accepted as follows:

Current Account	£21,987.23
Reserve Account	£158,854.44
Less Cheques outstanding	£7,005.05
Balance Carried forward as at 1.11.09	£173,836.62

09/815 Income and Expenditure & Reserves Report for November 2009

The Council accepted the Income and Expenditure and reserves report for November 2009. The Council is 8/12 or 66.6% throughout the year and the budget is broadly on target, which demonstrates control of the budget. The Council is aware of any expenditure budgets, which are overspent.

09/816 Community Centre Christmas Tree

It was resolved to approve the payment for the Christmas Tree for the Library /Community Centre at a cost of £50.00 under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

09/817 SLCC for Power of Well Being Training Module

It was resolved to approve the payment of £15.00 for the SLCC Cilca Power of Well Being Training Module. This is required in order for the Council to qualify for the Power of Well Being.

09/818 To Approve the Bills for Payment for December 2009

A schedule of payments, to be made in December 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.

Minute	Payment To	Reason for Payment	
4178	Groundsman	Groundman's Salary Dec 2009	1,085.00
4179	Clerk	Clerk's Salary Dec 2009	1,061.38
4180	Part Time Groundsman	P/T Groundsmans wages Dec 2009	139.40
4181	Cleaner	Cleaner Comm. Centre wages Dec 2009	324.80
4182	Litter Picker	Litter Picker wages Dec 2009	232.00
4183	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax & NI Dec 2009	774.52
4184	NCC	Contribution to Pension Dec 2009	352.48
4185	Mrs J Macken	Clerks Allowance & Postage	80.87
4186	Mr I Barratt	Chairmans Telephone Allowance	37.50
4187	Wicksteed Leisure	Replacement Swing Seat	46.58
4188	Brixworth Bulletin	Printing and circulation of newsletter	200.00
4189	ESPO	Printer cartridge for Clerks printer	43.64
4190	Hassett Fencing	Timber for benches, fencing	348.14
4191	BTCV	Work to Millennium Garden	287.50
4192	SLCC	Cilca - Power of Well Being Module	15.00
4193	B & Q Finance Services	Locks, padlocks and chains	78.19
4194	Northants ACRE	Annual Support	34.00
4195	Anglain Water	Water & Sewer Charges-C/Room Mar07-Oct09	532.55
4196	E.ON	Street Light maintenance Oct - Dec 09	27.16
4197	Lovell Hardware	Materials for groundsmen	108.35
4199	K F Troop & Son	Christmas Tree - Comm Centre	50.00
			5,859.06

Recreation and Amenities Development

09/819 Report on BMX Facility/Skate Park Project

Following a discussion and vote it was resolved for the Clerk to write to Shoosmiths solicitors for legal advice on what the minimum access the Parish Council is legally obliged to provide to the adjacent farmers field. In addition what 'right of way' does the farmer have to the road, which is to be used for the BMX track. It was agreed to use funding from the Project budget for this expense.

09/820 Special Events Agreement for Hire of Recreation Grounds and Playing Field

It was resolved to adopt the Special Events Agreement form, which had been previously circulated to members. It was noted that the Public Liability should be Five million.

09/821 Letter from Thurston's Regarding the Anchorage Points

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Thurston's with regards to their letter about the anchorage points. Apparently the anchorage points have been used to anchor people to whilst working on the roof of the buildings, however one of these points has failed and therefore Thurston's are stating not to use these points in future. The letter is to be kept in the Changing Rooms maintenance file for future reference.

09/822 Report on St David's Recreation Ground Shed Break In

As mentioned earlier in the Police report St David's shed was broken into on the 1 December 2009, during the afternoon, fortunately nothing was taken. The offender tried to start the Kubota mower, but failed. The Kubota now needs a new ignition barrel. The Grounds man has made the locks more secure.

Highways and Environment

09/823 Maintaining Grassed Areas on Spratton Road on Behalf of the District Council

The District Council has enquired whether the Parish Council would be able to maintain the grassed areas along Spratton Road, at Saxon House and the Bugalows next year. Following a discussion it was resolved in principle that the Parish Council would be able to maintain the grass, once a fortnight with a ride on mower, as per previous years subject to cost which is yet to be determined.

09/824 Brixworth Weekend Bus Service

Cllr Lacey reported that in order to ascertain village support for a late night weekend bus service it was necessary to send out a questionnaire to all villagers seeking their views. It was resolved to produce a questionnaire to be printed and circulated with the next Brixworth Bulletin and Newsletter. The questionnaire should contain questions regarding timings, days, cost of fare, where the bus will go to and the scale of cost to the taxpayer.

The Clerk reported that funding is currently available from Northants ACRE for consultation projects. It was agreed to apply for funding for £250.00 towards the cost of printing the questionnaire.

Correspondence for discussion

09/825 DDC – Councillors Briefing – Large Scale Wind Farms

This document, which had been circulated to all members, was noted.

09/826 Correspondence for information only

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

09/827 Date of Next Meetings

The next Full Council Meeting is to be held on 26 January 2010 in the Community Hall, Library/Community Centre.

Urgent Matters For Report Only

09/828 Library/Community Centre Building Meeting 10 December 2009

Cllr Bament reported that he attended the Library/Community Centre building meeting and reported on one particular issue that had been discussed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.

Dated 26 January 2010

Notes of matters raised by members of the public.

1. Mr Nice reported that a scooter has been abandoned at the front of the Library/Community Centre. On Friday night the scooter had been dismantled and petrol was leaking from the tank. The Local Police have been to look at the vehicle and because it is taxed, insured and MOT they cannot remove it. The scooter is now being stored safely at the rear of the building, waiting for the owner to take it away.