

# **BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

*Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 May 2004 at 7.15p.m. in the coffee shop, Brixworth Library, Spratton Road, Brixworth*

**Present:** Cllr. L Tyrer (Chairman)  
Councillors: Miss L Cramp (arrived at 8.20pm), Mrs F Peacock & Mrs E Wiig. Messrs. R Chattaway, H Fox, M Nice, P Oliver, J Ruch and F Wiig.

**In Attendance:** Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk  
Cllr C Millar – County Councillor  
Mrs Battison – Member of the Public  
Mr Barratt – Member of the Public

## ***Questions from the Public:-***

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

## ***St David's Recreation Ground***

Mrs Battison raised concerns regarding the current state of St Davids Recreation Ground. She commented on how untidy the Recreation Ground looked, with overgrown weeds and long grass in areas and the untidiness of behind the Pavilion, with all the Sports Equipment stored there.

Cllr Chattaway reported that during the morning he and the Clerk had met at St David's Recreation Ground to make a list of the areas, which needed attention. Cllr Chattaway suggested, that possibly a compound was needed, for all the sports equipment currently stored behind the Pavilion.

Cllr Chris Millar thanked Councillors L Tyrer, P Oliver, H Fox, J Ruch and M Nice, who are stepping down, for all their hard work as Parish Councillors for Brixworth over the past years.

## **04/162 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs I Chadwick, S Mabbutt and R Monk.

## **04/163 Declaration of Interest**

Declarations of Interest were received from: -

Cllr E Wiig – Planning Application – District Councillor on DDC Planning Committee.

Cllr F Wiig – Planning Application – District Councillor on DDC Planning Committee.

Cllr R Chattaway – Planning Applications – Personal Reasons

Cllr M Nice – Member of Brixworth Christian Fellowship

#### **04/164 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 27 April 2004**

The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 27 April 2004 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of this meeting after the following amendment.

#### **04/129 Declaration of Interest**

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Cllr F Wiig – Planning Application – District Councillor on DDC Planning Committee.

Cllr R Chattaway – Planning Applications – Personal Reasons

Cllr L Tyrer – Rigiflex site – Store caravan at site.

Cllr M Nice – Member of Brixworth Christian Fellowship – 04/156 Built in Cupboards – Community Room

#### **Matters Arising From Previous Minutes**

##### ***04/165 Report on Alcohol Free Zone – Signs***

The Chairman reported that the NO ALCOHOL adhesive signs had been printed. The Clerk was asked to ensure that the signs were displayed in appropriate locations.

##### ***04/166 Broadband for Clerk's Computer***

No further progress deferred to next meeting.

The Chairman reported that following the Clerk's 'New Clerk's Course', it is Best Practice to not have Matters Arising on the Agenda, but to allocate any progress reports from previous minutes to the appropriate heading on the Agenda.

#### **04/167 Police Update**

Cllr E Wiig reported that the Police were intending to have a temporary speeding flasher board on the Spratton Road within the next week or two. The meeting agreed that speeding controls were needed at the entrances to the village, on the Spratton Road, Holcot Road and Harborough Road.

Cllr Oliver reported that Speeding Boards are due to be displayed around the village in July 2004.

Cllr Millar reported that Atkins/NCC Highways are requesting comments from Parish Councils with regards to any outstanding items or any comments the Parish Council would like to make.

## Ashway Playing Field

### **04/168 Pre-tender Meeting 5 May 2004 and Changing Rooms Update**

The minutes of the Pre-tender meeting held on the 5 May 2004 having been previously distributed were accepted.

Cllr Nice reported that QMP's new estimated figure for the building of the Changing Rooms was now £124,300; the previous estimate was for £86,500, a significant increase of £37,800.

QMP's explanation of the main reasons, for this significant increase, were due to the following:-

£12,850	All connections for utilities.
£12,000	Installation of gas fired system. (Original estimate – all electric)
£ 6, 000	Anti-Vandalism Protection (Roof protection, fire proof ceiling)
£ 6,000	Extra long runs – (Original estimate did not take into account that the building would be in the middle of the field)

- a) The connection of the utilities, had not been included in the original estimate, but it was thought that it would be in the region of £10,000.
- b) The running costs of the gas-fired system would be less than an all-electric system and although the initial installation cost would be higher there would be savings over the whole life of the building.
- c) Anti vandalism protection has been designed into the project, to prevent costly repairs and renewals in the future.
- d) This estimate includes a contingency of 5%.

Cllr Nice reported that the opening of the Tenders would now take place on 3 June 2004 at 6.00pm at QMP. The Tender deadline had been extended by a week, following the request by two of the contractors who were unable to meet the original Tender date.

Cllr Nice reminded the Parish Council that QMP will be presenting their Tender Return and recommendations to the Parish Council on Monday, 7 June 2004 at 7.00pm and all Parish Councillors were asked to attend.

Following a discussion the meeting agreed that the Parish Council would wait to hear what QMP's recommendation were on the 7 June 2004. Any further decisions, regarding the building of the Changing rooms, would wait until then.

The Chairman stated that a Building Sub-Committee would be required to manage the building of the Changing Rooms. The Chairman and Cllr Nice both offered to be co-opted on to this sub-committee. The Clerk was asked to add this item on to the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting.

## Planning

### *04/169 Approvals*

#### **DA/2004/0227 Mr & Mrs Higginson, 88 Froxhill Crescent, Brixworth Conversion and extension of garage to form new bedroom and extended hall.**

10.3.04 P C objected to this proposal because:-

1.The Parish Council object, in principle, to the conversion of existing garages and the consequent loss of off street parking.

There is very limited space on the drive of this property and, this coupled with the increase in car ownership, will inevitably mean that loss of the garage will result in an increase in off street parking. A lack of parking space is already a serious and growing problem in Brixworth.

2.The increase in cars parked on the roads will increase the temptation for vehicle crime and interference.

3.Road safety considerations.

It seems inconsistent to require new developments to provide garaging and off-street parking, while at the same time approving the conversion of existing garages.

7.4.04 DDC Approved

#### **DA/2004/0214 Mr & Mrs J Dalton, 14 Brackenborough, Brixworth Conservatory to rear of dwelling.**

10.3.04 PC No Objection

5.4.04 DDC Approved

#### **DA/2004/0231 Mr K Hayes, 10 Hunt Close, Brixworth Two storey extension**

10.3.04 PC No Objection

14.4.04 DDC Approved

#### **DA/2004/0226 Mr & Mrs Smith, 16 Shelleycotes Rd, Brixworth Single storey extension to rear to provide kitchen/dining/family room, utility & W.C.**

10.3.04 PC No Objection

14.4.04 DDC Approved

#### **DA/2004/0205 G Hamson & Son, Harborough Rd, Brixworth Siting of mobile home for security night watchman.**

31.3.04 PC No objection- subject to strong conditions that ensured: -

1. The approval was for a temporary period only.
2. No precedent was set regarding the development of the site for mobile or permanent homes.
3. That a person employed as the night watchman could only occupy the mobile home.
4. That occupancy of the mobile home was tied to the job and that no right of tenancy was created.

7.4.04 DDC Approved – Conditions

1. Permission limited to a period expiring 7.4.06. At or before the caravan shall be removed and the site restored to its former condition.
2. Occupation of the mobile home shall be limited to a person working as a night-watch-man solely related to the garage business premises and any dependants.

**DA/2004/0268 Mr P Bold, 6 Pytchley Close, Brixworth**

**Work to tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order.**

10.3.04 PC No objection. However the Parish Council would like the work to be carried out by a competent tree surgeon.

21.4.04 DDC Approved

**DA/2004/0330 N Toseland, The Red Lion Northampton Rd, Brixworth**

**Extension to dining area.**

31.3.04 PC No Objection      29.4.04 DDC Approved

**DA/2004/0318 Mr & Mrs Randall, 1 Northampton Rd, Brixworth**

**Single storey extension to rear.**

31.3.04 PC No Objection      29.4.04 DDC Approved

**DA/2004/0329 N Toseland 88a Northampton Rd, Brixworth**

**Flat sign fixed to building (non illuminated).**

31.3.04 PC No Objection      29.4.04 DDC Approved

**DA/2004/0337 G Booker, Rosemary Cottage, Froghall, Brixworth**

**Double Garage off existing private drive.**

31.3.04 PC No Objection      6.5.04 DDC Approved

**DA/2004/0328 N Toseland, 88a Northampton Rd, Brixworth.**

**Change of use from B1 (Light Industry) to A1 (Retail Warehouse).**

31.3.04 PC objected to this application for change of use for the following reasons:-  
We believe that a retail outlet of this nature will generate a lot of traffic – both private and commercial vehicles.

The traffic and parking problems in this part of the main road through the village are already very serious, as times resulting in the road being blocked-up.

12.5.04 Previous objection withdrawn – No Objection      6.5.04 DDC Approved

***04/170 Refusals***

**DA/2004/0139 GWJ Contractors, Land at Clearview Farm Stn Rd Brixworth**

**Outline application change of use from part agricultural part haulage contracting/civil engineering contracting to residential.**

19.2.04 PC No objection if the proposed development included affordable housing.

29.3.04 DDC Refused – Whilst this is a brown field site, it is located in open countryside and development of this site would be contrary to policies of the County Structure Plan and DDC Local Plan. It would result in visually intrusive and unsustainable residential development in the open countryside.

**DA/2004/0317 & DA/2004/0359LB Mrs F Seed, The Grange, Kennel Terrace, Brixworth**

**Convert existing office to leisure complex, build new indoor swimming pool extension and extension to existing dwelling.**

31.3.04 The Parish Council object to this proposal because:-

1. The proposed swimming pool is too close to the adjoining properties, and in particular the noise generated from the plant room and ventilation. (Which is immediately adjacent to the boundary) will be unduly intrusive.  
The site plan, which accompanied the application, is out of date and does not show all the adjoining properties ie. No. 2 and Woodlawn, Grange Court.
2. The scale of the development is inappropriate with the conservation area and the grounds of an old house. It will do nothing to enhance or improve the ambience of the conservation area.
3. The scale of the development seems inappropriate for the private use of the residents of one property eg. toilets and ancillary accommodation seems excessive.
4. The boundary hedge will be destroyed and we believe some trees are likely to be affected.

In summary we believe the proposal to be too large for its situation and much too close to the adjoining properties.

If the council were minded to approve the application we would request that conditions are attached which would: -

- a) Ensure that the complex is for the private use of the residents only and not for commercial or hospitality purposes.
- b) The building and in particular the plant room be moved further away from the adjoining properties.

28.4.04 DDC Refused on the grounds that the proposal would be Out of keeping detracts from the setting of the Listed Building and character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

***04/171 Applications***

**DA/2004/0493 Mr & Mrs J Moulson , 32 The Ashway, Brixworth  
First floor extension and detached single garage**

The Parish Council Object to the application in respect of the new detailed garage. They consider that the proposed siting is inappropriate and would have a detrimental impact on the adjoining property and detract from the overall design and layout of the estate and its open plan nature.

The Parish Council have no objection to the house extension – except for the loss of a garage. Parking space in the vicinity of this property is limited and we consider that the integral garage should be maintained.

**DA/2004/0492 Mr & Mrs D Sherwood, 1 Stone Cottage, Newlands  
Two storey and single storey extensions to side of dwelling.**

The property is within the Conservation Area, and the Parish Council Object to the application on the grounds that this development would crowd that street scene and detract from the ambience of this part of the village. The frontage of the Cottage immediately adjacent to the road would be greatly increased. The front door will open onto the road, as compared to the side at the moment.

Such a development is not in keeping, with the old part of the village.

**DA/2004/0516 Mr P Dennis, 22 Broadlands, Brixworth**

**First Floor extension over existing garage and utility room.**

The Parish Council Object to this application because it involves the loss of a garage. There is a substantial and growing parking problem in the village and because of this the Parish Council considered that plans for the conversion of existing garages for other purposes should be resisted.

In all other respects the Parish Council have no objection to the extension of the property.

**DA/2004/0541 Mr & Mrs Robinson, 41 Knightons Way, Brixworth**

**Construction of single storey extension to rear of dwelling and rooms in roof.**

The Parish Council have No Objection on the ground floor extension.

In so far as converting the roof space is concerned the Parish Council has concerns about the four roof lights and Object to this aspect of the application. They would like to see alternative schemes of lighting and ventilation explored. They consider that four large roof lights in one roof are excessive and will look extremely unattractive. Although they will only be seen from properties some distance away they will be intrusive and out of character with the property. Also such a large area of tilting windows may give rise to problems of reflection dazzle in strong sunlight.

**DA/2004/0520 Merry Tom Farm, Merry Tom Lane, Brixworth**

**Country Manor House, Mr & Mrs Robinson**

The Parish Council Object to this application.

The Proposal is contrary to a number of District and County planning policies and in our view should be strongly resisted.

Our reasons for opposing the application include: -

1. The site lies within a designated Special Landscape Area.
2. The Proposed house and gardens would seriously and noticeably erode the present unspoilt and undeveloped character of the area.
3. The public's enjoyment of this area of largely unspoilt countryside would be adversely affected and its underlying character and landscape quality would be eroded.
4. Even though the landscape has been somewhat changed due to farming methods this proposal would result in the creation of less features such as drives, formal gardens and woodland planting. Such landscape features have not been previously apparent in this locality and may interrupt longer distance views across the wider landscape.
5. Similar to the earlier plan for a golf course, which was refused, the building and more formal landscape features would not relate well to the existing field patterns and natural features. They would be out of keeping with the distinctive character and existing qualities of the local landscape. The site is visible from the wider landscape, particularly the north and west.
6. The residents of Brixworth very recently made it perfectly clear through BRAUD and other representations that they regard any form of development in this particular area as detrimental.
7. This development would detract from the recreational amenity of the Brampton Valley Way and Merry Tom Lane. These are well used and appreciated by local residents and visitors from further away. They form part of the Sustrans Long Distance Cycle Route.
8. Access to the Manor House would involve the upgrading of part of Merry Tom Lane.

9. Some or possibly all of the land, to be taken up by the house and its immediate grounds is classified grade 2 (very good) Agricultural Land according to information obtained by DEFRA in July 2003.

The proposed house and its associated grounds and gardens would be out of keeping, and not make a positive contribution to this important area of attractive rural landscape.

**DA/2004/0483 London Investment Group, Former Texaco Garage, Northampton Road Brixworth  
Residential development 12 houses.**

The Parish Council have a number of issues about this application which they feel should be reconsidered before any approval is recommended. These are:-

1. Problems of Car – Parking and access

We have concern about the amount of parking that will occur in front of these properties at this important location close to the entry to the village.

We believe this could become unsightly and lead to problems of congestion. We would like steps to be taken to minimise this problem, which might include: -

- a) Landscaping the verge with planting, or banking to prevent parking on the verge.
- b) Driveways over the verge into adjoining properties should be single width only to prevent parking on the crossover of the verge.
- c) Bus stop to be moved or realigned.
- d) Steps taken to minimise the hazard of traffic backing out onto the main road.
- e) The provision of double yellow lines on both sides of the road.

2. Appearance of the properties

Because of the sensitivity of this location at the approach to the village careful consideration should be given to the design of the front elevation to the buildings and the materials used to ensure they have an attractive and pleasing appearance. An unbroken uniform line of buildings should be avoided, and some screening provided where possible.

3. Environmental Hazards

The site has been used as a petrol station for many years and the Parish Council would like to be reassured that the environmental issues have been adequately addressed.

4. Schooling

We understand the village Primary school will have problems coping with some children from the development plus other similar proposals, which we believe are likely to come forward in the near future. Similar consideration probably applies to the health service provisions in the village.

5. Ideal Motors

The unloading of vehicle transporters delivering to Ideal Motors causes problems at present. The provision for access to Ideal Motors will need to be taken into account.

6. Consultation

We understand that many neighbouring properties affected by this development have not been notified of the application – these include No. 3 Northampton Road (entrance opposite the site) and No.'s 11 and 15 Far Brook (to the side of the site).

We hope the District Council will take steps to ensure that the parking arrangements do not create an unsightly and hazardous situation to the front of these properties and that they are designed to present an attractive appearance at this sensitive location.

#### ***04/172 District Planning Committee Meeting 19 May 2004***

Cllr Ruch reported that he had attended the District Planning meeting held on the 19 May 2004, at which the District Planning Committee had refused the planning application DA/2004/0291 Chester House – Two-storey rear extension.

Cllr Ruch reported his disappointment with regards to planning application DA/2004/0354 Land Adjoining 1 New Street – Two Bed Flats which was approved at this meeting, even though he and Cllrs E & F Wiig had strongly objected.

#### ***04/173 Minutes of Meeting 12 May 2004***

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 12 May 2004 having been previously distributed were accepted.

#### **DA/2004/0483 London Investment Group, Former Texaco Garage, Northampton Road Brixworth Residential development 12 houses.**

Cllr Ruch informed the meeting that the Parish Council had not objected to this application, but in their reply to the District Council had raised three main issues which they were concerned about, which needed further consideration these included 1) Car Parking, 2) Visual Appearance and 3) High intensity of the development.

#### **DA/2004/0520 Merry Tom Farm, Merry Tom Lane, Brixworth Country Manor House, Mr & Mrs Robinson**

Cllr Ruch reported that the Parish Council had Objected to this application, as an inappropriate application, this was agreed by all.

#### ***04/174 Report on Development Presentation – Former Texaco site – 10 May 2004***

Cllr Ruch reported that a housing developer had presented plans to the Parish Council and members of the public, on the 10 May 2004, for a 12-house development on the former Texaco Garage site. The developers have applied for planning application for this development, however they are keen to negotiate with Ideal Motors and purchase the land behind this development for a further 13 houses.

Cllr F Wiig informed the meeting that because the development was for only 12 houses, they would not need to include affordable housing, however affordable housing could be considered on the second site, should this development go ahead.

#### ***04/175 Letter from Brixworth CEVC Primary School***

The Chairman read out a letter, which he had received, from Paula Jones, Chairman of Governors, Brixworth CEVC Primary School. The school was concerned with ‘the likelihood of further in-fill developments in Brixworth ‘which would generate a further increase in admissions and would require the school to use mobile classrooms on a permanent basis’. The governors were ‘seeking the support of the Parish Council in assuring that the School obtains assistance under a Supplementary Planning

Guidance Education Provision to provide permanent classrooms for the increasing numbers and to prevent overcrowding’.

The Parish Council agreed with the schools concern and fully supported the need for permanent classrooms.

Cllr F Wiig reported that the L.E.A. had informed the developers, of the Rigiflex site, that the only local school, which would be interested in a contribution, would be Moulton Secondary School. Cllr L Cramp, (School Governor), agreed to write to the L.E.A. and inform them that the School would require financial support from such a development.

The Parish Council are very concerned that there are potentially three infill development sites within the village, which could result in 100 – 120 new houses (former Texaco site, Rigiflex site and Propak site). These new developments would put a tremendous strain on the village’s infrastructure, in particular the school and health services. Cllr Ruch stated that there was no broad planning and that it was unfortunate that the proposed developments could not be considered together. Concerns were raised with regard to the loss of amenities for the village and it was therefore suggested that the Propak site could be considered for development as a retail outlet.

At the meeting it was agreed to send a letter to the District Council Planning Department, about their concerns as mentioned above and to suggest that one of the possible sites be developed as a retail outlet rather than a housing development.

## **Finance**

### ***04/176 Income***

The Clerk reported the Income received for April 2004 was as follows:-

<u>Received from</u>	<u>Details</u>	£
Library/Comm Centre	Bookings received March 2004	289.50
BCF Action Ltd	Rent Olive Coffee Shop - 4th Installment	250.00
DDC	Precept - First Installment	43526.00
	TOTAL	<u>44065.50</u>

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Precept had been credited to the Current Bank Account, it was agreed to transfer this sum to the Capital Reserve Account.

### ***04/177 Bills for Payment***

The list of payments to be made in May 2004 was circulated and signed by all members present. It was unanimously agreed that the following accounts should be passed for payment.

<u>Chq No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details of payment</u>	<u>£</u>
2682-87	Employees & IR	Salaries, wages, Tax & NI May 2004	3,131.26
2688	Mrs J Macken	OS Maps - Bus shelter & Stationary	92.01
2689	A H Blason	Fuel & Puncture repair	168.22
2690	BT	Clerk's Telephone	139.15
2691	Towergate Strovers	Public Liability Ins - Neighbourhood Watch	10.00
2692	Anglian Water	Community Ctr - Nov 03 - Apr 04	261.05
2693	Anglian Water	Millennium Garden - Oct 03 - Apr 04	44.45
2694	Brixworth Bulletin	Insert - APM Agenda & Report	130.00
2695	NCC	Electricity Chg - Community Ctr	245.00
2696	BACA	Protective clothing - Groundsman & Cleaner	38.34
2697	Mower Shop	Spare parts - Kubota mower	9.63
2698	Mr R Redley	Caretaking watercolour classes- Community Ctr	78.00
2699	Mr M Nice	Keys for Community Ctr Cleaner	14.75
2700	Mr M Nice	Printing of leaflet - Youth Foundation	313.73
2701	Lovell Hardware	Groundsman's goods, Cleaners tool	25.44
2702	Earth Anchors	4 No. Litter Bins	1,821.25
2703	Boughton Loam	Mushroom compost - Millennium Garden	14.51
2704	BBI Business Interiors	5 No. Cupboards - Community Room	820.15
2705	County Supplies	Stationary	1.43
2706	Dave Salisbury	Grounds Maintenance - Recreation Ground	3,630.75
2707	Brixworth Bulletin	Youth Foundation insert	35.00
TOTAL			11,024.12

#### ***04/178 Expenditure Statement and Bank Reconciliation for April 2004***

The Parish Council accepted the Income and Expenditure Statement for April 2004, which had been previously distributed.

Cllr Ruch reported that the Earmarked Reserves had been increased substantially by approximately £18,000 and that the Accrual Reserve of £2,000 was for outstanding bills for payment from the previous financial year. The Amenities Development of £2,465.00 was for the support of a Youth Project for the village.

The Clerk confirmed that the Bill for Payment for £3,630.75 to Dave Salisbury was for Grounds maintenance and work carried out at St David's and Spratton Road Recreation Grounds and the Ashway Playing Field.

The bank reconciliation as at the 30 April 2004 was reported and accepted as follows:

Current Account	£56,578.57
Capital Reserve Account	£115,838.88
Less Cheques outstanding	£6,754.20
Balance Carried forward as at 1.5.04	£165,663.25

#### **Recreation and Playing Field**

#### ***04/179 Minutes of Recreation meeting 17 May 2004***

The Minutes of the Recreation Meeting held on the 17 May 2004 having been previously distributed were accepted.

Cllr Chattaway reported that the Cricket Club had decided not to re-use the Palisade Fencing. The football clubs had been reminded not to use metal pegs to secure nets as the newly repaired gang mowers had gone over one on their first outing. A leaflet obtained by the Clerk from the FA on goalpost safety had been handed out to the clubs.

Cllr Chattaway confirmed that following the Junior Football Fun day the goalposts had been secured behind the Pavilion.

Cllr Chattaway reported that in view of a recent complaint from a resident of Froxhill Crescent about vehicles racing around the car park in the evenings it had been agreed that a lock should be purchased for the gate. Keys would be provided for the clubs and other regular users.

#### ***04/180 Skateboard Ramp Repairs***

It was agreed that the quotation received from Rampchild for £450.00 ex VAT to carry out repairs to the Skateboard ramp would be accepted. A safety sign was recommended by Rampchild for an additional cost of £120.00 ex VAT, it was agreed that an alternative supplier would be sought. The Clerk was asked for the work to be carried out as soon as possible and to obtain quotations for adhesive safety signs.

#### ***04/181 St David's Recreation Ground - Playground Equipment***

Cllr Chattaway reported that he and the Clerk had met two representatives of Playground Equipment at St David's Recreation Ground, with a view to providing new equipment on the existing safety surface. This matter had been deferred last year due to problems with youths and it was also hoped that new playground equipment for St David's and the Ashway Playing Field could be ordered at the same time, at a better price. It was agreed in principle that new equipment should be provided, possibly this summer, at St David's.

#### ***04/182 St David's Playground – Chain Link Fence***

Cllr Chattaway reported that the newly installed chain fence at St David's Recreation Ground, which surrounds the playground, had been cut and needed repairing. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations from the original supplier.

#### ***04/183 Playground Roadshow June 2004***

The Chairman reported that NALC were organising Playground Roadshows throughout the County. The programme includes playground inspections, Disability Discrimination Act, safety surfaces and notices etc. It was agreed for the Chairman of Recreation and for the Clerk to attend one of these Roadshows.

### **Highways & Environment**

#### ***04/184 Report on Street Lighting Site Meeting – 5 May 04***

The Chairman reported that at a site meeting on the 5 May 2004 with Mr Mummery from Atkins, Atkins had agreed to provide and install an additional street light outside

the QMP building on the Spratton Road, due to the street being inappropriately lit for the location. It was also agreed that the existing yellow sodium lights would be replaced with white lights, as requested by the Parish Council, which would provide improved colour recognition for the C.C.T.V. cameras and would assist in crime prevention.

***04/185 Reply from NCC Highways/Atkins – Grass Verges, Harborough Road***

The Chairman read out a letter received from NCC Highways/Atkins with regards to motorists parking on the grass verges on the Harborough Road and the current conditions of the grass verges. ‘The County Council’s policy is not to place any additional bollards in the highway, unless there are overriding safety reasons’. Atkins agreed to assess the verges and to ‘carry out any remedial works to keep the verges in a safe condition’.

***04/186 Report on Street lights – Eastfield Road / The Ashway Footpath***

The Chairman reported that two streetlights in the footpath between Eastfield Road and the Ashway had been repaired and set in concrete.

***04/187 Report on Litterbins for St David’s Recreation Ground and The Ashway Playing Field.***

The Chairman reported that the four new litterbins had been delivered; the two required on St David’s Recreation Ground had been installed and the two for the Ashway were in storage.

***04/188 Dog litterbin – Outside Village Hall***

The Chairman requested that a dog litterbin be sited on the green outside the Village Hall. As money was available in the budget, this was agreed, subject to approval by the Environment committee.

***04/189 Letter from NCC Highways/Atkins – Holcot Rd, Surface Dressing Summer 2004***

Cllr Oliver reported that the Holcot Road between Brixworth and Holcot is due to be surface dressed sometime around the middle of June.

***04/190 Letter from NCC Highways/Atkins – Parish Poster Boards***

Cllr Oliver confirmed that the Parish Poster Boards/ Speeding signs are due to be displayed between mid July 2004 and mid August 2004.

***04/191 Flower bed maintenance – Outside Library***

Cllr Nice enquired whether remedial work could be carried out on the flowerbed outside the Library, as this area needed attention. It was agreed for the Clerk to ask Choices Horticulture for a quotation for this work to be done.

### **Library / Community Centre**

#### ***04/192 Report on Built in Cupboards – Community Room***

Cllr Nice reported that the new cupboards in the community room had been delivered. It was agreed for the Clerk to use a couple of these cupboards for storing Parish Council's archives.

#### ***04/193 Community Centre Cleaner***

The Chairman reported that the Cleaner of the Community Centre had resigned and that a new Cleaner had been appointed.

#### ***04/194 Decoration of Community Hall***

Cllr Nice stated that two quotations had been received for the decoration of the Community Hall. It was agreed to accept the lowest quotation for £690.00 from David Perkins being Best Value. The Clerk was asked for these works to be carried out during the school holidays, when the regular users of the hall do not meet.

### **Correspondence for Discussion**

#### ***04/195 Letter from Brixworth CEVC Primary School***

Cllr Cramp read out a letter, which she had received from the school requesting that she continues to be the Parish Council's School Governor Representative for the remainder of this and for the next academic year. It was agreed that this was a matter for the new Parish Council and would need to be decided at the Annual General Meeting on the 17 June 2004.

#### ***04/196 Letter – Watersports Week***

The meeting noted the thank you letter from Mrs K Redley, which had been copied to all the members.

#### ***04/197 Phil Sawford – Consultation Document – Fireworks Regulations 2004***

The Chairman reported that a Consultation Document on Firework Regulations 2004 had been received. It was noted that the Parish Council had already made comments with regards to this document.

#### ***04/198 DDC- Parish Council Elections 10 June 2004***

The Chairman informed the meeting that only eight persons had been nominated to stand as Parish Councillors for Brixworth, leaving the Council with six persons short. Due to in-sufficient candidates standing, there would not be an election held in the Parish on the 10 June 2004. However, the new Parish Council has until the 28 July 2004 to co-opt suitable persons to fill the vacancies. If the Parish Council fails to fill the vacancies, then the District Council may then exercise their power after the 28 July 2004 to order a fresh election to fill the remainder vacancies.

It was agreed that a notice for 'Vacancies for Parish Councillors' should be displayed around the village. The Clerk was asked to put up the notices.

***04/199 Aragon housing Association***

The meeting noted that information from Aragon housing Association had been received.

**04/200 Correspondence**

The Chairman reported that correspondence received through the month that required no action was available for viewing. This was agreed.

**Any Other Business**

***04/201 Report on New Clerk Course – 15 May 2004***

The Clerk reported that she had attended a New Clerk's course, at which subjects covered included the Agenda, Structure of meetings, Annual Parish Meetings, Annual General Meetings, Parish Council's Powers and Payments authorised under section 137.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.....

Dated 29 June 2004