

# **BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

***Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 25 January 2005 at 7.15p.m. in the coffee shop, Brixworth Library, Spratton Road, Brixworth***

***Present:*** Councillor E Wiig (Chairman)  
Councillors: I Barratt, A Charlton, R Chattaway (Vice Chairman),  
P Fox, D Kennedy, S Killick, F Peacock, K Redley, P Savage,  
F Wiig and after Co-Option C Timm.

***In Attendance:*** Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk  
Mr M Nice - Community Centre Manager  
Mrs S Verallo – Member of the Public

## **05/001 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr C Millar, District Cllr N Bunting, Cllr Mabbutt, Cllr Monk and CBO J Stublely.

## **05/002 Declaration of Interest**

Declarations of Interest were received from: -

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

Cllr F Wiig - Planning Applications – District Councillor on DDC Planning Committee.

Cllr Redley – Library/Community Centre – Employee at the Olive Branch Coffee Shop, Library/Community Centre.

Cllr Chattaway – Member of BRAUD – Personal Interest

Cllr Charlton – Member of BRAUD – Personal Interest

## **05/003 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 21 December 2004**

The minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 21 December 2004 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of this meeting.

## **Questions from the Public**

There were no matters raised.

## **05/004 Co-Option of Parish Councillor**

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had received two applications for the one remaining Parish Councillor vacancy (copies of the applications had been previously circulated to members). The two applicants Mrs Sue Verallo and Mr Chris Timm were asked to briefly introduce themselves to the meeting.

The applicants and the member of the public were asked to leave the room whilst a secret ballot was held. The majority of the members voted in favour of Mr C Timm who was then asked to participate in the remainder of the meeting.

**05/005 Police Representative Report**

The Clerk handed out information on crimes reported in Brixworth for January 2005, which had been verbally reported by CBO Jackie Stubley.

**Planning**

***05/006 To Accept the Minutes of Meetings 29 December 2004 & 19 January 2005***

The Minutes of the Planning Meetings held on the 29 December 2004 and 19 January 2005 having been previously distributed was accepted.

***05/007 DDC Planning Approvals and Refusals – January 2005 Report***

The planning approvals and refusals for January 2005 were noted as follows: -

**Approvals**

**DA/2004/0483 London Investment Group, Former Texaco Garage, Northampton Road Brixworth**

Residential development 12 houses.

12.5.04 PC No Objection      3.12.04 DDC Approved

***DA/2004/1321 Mr F Campanaro, 7 Poppy Leys, Brixworth  
Ground and First Floor Extension to Dwelling***

27.10.04 PC No Objection      29.11.04 DDC Approved

***DA/2004/1358 Mr. P. Walton, Scaldwell Road, Brixworth***  
Retention of a mobile home for a further two-year period

17.11.04 PC No Objection      3.12.04 DDC Approved

***DA/2004/1380 Mr. J. Hulme, 20 Northampton Road, Brixworth***  
Demolition of existing garage and kitchen, to be replaced with a new kitchen and extended garage

17.11.04 PC No Objection      6.12.04 DDC Approved

***DA/2004/1398 Mr D Hodgson, 79 Northampton Road, Brixworth***  
Extension to form dining room and WC.

30.11.04 PC Objected                      22.12.04 DDC Approved

***DA/2004/1412 24 Froxhill Crescent, Brixworth***

Erection of a conservatory to the rear

17.11.04 PC No Objection    15.12.04 DDC Approved

**DA/2004/1446 (Amended) 25 Lesson Road, Brixworth:** Application for a single garage and workshop with room over at rear of dwelling. Dormer window replaced with skylight due to complaint from a neighbour.

29.12.04 PC No Objection    4.1.05 DDC Approved

**Refusals**

**DA/2004/1296 Haddon Developments, Rigiflex Site, Northampton Road, Brixworth**

Demolition of existing factory, to be replaced with three and two storey residential development. Total 41 units.

27.10.04 PC Objected            1.12.04 DDC Refused

***05/008 DA/2004/1445 79 Northampton Road, Brixworth***

***New house with parking on part of garden to serve both houses.***

Cllr Redley reported that the District Council Planning Committee had arranged a site-viewing meeting at 79 Northampton Road. At the District Planning Committee meeting this planning application was refused. It was reported that, the stonewall must now be reinstated to its original state, as it is part of the Conservation Area. It was noted that there would be a revised scheme, for this development, in the future.

***05/009 DA/2004/1296 Haddon Developments, Rigiflex Site, Northampton Road, Brixworth Demolition of existing factory, to be replaced with three and two storey residential development. Total 41 units.***

Cllr Redley reminded the members that a revised planning application would be coming up shortly for consideration by the Parish Council. The District Council had refused the original application of 41 units.

***05/010 DA/2004/1551 Brixworth Nursery Farm, Holcot Road, Brixworth***

***Alteration or removal of condition 7 of DA/2003/0337 (Personal to applicant)***

Cllr Fox agreed to attend and speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the District Council Planning meeting on 2 February 2005, regarding the Parish Council's objections to the Brixworth Nursery Farm application. Cllr Redley read out a speech prepared by Cllr Fox, which will be read out at this meeting. This was all agreed.

**Finance**

### ***05/011 Income and Expenditure Statement for December 2004***

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

Cllr Barratt confirmed that the cost of the accounting computer software was not included in the December 2004 expenditure figures for 'Computer Maintenance and Stationery', which is currently over budget. It was agreed for this cost to be allocated to the 'Office Equipment Replace' budget.

Cllr Barratt reported that a couple of the Highways and Environment budgets are below the expected expenditure to date and enquired whether the Council would consider a specific project within the community, which could be funded from these budgets.

It was reported that the actual fuel expenditure costs were above the expected expenditure to date, however it was noted that the cost of fuel had increased and that this cost was subject to seasonal variation. It was also noted that the Council had decided not pursue the idea of the tractor using red diesel, as it had been agreed that it would not be a viable decision.

### ***05/012 Income Received for December 2004***

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

Received from	Details	£
NALC	Refund - NALC Conference cancelled	25.00
Natwest	Capital Reserve AC Interest - Oct - Dec 04	1066.18
		<u>1091.18</u>

### ***05/013 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December 2004***

The bank reconciliation as at the 31 December 2004 was reported and accepted as follows:

Current Account	£8,030.64
Capital Reserve Account	£153,506.49
Less Cheques outstanding	£888.26
Balance Carried forward as at 1.1.05	£160,648.87

### ***05/014 Bills for Payment for January 2005***

The list of payments to be made in January 2005 was circulated and signed by all members present. It was resolved for the following accounts to be passed for payment.

Chq No	Payment To	Reason for Payment	£
2862-2867	Employees & Inland Revenue	Salaries, wages, PAYE & NI	3036.02
2868	Mrs J Macken	Car Tax for Pick up, Postage	170.04

2869	Mr M Sugden	Sand & Cement	32.67
2870	IGF Invoice Finance Ltd	Printer Cartridge for Clerks Computer	41.11
2871	Mr D Bayes	Cover for Irrigation System control - Mill Gdn	80.00
2872	Lovell Hardware	Materials for Groundsmans & Comm. Ctr.	32.19
2873	Redview Computers	Sage & Clerk Accounting Software Package	317.25
2874	NCC	Stationery & Bin Bags for litter bins	46.71
2875	NALC	Training Courses - QPS & CLCA	370.00
2876	DDC	Emptying litter bins Olive Branch & St Davids	247.70
2877	Mr D Hymas	Gas Cylinder - Lighting of Beacon New Year	47.25
2878	HFS Timber	Timber for posts	71.14
2879	G H Playground	Repairs to swinging plank - Log Trail	68.15
2881	Mancraft Fencing Ltd	Repairs to Chain Link Fencing	464.13
2882	CPRE Northants	Annual Sub & Planning Roadshow	50.00
2883	A & GS Ltd	Service Parts for Kubota	288.20
2884	A H Blason & Son	Fuel and oil	105.38
2886	Mr M Nice	Keys for Community centre	21.35
			<u>5489.29</u>

### ***Recreation and Amenities Development***

#### ***05/015 To Accept the Minutes of Meeting 17 January 2005***

The Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Meeting held on the 17 January 2005 having been previously distributed was accepted.

#### ***05/016 To Report on the Ashway Playing Field Development***

Cllr Chattaway stated that there was nothing in particular to report, the Council were still waiting to hear when the District Council would consider the planning application. The Clerk was asked to contact the planning officer to find out the date of the meeting at which the application will be considered.

#### ***05/017 Reply from David Wilson Homes – Adoption of Buffer Strip***

The Chairman reported that a reply from David Wilson Homes, dated 15 December 2004, had been received, stating that ‘I am unable to adjust this offer any further as it is already double the amount that would be included within a current Section 106 obligation’ ‘I apologise for any delay and frustration that this has caused and trust that you will be able to accept our offer in the sum of £27,500.00’. (A copy of the letter had been previously circulated to all the members).

The Chairman confirmed that the original figure quoted by David Wilson Homes in September 2004, for adopting the buffer strip was £50,000.00, this sum was for the maintenance of this area, which includes shrubs and small trees and is approximately 5,500 metres square.

A subsequent letter dated 25 November 2004 by David Wilson Homes queried the sum to be paid and the methodology of how the sum was derived. David Wilson

Homes used the following methodology using the formula for 'general woodland' of £0.25 per Metre Square.

5,500m square x £0.25 per m square x 10 years = £13,750.

However, the letter stated 'to suggest a compromise figure doubling the above rate to 50p per m square', which equates to a revised sum of £27,500.

At the November 2004 Parish Council meeting the Council agreed to accept the original figure quoted of £50,000.00.

Cllr F Wiig stated that should the Parish Council decide to adopt the buffer strip the interest from the sum of £27,500.00 would cover the cost of the maintenance required for this area and would protect against any future development.

On proposal by Cllr F Wiig and seconded by Cllr Kennedy it was resolved for the Parish Council to adopt the buffer strip and accept £27,500.00 for the future maintenance of the area. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to David Wilson Homes, advising them of the Councils decision.

### **Highway and Environment**

#### ***05/018 To Report on Request for Additional Street Light – Eastfield Rd / The Ashway Footpath***

At the December meeting, residents and the Police raised their concern regarding the anti social behaviour by youths in the footpath between Eastfield Road and The Ashway during the evening. CBO Jackie Stubley believed that an additional streetlight would deter them to congregate in the area as they do not like to be seen and cycle barriers to the footpaths entrances would prevent mopeds being raced up and down.

The Chairman reported that NCC Highways/Atkins have agreed, in principle, to install an additional streetlight in the corner of the footpath, as long as the nearby residents in The Ashway approved. The Clerk was asked to write to the two residents, who may be affected by the additional lighting. The Clerk was also asked to write to the resident in Eastfield Road whose tree over hung the footpath, requesting that they cut back their tree so that the streetlight could be installed.

The Chairman informed the meeting that a letter from David Wilson Homes had been received agreeing to install a cycle barrier, at the entrance of the footpath and on the opposite side of the road on the The Ashway.

The Clerk was asked to contact County Cllr Chris Millar and ask for his assistance regarding having a cycle barrier installed on the Eastfield Road entrance.

### **General Purposes**

#### ***05/019 To Accept the Minutes of Meeting 4 January 2005***

The Minutes of the General Purposes Meeting held on the 4 January 2005 having been previously distributed was accepted. Cllr Kennedy reported that his name had been

omitted from the minutes as present, the Clerk was asked to amend the minutes accordingly.

#### ***05/020 Brixworth Centre Representative Report***

Cllr Fox reported that the Brixworth Centre is still being subjected to vandalism by youths; recently the Brixworth Centre Preschool's shed had been broken into. The Pergola is due to be dismantled and the Scouts have agreed to take away the wooden posts, for use elsewhere. The Centre Committee have decided to take up the Parish Council's suggestion of holding a Trafalgar Weekend fundraising event. The event will include the lighting of the Beacon and it was hoped that all the user groups would be involved with the celebration.

Cllr Fox raised a concern regarding the former Uplands building, which is currently unoccupied and the surrounding area, including the footpath, is overgrown. It was reported that the County Youth Service would not be using the building in the future and it was suggested that one of the local organisations might be interested in renting the building. County Cllr Chris Millar had agreed to look into this.

It was noted that the footpath leading to the Brixworth Centre, through the Millennium Garden, is poorly lit. Following a discussion it was agreed that low-level lighting would be vandalised and that permission would not be granted for a streetlight.

#### ***05/021 Community Garden Scheme***

Cllr Fox reported that six volunteers are to attend a three-four week course at Moulton College, learning about plant maintenance and how to plant planters. This course, which had been advertised in the last edition of the Brixworth Bulletin, will be funded by the Bugle.

#### ***05/022 Community Room Chairs for New Youth Club***

The Chairman reported that the new Youth Club was making progress, there had been two meetings, at which there were fourteen parents present. The meetings had been held to form the committee and to discuss the business plan and risk assessment.

It was agreed to donate the orange plastic chairs from the Community Room to the Youth Club, which were from the former Parish Hall and no longer used.

It was hoped that the Youth Club would start in two – three week's time, several organisations had helped providing a music centre, pool table and table tennis, however additional furniture was needed. It was noted that the Youth Club would be grateful of any unwanted furniture (i.e. sofas or armchairs).

#### **Correspondence for discussion**

#### ***05/023 Brixworth Centre Preschool – Request for Financial Support***

The Chairman reported that a letter from the Brixworth Centre Preschool, (copy of which had been previously circulated), had been received requesting financial support.

As previously mentioned the Preschool's shed had been broken into and they were looking to purchase a metal shed for £499.00.

On proposal by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr F Wiig it was resolved to grant the request for financial support of £250.00 under section 137, of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### ***05/024 Short Mat Bowling – Request for Financial Support***

The Chairman reported that she had received a telephone call from the Brixworth Short Mat Bowling Club, requesting financial support to assist in setting up a new club at the Brixworth Centre. The Club has forty paid up members, with an age range from 27 to 87 years old and will be open to everyone. The Club is currently borrowing two mats and are looking to purchase eight sets of bowls at a cost of £89.00 each.

On proposal by Cllr Fox and seconded by Cllr Savage it was resolved to grant the request for financial support of £250.00 under The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 19 Recreation Facilities.

It was noted that the District Council will match fund this sum, this means that the Club will receive an additional £250.00.

#### ***05/025 Email from Resident – Litter in village***

The Chairman reported that an email had been received from a resident (copies of which had been previously circulated) regarding their 'concern at the amount of litter there appears to be everywhere' in the village.

It was agreed that this was a complaint against the District Council and not the Parish Council and it was resolved for the Chairman and Cllr F Wiig as District Councillors to contact the resident.

#### ***05/026 NCC/Parliamentary Elections 2005***

The Chairman informed the meeting that a letter from the District Council (copies had been previously circulated) stated that the County Council elections are due to be held on the 5 May 2005 and that they are looking for suitable people for polling station staff. The Clerk was asked to register Cllr Fox and Cllr Redley interest, with the District Council

#### ***05/027 NALCS – Training Courses 2005***

The Chairman reported that a schedule of dates for the NALC'S 2005 Training Courses had been received (copies of which had been previously circulated). It was confirmed that the Clerk was to attend the Local Administration Course throughout the year and that the Chairman and Clerk were to attend the Quality Parish Council course in March.

It was noted that Cllr Chattaway and the Clerk would be interested in attending the Playground Safety course to be held on Saturday, 11 June 2005.

***05/028 Environment Agency – Flood Conference 2005***

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Environment Agency had enquired whether a member of the Parish Council was interested in attending the Flood Conference 2005. Anyone interested was asked to contact the Clerk.

***05/029 New Structure of the Daventry District Council***

Cllr F Wiig reported that the Chief Executive of Daventry District Council would be leaving at the end of February 2005. Recommendations will be made to the February Full Council to not recruit a new Chief Executive, but to appoint one of the four Directors, on a rotation basis, to run the council for a year.

It was reported that to recruit a new Chief Executive it would cost in the region of £150,000.00, this would mean that for a Band D house an increase of £6.00 on the Council tax.

***05/030 Correspondence for information only***

The Chairman reported that the correspondence file would be circulated for all members to read at home.

***Urgent Matters For Report Only***

There were no matters raised.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.....  
Dated 25 January 2005