

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 26 July 2005 at 7.15p.m. in the Olive Branch Coffee shop, Brixworth Library/Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth

Present: Councillor E Wiig (Chairman)
Councillors: I Barratt, A Charlton, R Chattaway, P Fox, D Kennedy, S Killick, R Monk, P Savage, C Timm and F Wiig.

In Attendance: Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk
Mr N Toseland – Red Lion Football Club
Mr Hymas, Mrs Battison, Mr Partridge, Mr Stacey and 4 other members of the public.

The Chairman announced that sadly Mr Peter Fletcher a former Parish Clerk, District Councillor and District Chairman had died. The Council had sent a card and a wreath and it was agreed to hold a one-minute silence.

05/200 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Mabbutt, Cllr K Redley, Cllr F Peacock, District Cllr N Bunting and County Cllr C Millar.

The Chairman reported that Cllr S Mabbutt had requested that the Council approve his absence for approximately six months due to heavy workload. This was agreed.

05/201 Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items

Declarations of Interest were received from: -

Cllr E Wiig – A Member of Daventry District Council
Cllr F Wiig – A Member of Daventry District Council

05/202 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 28 June 2005

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 28 June 2005 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of this meeting.

05/203 Questions from the Public

The meeting adjourned for members of the public to address the Council.

A separate minute for matters raised by the members of the public is attached.

The meeting reopened at 7.40pm

05/204 County Councillors Report

Apologise had been received from County Cllr C Millar.

05/205 Police Representative Report

The Chairman reported that the Police had arranged for certain youths in the village to visit Wellingborough Prison. During the visit the youths will be given talks on drugs, vandalism and anti social behaviour. The DACT bus, funded by the Brixworth Youth Foundation, is to be used to transport the young people.

Planning

05/206 To Accept the Minutes of Meetings 4 & 25 July 2005

The Minutes of the Planning Meetings held on the 4 & 25 July 2005 having been previously distributed were accepted.

05/207 Local Development Framework – Core Options and Issues

The planning committee presented a report suggesting the responses required with regards to the Core Strategy Issues and Options Report Consultation (June 2005). The comments were approved and the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.

05/208 DDC Planning Approvals and Refusals – July 2005 Report

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

Approvals

DA/2005/0531 21 Holcot Road, Brixworth

Felling of Oak tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order

25.5.05 PC No Objection 23.6.05 DDC Approved

DA/2005/0518 20 Brackenborough, Brixworth

Two storey extension to side of dwelling

25.5.05 PC No Objection 30.6.05 DDC Approved

DA/2005/0497 79 Northampton Road

Detached two bedroom cottage with Two parking spaces

25.5.05 PC No Objection 15.6.05 DDC Approved

DA/2005/0345 5 Hunt Close, Brixworth

Two storey extension to side of dwelling and single storey extension to rear.

13.4.05 PC Object 15.6.05 DDC Approved

DA/2005/0472 27 Pytchley Close, Brixworth

Two storey extension to eastern elevation, garage to western elevation

25.5.05 PC No Objection 27.6.05 DDC Approved

Refusals

DA/2005/0487 4 Eastfield Road, Brixworth

Two storey extension and loft conversion

25.5.05 PC No Objection 29.6.05 DDC Refused

Finance

05/209 Income Received for June 2005

The Clerk reported the Income received for June 2005 was as follows: -

| <u>Received from</u> | <u>Details</u> | <u>£</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Community Centre | Hall Hire | 357.20 |
| | | <u>357.20</u> |

05/210 Bank Reconciliation as at 30 June 2005

The bank reconciliation as at the 30 June 2005 was reported and accepted as follows:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Current Account | £11,907.34 |
| Capital Reserve Account | £168,838.04 |
| Less Cheques outstanding | £4,363.35 |
| Balance Carried forward as at 1.7.05 | £176,382.03 |

05/211 Income and Expenditure Statement for June 2005

The Council accepted the Income and Expenditure Statement for June 2005, which had been previously circulated.

The Clerk confirmed the reason for the high figure for the street lighting was due to Powergen charging the Council a large proportion of the electricity used during 2004/05 in April 2005.

05/212 Village Design Statement

The Chairman reported that the cost for the work Mr Alex Coles had done preparing the Village Design Statement had resulted in a cost of £940.00. (£480.00 plus the amendments). The cost for printing 150 copies will be £575.00 and copies should be available mid August. On proposal by Cllr Fox and seconded by Cllr Killick it was agreed to charge £2.50 a copy.

05/213 Bills for Payment for July 2005

The list of payments to be made in July 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 | £ |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 2989-2994 | Employees & Inland Revenue | July 05 Salaries, wages, NI & PAYE | 3,278.46 |
| 2995 | Mrs J Macken | Postage, Mileage/Cilca, padlock | 30.33 |
| 2996 | Mr M Sugden | Hire of disc cutter - install Notice Board | 35.37 |
| 2997 | Mr S Wainwright | Supply & Fit New Shed Doors - St Davids | 1,568.00 |
| 2998 | Powergen | Street Light electricity - Apr-June 05 | 39.26 |
| 2999 | Harborough Drainage Svs Ltd | Excavate & repair BVH car park drains | 2,931.63 |
| 3000 | DDC | Hire & emptying bins - 1.7.05-30.9.05 | 247.70 |
| 3001 | ESPO | Stationery & bin bags | 52.91 |
| 3002 | HFS Timber | Replace Handrail - Spratton Rd Rec. Grd. | 45.70 |
| 3003 | IDS UK | Printer Cartridge for Clerk Fax | 39.99 |
| 3004 | A H Blason & Son | Fuel & puncture repairs | 265.76 |
| 3005 | Mr Alex Coles | Design & layout of Village Design Statement | 940.00 |
| 3006 | Mrs E Wiig | Memorial Flowers for Peter Fletcher - former Clerk | 35.00 |
| | | | <u>9,510.11</u> |

Recreation and Amenities Development

05214 /To Accept the Minutes of Meeting 18 July 2005

The Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Meeting held on the 18 July 2005 having been previously distributed were accepted.

05/215 St David's Recreation Ground Car Park Entrance

Cllr Timm reported that at the Recreation and Amenities meeting residents put forward their views on the proposal, by the Police, to close off the current entrance

and to create a new entrance in St Davids Close. The committee had agreed for the comments to be discussed at the Parish Council meeting and to formulate a plan. Following a discussion it was agreed to ask the Crime reduction Officer to carry out a proper survey on the area, to obtain formal quotes for the work suggested, to include kissing gates for the existing entrance and to remove and store the palisade fencing at Turneys Farm.

05/216 To Consider Quotes For the Area Behind St David's Pavilion

On proposal by Cllr Killick and seconded by Cllr Monk it was resolved to remove the laurel tree and hedge behind the Pavilion at a cost of £550.00.

05/217 Report on the Ashway Playing Field Development

The Chairman reported that the solicitors were still awaiting a response from David Wislons Solicitors regarding the revised conditions.

The Council agreed for Cllr F Wiig to draft a letter to the Chairman of David Wilson Homes informing him of the current situation and to explain that the Council's desire to provide additional sporting facilities for the residents of the village are met with constant and repetitive obstacles introduced by Mr Caswell of David Wilson Homes.

05/218 Ashway Car Park

On proposal by Cllr S Killick and seconded by Cllr Timm it was resolved for the top surface on the Ashway Car Park to be removed at a cost of £150.00. The Council agreed to review the surface once the top surface had been removed.

05/219 New Section For Basketball Arena on St David's Recreation Ground

It was resolved to approve the cost of £395.89 for a replacement section of the basketball arena to be ordered. It was agreed for the cost to be allocated to the vandalism budget.

Highway and Environment

05/220 Report on Meeting with Carter Jonas - Millennium Garden Lease

The Chairman, Clerk and Mr Harvey Fox had attended a meeting with Mr Philip Cowen from Carter Jonas. A suggestion is to be put forward to the Diocese board for a lease of 21 years, with breaks at 5,10,15 years and an annual rent of £120.00. The Parish Council would not incur all the legal costs.

The Diocese would also consider selling the land and the cost was thought to be in the region of £5,000 to £10,000.

05/221 NCC Highways/Atkins – Ownership and Maintenance of Trees in Brixworth Parish

Atkins have asked the Parish Council to identify the trees within the Parish that are owned by the Council. It was agreed for this to be referred to the next Highways and Environment Committee meeting. It was suggested for the Council to apply to the Land Registry to ascertain all the parcels of land owned by the Council in the village.

05/222 Parish Poster Boards to be Displayed during August 2005

It was noted that the Parish Speeding Poster Boards are to be displayed for three weeks during August.

05/223 Request for 'No Ball Games' Sign for Dairy Close (EW)

The Chairman reported that residents in Dairy Close are putting together a petition for a 'No Ball Games' sign to be erected on the green in Dairy Close. Teenagers are persistently playing football into the early hours of the night causing a disturbance to residents. It was suggested that once the petition had been received a letter to County Councillor Chris Millar is sent requesting for a sign to be erected.

General Purposes

05/224 To Accept the Minutes of Meeting 5 July 2005

The Minutes of the General Purposes Meeting held on the 5 July 2005 having been previously distributed were accepted.

05/225 Parish Council's Risk Assessment

Cllr Barratt reminded all Councillors, in particular the Chairs of each committee, to start looking at the Council's risk assessment.

Correspondence for discussion

05/226 Taylor Woodrow – Public Open Spaces (P.O.S.) at the Ashway & The Ridings

The Chairman reported that a letter from Taylor Woodrow had been received (copy of which had been previously circulated to members), stating that Taylor Woodrow would agree to pay a commuted sum for the transfer of the P.O.S. and asked for the council's views on a suitable sum. Taylor Woodrow would pay all reasonable legal fees in completing the transfer and they agreed to send a tree surgeon to inspect the trees on the land and to submit an inspection of each one.

The council resolved to suggest the sum £0.74 per metre square for short grass with or without trees, plus £13.64 for each tree. Cllr S Killick agreed to measure the two areas. Daventry District Council had provided the methodology and formula used for calculating such a commuted sum for adopting land included in Section 106 agreements.

05/227 DDC – Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Task panel

The Clerk was asked to reply providing all the relevant details requested regarding education, sport and leisure provision, youth clubs, health care, access of information and transport for young people in Brixworth.

The Council was asked to provide a name of a young person willing to be further involved. Cllr E Wiig agreed to find out the age range required. Cllr Monk suggested that perhaps his son might be interested.

05/228 DDC – Review of Environmental Cleansing and Waste Management

It was noted that a meeting is to be held on 3 August 2005 in the Council Chambers, should members wish to attend. (Copy of the letter had been previously circulated to members).

05/229 NCC – Your Priorities for Northamptonshire County Council

The Clerk was asked to circulate the details of the web link for the questionnaire, which members, residents and organisations can complete. A hard copy is also available.

05/230 NCC – Mobile Library Service Review

The new schedules for the Mobile Library were noted and it was suggested that maybe the Brixworth Bulletin would distribute any promotional material or promote the service.

05/231 NCC – Daventry Area Committee

It was noted that the next Daventry Area Committee meeting is to be held on 14 September 2005.

05/232 Northants ACRE

It was noted that there would be a Social Exclusion Conference on the 26 September 2005 and the Northants ACRE AGM is to be held on the 3 August 2005. Members wishing to attend were asked to advise the Clerk.

05/233 NALC – Master Class For Councillors October 2005

Cllr A Charlton and Cllr P Savage requested to attend the Master Class courses to be held on 8 and 25 October 2005 at a cost of £50.00 per person. This was agreed.

05/234 Correspondence for information only

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

05/235 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 30 August 2005 at 7.15pm.

05/236 Urgent Matters For Report Only

There were no urgent matters to report.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

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

Dated 30 August 2005

Minute of matters raised by the members of the public.

1. Mr Hymas stated that the planning application for the Grange was going to appeal for the second time and asked for the Council's support in objecting to this application. Cllr Chattaway confirmed that the Council's objections still stand.

2. Mr Hymas reminded the Council about the Trafalgar Weekend which is to be held Nationally during the weekend 21-23 November. Mr Hymas had produced a notice to be included in the next edition of the Bulletin. It was anticipated to light the Beacon on the Friday night, hold a Pirates Party on the Saturday and to have a commemorative service in the Church on the Sunday.

3. Mr Toseland enquired whether the Red Lion Football Club would be able to use the football pitch for the start of the 2005/06 football season. Cllr Timm confirmed that the pitch is to be rolled and marked out. Goal Posts need to be sought.