

BRIXWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 26 July 2006 at 7.15p.m. in the Community Hall, Brixworth Library/Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth

Present: Councillors: R Monk (Vice Chair), R Chattaway, T Everard, P Fox, D Kennedy and S Dobson

In Attendance: Mrs J Macken – Parish Clerk
Cllrs F Wiig – District Ward Councillor
Mr M Nice - Centre Manager
Four members of the public

06/237 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Barratt, Cllr F Peacock, Cllr J McFadyen, Cllr P Savage, Cllr J Stubley, District Cllr E Wiig & District Cllr N Bunting, County Cllr C Millar.

06/238 Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items

None

06/239 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 27 June 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 27 June 2006 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of this meeting.

06/240 Signing of the Minutes of the Grant Application Meeting 4 July 2006

The minutes of the grant application meeting held on 4 July 2006 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of this meeting.

Questions from the Public

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

Meeting reconvened at 7.45pm

06/241 Police Representative Report

Cllr Stubley had sent her apologies, but had passed on brief details to Cllr Fox. In the last month there have not been any specific crime trends. Several cars had been damaged in Brampton Way and nuisance reported on the Ashway playing field.

06/242 Brixworth Action Group Meeting 11 July 2006

The Parish Council facilitated the meeting, which was attended by local police, Parish and District Councillors and local businessmen. The main item discussed was CCTV. A visit to St Johns is to be arranged. Cllr Wiig confirmed that the next meeting is to be on the 22 August 2006 and that the meeting is open to all.

06/243 Bye Election Update

Only one nomination has been received for the fourth bye election, Mrs Lynn Stevens. Therefore an election shall not be held on the 10 August 2006 and Mrs Stevens will be elected unopposed. Mrs Stevens will be able to attend the next Full Council meeting in August as a member. There is now only one vacancy left, the date of the next bye election is unknown.

Planning

06/244 To Accept the Minutes of Meeting 3 & 24 July 2006

The Minutes of the Planning Meetings held on the 3 & 24 July 2006 having been previously distributed were accepted.

Cllr Chattaway reported on the planning applications below following site visits.

DA/2006/0774 Mr S Chandler- Barratt, The Lodge, Brixworth Hall Park, Brixworth

Erect car-port over part of driveway and extension to laundry room.

The Council has no objection to this application.

DA/2006/0694 The Lodge, Harborough Road, Brixworth

Removal of tree in a conservation area

The Council has no objection to this application.

06/245 DDC Planning Approvals and Refusals – July 2006 Report

The planning approvals and refusals for July 2006 were noted as follows: -

APPROVALS

DA/2006/0371 Mr M Philips, 37 Brackenborough, Brixworth,

Conservatory to rear

24.4.06 PC No observations

22.5.06 DDC Approved

DA/2006/0485 Mercedes Benz High Performance Engines, Wood Park, Morgan Drive, Brixworth

Amendments to external envelope of existing building as part of internal refurbishment

16.5.06 PC No observations

8.6.06 DDC Approved

DA/2006/0488 Mr D Muddiman, 10 Damherst Piece, Brixworth

Two storey side extension

16.5.06 PC No observations

19.6.06 DDC Approved

DA/2006/0614 Brixworth Nursery Farm, Holcot Road, Brixworth

Installation of septic tank/oil tank/ electricity supply housing

12.6.06 PC No objections

12.7.06 DDC Approved

REFUSALS

DA/2006/0529 Adjacent 1 The Ashway, Brixworth

New two bedroom dwelling with vehicular access

23.5.06 PC Objected

27.6.06 DDC Refused

DA/2006/0575 Anglian Water Services, Brixworth Water Tower, Broad Street, Brixworth

Installation of 9.2m guyed lattice mast on water tower roof with three 600mm transmission dishes, cabling and internal equipment panel

12.6.06 PC strongly objects

5.7.06 DDC Refused

Finance

06/246 Income Received for June 2006

The Clerk reported the Income received for June 2006, which was as follows: -

Received from	Details	£
BCF Action Ltd	First instalment of rent for Olive branch	271.60
Community Centre	Hall Hire	821.06
Mr T Rose	Sale of used roller	100.00
NatWest Bank	Interest Mar - June 2006	961.23
		<u>2,153.89</u>

06/247 Bank Reconciliation as at 30 June 2006

The bank reconciliation as at the 30 June 2006 was reported and accepted as follows:

Current Account	£11,826.73
Capital Reserve Account	£189,883.82
Less Cheques outstanding	£4,066.78
Balance Carried forward as at 1.07.06	£197,643.77

06/248 Income and Expenditure & Reserves Report for June 2006

The Council accepted the Income and Expenditure and reserves report for June 2006, which had been previously circulated.

Cllr Monk asked the Chairs of the committees to plan to spend their budget for this year. Members were reminded that they could claim expenses for consumables such as paper and printer cartridges.

06/249 To Approve the Bills for Payment for July 2006

The list of payments to be made in July 2006 was circulated and signed by all members present. It was resolved for the following accounts to be passed for payment.

Payment Approved at Recreation Meeting 17.7.06

Chq. No.	Payment To	Reason for Payment	£
3236	Hewitsons Solicitors	Land Registry Fees - Adoption of POS Ashway	48.00

It was resolved for the following accounts to be passed for payment.

Chq. No.	Payment To	Reason for Payment	£
3237	Groundsman	Groundman's Salary July 2006	956.97
3238	Clerk	Clerk's Salary July 2006	1,034.25
3239	Part Time Groundsman	P/T Groundsmans wages July 2006	196.38
3240	Litter Picker	Litter Picker wages July 2006	170.04
3241	Comm. Ctr. Cleaner	Cleaner Comm. Centre wages July 2006	174.40
3242	Revenue & Customs	PAYE Tax & NI July 2006	818.17
3243	Mrs J Macken	Postage & Mileage	14.97
3244	Mr M Sugden	Tools & electrical switch	38.19
3245	DDC	Emptying of bins - 1.7.06 - 30.9.06	255.12
3246	Lovell Hardware	Materials for groundsman	23.77
3247	ESPO	Stationery & graffiti remover	26.60
3248	Powergen	Electricity for Street lights - 1.4.06 - 30.6.06	39.26
3249	Earth Anchors Ltd	Replacement dog litter bin lid	57.34
3250	Playsafety Ltd	ROSPA Playground Inspections	148.05
3251	J M Groundworks	Repositioning of bollard	55.00
3252	Sage (UK) Ltd	Sage Instant Accounts Annual Cover	99.01
3253	Brixworth Landscaping	Weed & tidy Library Border	58.75
3254	Brixworth Youth Club	Community Grant	5,500.00
3255	Mr B Noden	Neighbourhood Watch - Community Grant	50.00
3256	Brixworth P/School PTA	Community Grant	1,250.00
3257	A H Blason & Son	Fuel - Tractor, pick up, kubota	81.85
3258	Mr M Nice	Replacement light bulb	8.80
			<u>11,056.92</u>

Recreation and Amenities Development

06/250 To Accept the Minutes of Meeting 17 July 2006

The Minutes of the Recreation & Amenity Development Meetings held on the 17 July 2006 having been previously distributed were accepted.

Cllr Chattaway confirmed that the Ashway public open space has now been handed over to the Council together with a commuted sum of £12,000 from David Wilson Homes, for the maintenance of the land.

At the recreation meeting Cllr Chattaway was nominated to oversee the project of the building of the changing rooms on the Ashway Playing Fields. However due to the time delay and considerable amount of money to be spent, Cllr Chattaway asked the Council to consider whether the current project is in fact still what the village needs and wants, before continuing any further. Cllr Dobson agreed to work with Cllr Chattaway to formulate a plan to be discussed at the next full Council meeting.

06/251 To Consider Providing Used Palisade Fencing for Spratton Road Recreation Ground

Following on from the previous Council meeting, an email had been received from a resident disappointed that the Council had not agreed to pay for the erection of the disused palisade fencing next to her property on Spratton Road Recreation Ground. However, the resident agreed to pay for the installation of the fencing and had verbally agreed at the meeting to accept responsibility, liability and maintenance of

the fence, should the Council donate enough fencing to her for erection along her boundary which borders the recreation ground.

On proposal by Cllr Dobson and seconded by Cllr Chattaway, with the majority in favour, it was resolved for the Council to donate the 'redundant' palisade fencing, for the resident to erect on her property which adjoins Spratton Road Recreation Ground, on condition that the resident agreed in writing to accept responsibility, liability and maintenance of the fence.

Highway and Environment

06/252 Village of the Year Competition

Cllr Fox reported that Brixworth had been awarded runners up for the Village of the Year and runners up for the Building Communities categories for medium sized villages. Geddington had won both categories.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Peacock, Cllr Fox, Mrs Macken and Mr Nice for entering the competition. Marks awarded by the judges were as follows:-

Building Community Life	36.5 out of 40
Village Life	29.5 out of 29
Business	10 out of 10
Young People	18 out of 20
Older People	12.5 out of 16
Environment	19 out of 22
Wow factor	9 out of 10

06/253 Reply from Atkins/NCC Highways – Stannard Way

A reply from Atkins/NCC Highways had been received confirming that the resurfacing work is scheduled for the next financial year, subject to budget constraints. It was suggested for the Clerk to write to Atkins early next year to state that the Council is 'watching with interest'.

06/254 Air Conditioning for the Community Centre Hall

Cllr Fox reported that the Community Hall lacks sufficient air conditioning. The glass windows act as a green house and the hot air is trapped in the hall. It was noted that a lady had fainted due to the heat in the hall and had to be taken to hospital. It was stated that users must carry out their own risk assessment before using the hall. Following a discussion it was agreed for the Clerk to write to the architects and County Council for their comments.

06/255 Response from the Parish Plan Questionnaires

The Parish Plan questionnaire was distributed to all households in Brixworth in June with the questionnaires to be returned by 1 July 2006 to three venues in the village.

Approximately 2,100 questionnaires were distributed. 109 questionnaires were returned by the deadline of 1 July 2006. It was noted that this was a self selecting sample rather than a represented sample.

Following a discussion the following steps were agreed.

- To include an article in the next edition of the Bulletin, including photos, of the results.
- Prepare a response to the feedback from respondents which shows:
 - Issues raised
 - Action that the Council will take (even if none)
 - Who is responsible for the action
 - Timescale in which the action will be done
- Hold a public meeting to feedback the results of the questionnaire and the actions proposed above

Cllr Monk thanked Mr Harvey Fox for his assistance with regards to ensuring the questionnaire was printed in time for inclusion in the bulletin. The Clerk was asked to send a formal thank you.

06/256 Millennium Garden Lease

The Clerk reported that the Millennium Garden lease is now completed. A land transaction return is required to be sent to HM Revenue and Customs and after which the lease needs registering with the Land Registry.

Correspondence for discussion

06/257 DDC – Parish Council Charter and Enforcement Strategy

The Council noted the District Council's request for a Parish Council Charter. Following a discussion it was agreed for Cllr Fox and Cllr Chattaway to consider the details and for the matter to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

06/258 DDC – Long Term Management of Archaeological Artefacts

The meeting noted that the preferred option overall is that the District's archaeological archive is situated in the county, accessible to the public, part funded by contributions from developers and located at Chester Farm or another suitable county facility. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council to advise them of the future possibility of a museum in Brixworth.

06/259 DDC – Aircraft Noise Nuisance Over Brixworth

An email had been received from the District Council with regards to the noise nuisance from Sywell aerodrome, the contents of which were noted. Members agreed that this was during one particular event.

06/260 NCC – Minerals & Waste Supplementary Planning Document Consultation

The County Council has produced a draft Supplementary Planning Document on Development and Implementation Principles; formal consultation is currently being undertaken on its contents. Information is available at the library and on the County Council's website.

06/261 Diocese of Peterborough – Millennium Garden Disabled Ramp

A letter from the Diocese of Peterborough had been received confirming that they approve of the installation of a disabled ramp from the Millennium Garden to the entrance to the Centre for the term of the lease, which is 21 years.

06/262 Thank you letter from Brixworth Youth Club

A thank you letter has been received from the Youth Club with regards to the recent community grant award.

06/263 Correspondence for information only

The Chairman reported that the correspondence file was available for circulation. Members wishing to receive the file should put their name on the sheet; the file will only be circulated to the members on the sheet.

06/264 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 29 August 2006 at 7.15pm.

Urgent Matters For Report Only

06/265 Atkins- Safer Routes to School

Cllr Monk reported that the Chairman had recently attended the Atkins open day and had discussed the Safer Routes to School. The County Council is now responsible for this scheme and there is now a league table of dangerous school areas. Any alterations to the roads will be taken in order of priority over the next few years. Unfortunately Brixworth is nowhere near the top.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.11pm

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

Dated 29 August 2006

Matters raised by members of the public

1. Two young residents enquired whether the Council would be replacing the skateboard ramp. They used to use the old ramp, but now they skate outside the library/Community Centre and get complaints from local residents. The two young people were asked to come along to the public meeting on the 13 September 2006, which is a public consultation of the regeneration of Spratton Road Recreation Ground.
2. A resident referred to her letter, which was to be discussed later on in the meeting, regarding using palisade fencing on Spratton Road Recreation Ground. The resident confirmed that if the Council donated the 'used' palisade fencing to her, for the erecting on her property which adjoins the field, she would accept the responsibility, liability and maintenance of the fencing.
3. A resident complained about the anti social behaviour in Froxhill Crescent opposite the school entrance. The youths gather in their cars, revving their engines and drinking alcohol until 2.00am in the morning. It was suggested that car registration numbers are passed on to the police.
4. A resident from Eaglehurst reported that he had spoken to one of the members and accepted their apologies. He emphasised the point that the matter of whether or not a fence and gate should be erected to the entrance to the pocket park had been discussed for several months and asked for the Councils support. He noted that the matter is to be discussed at the next Highways and Environment meeting, which is open to the public. The Clerk reported that the NCC Pocket Park Officer would be present at that meeting. Also the last resident had contacted the Clerk to say that he approved to a gate and fence to be erected. The Council was still waiting for legal advice from NALC, with regards to volunteers locking the gate.