



Brixworth Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee

Monday 30th January 2017

Councillors: Councillor Stephen James (Chair) Councillor Alex Coles, Councillor Elaine Coe, Councillor James Collyer, Councillor Sandra Moxon, Councillor Kevin Parker, Councillor Peter Saxton

In Attendance: Peter Rowbotham (Parish Clerk)
Michael Parsons, Bob Chattaway and Frank Allen (Members of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group)

Members of the Public – None

17/415/P Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Planning Committee and summarised the housekeeping arrangements. He reminded attendees of the location of the emergency exit and that the meeting was being recorded.

17/416/P Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Bird, who had another engagement. Apologies also received from Councillor Brown who was unable to attend the meeting because of work commitments.

17/417/P Members' Declaration of Interests

Councillor Parker declared an interest in Planning Application DA/ 2017/001, 29 St David's Road. He would therefore leave the room when this matter was discussed.

17/418/P Minutes of the last meeting - 28th November 2016

The minutes of 28th November were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

17/419/P Planning Application Number DA/2017/0001 – Demolition of an existing store and lobby. Construction of a two storey extension. 29 St David's Road, Brixworth.

Councillor Parker left the room for this item at 7.32pm

Councillors looked at the plans and commented on the impact of the development within the immediate locality.

It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to the proposal. This was proposed by Councillor Coles and seconded by Councillor Saxton.

Councillor E Coe abstained.

Councillor Parker returned to the room at 7.37pm.

17/ 420/P Neighbourhood Plan

Bob Chattaway thanked the Committee for the opportunity to talk about the adopted Neighbourhood Plan. This document will now assist the Committee in the planning decision making process.

The Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan accords with a range of planning documents but essentially with the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy with strong links to the key policies of R1 (Spatial Strategy for the rural areas) and R2 (Rural Economy)

The village has seen substantial growth, with 16% growth since 2011. This includes a considerable amount of unplanned windfall development. The adopted Neighbourhood Plan now puts the appropriate planning constraints in place to protect the setting of the village and its intrinsic views. Village confines are now established and developments should now be able to be kept to manageable levels.

Michael Parsons talked about the development of the Neighbourhood Plan Policies. He provided the background on how the eleven key Neighbourhood Policies had been developed. Two surveys with businesses had been carried out. Extensive consultation with other stakeholders had also taken place. A questionnaire had been delivered to every person with 750 responses received. Evidence was provided to inform the Planning Inspector that the Community had been fully consulted. The Planning Inspector had tried to assist in delivering what the community wanted and her recommendations had reflected this approach.

The eleven policies were each reviewed by Michael Parsons:

Policy 1 - Residential development

Policy 2 - Development in the Open Countryside

Policy 3 - Assessing the impact of development on the setting and view around Brixworth

Policy 4 - Trees and Hedgerows

Policy 5 - Local Green Spaces

Policy 6 - Open Spaces (all shown on maps)

Policy 7 - Brixworth Village Centre

Policy 8 - The Conservation Area

Policy 9 - Heritage Assets

Policy 10 - Outdoor Signage

Policy 11 – The Rural Economy

Concerns were expressed regarding the potential closure of the permissible paths within the Parish. Paths potentially could be returning to areas for agricultural crops. It was thought that the Parish Council should get actively involved to maintain these important countryside walkways. In particular the path at the side of Spratton Road down to Brampton Valley Way was an important one to maintain.

The Parish Council had received copies of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan could also be viewed online at the [Brixworth Parish Council web site](#).

Councillor E Coe left the meeting at 814pm

The Chairman thanked the three members from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for the presentation and the useful discussions on local planning matters. The Steering Group recorded their appreciation to the Parish Council for its continued support.

17/421/P Developer Contributions

Some aspects of the s106 funding had been discussed within the debate on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Developer contributions amounting to approximately £180,000 would be available for local sports with amounts ring fenced for the provision of youth facilities. The s106 funds would be passed onto the Parish Council from Daventry District Council to administer and distribute. The Recreation Steering Group, possibly joined by other Groups, would take a holistic view of sport in the area. It was noted that a condition of the funding is that it must be spent within five years of receipt.

17/422/P Urgent Matters for Report only

There were no urgent matters to report.

17/423/P Date of Next Meeting

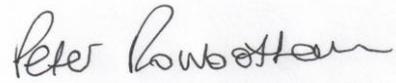
Monday 20th February 2017 at 730pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed as a true and accurate record

Councillor Stephen James (Chair)
Chairman
Brixworth Parish Council
20th February 2017

Peter Rowbotham
Parish Clerk
Brixworth Parish Council
14th February 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Rowbotham". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the printed name and title of the Parish Clerk.

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