

Brixworth Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th January 2019

Community Centre and Library, Spratton Road, Brixworth

In Attendance:

Councillors: Councillor Stephen James, Councillor Elaine Coe, Councillor James Collyer, Councillor Alan Lovell, Councillor Sandra Moxon and Councillor Kevin Parker.

Apologies: Councillor Jackie Bird, Councillor Bob Campbell, Councillor Stuart Coe, Councillor Alexa Dunkley and Councillor Tom Mitchell.

Absent: Councillor Frances Peacock

Also Present: Peter Rowbotham (Clerk)

Members of the Public: – 0

18/ 4406 Welcome

Councillor James welcomed everyone to the Meeting of the Parish Council. He notified attendees of the evacuation procedures and reminded Councillors that the meeting was being recorded.

18/ 4407 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been recorded from Councillor Bird, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Stuart Coe, Councillor Dunkley and Councillor Mitchell. The apologies were accepted by the meeting. Unanimous.

18/ 4408 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

18/ 4409 Finance Working Group

The Finance Working Group had circulated its draft proposals for discussion. The Parish Council reviewed the proposals and commented as follows:

- It was noted that the Leeson Road One Way Traffic Scheme budget had been removed because of a lack of support by the majority residents.
- The staffing review costings could be removed which would bring any precept increase around the rate of inflation.
- The Chairman pointed out the level of reserves that could be drawn on throughout the year if required.
- Existing commitments include web site and email upgrade and the procurement of a fire proof safe for legal documents.

- The Community Centre needed additional financial support to ensure sustainability.
- The Council is due a tree survey and there would also additional costs for any required remedial work. The Finance Working Group would be happy to allocate funds within earmarked reserves for this purpose.
- The Grounds Maintenance Contract is to be reviewed during 2019 and there would inevitably be increased costs.
- It was confirmed that the current Reserves was within its permissible limits contained within the Reserves Policy. (Between £35k and £85k)
- There was provision for replacement litter bins. It was hoped to increase capacity of the existing bins, (to prevent overflowing) within the busier areas of the village.
- It was thought that a loss of Committee's during the last restructure may have led to a loss of focus on spending. The Clerk would re visit this report which had recommended change to the Committee Structure.
- The Parish Council was generally satisfied with the budget report and the view was that any increase of the precept should be within 3%.

The above comments would be taken back to the next meeting of the Finance Working Group. The revised budget would be presented to the Full Council meeting on 31st January 2019.

18/ 4410 Date of Future Meetings

The dates of future meetings were

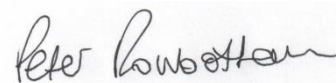
- Media and Communications Committee – Wednesday 23rd January 2019
- Planning Committee – Monday 28th January 2019
- Full Council – Thursday 31st January 2019

18/ 4411 Any Other Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

The meeting finished at 8.02pm

Signed as a true and accurate record



**Councillor Stephen James
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Brixworth Parish Council
17th January 2019**

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