

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Held on the Tuesday 6th May 2014 in the Community Centre, Library/Community Hall,
Spratton Road, Brixworth at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr M Lacey – Chairman of Parish Council
Parish Councillors – J Hodgson, D Parnaby, S Moxon, E Wiig, K Parker, P
Williamson, M Rous and A Coles
Mr M Nice – Centre Manager
Mrs E Baker – Parish Clerk
Sixty eight members of the public

1. Apologies

Parish Cllrs J Bird, I Barratt, S Pointer, A Hockenhull.
Apologies were also received from PCSO Jo Hillery.

2. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual Parish Meeting and emphasised that it was not a Parish Council meeting.

3. To sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th April 2013

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 30th April 2013 were signed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

4. Introduction to the Councillors

The Chairman introduced the Parish Councillors and thanked them for their commitment. He also thanked the Parish Councillors that had resigned during the year Colin Bament, Laura Wright and Bob Chattaway. He thanked the Jane Macken who had been Clerk to the Council up until August 2013 and introduced the new Clerk Emma Baker.

5. Introduction to Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Cllr Chattaway gave an introduction into what the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was about. A survey was carried out in March. Questionnaires were sent to everyone in the village. Mike Nice and Bob Chattaway attended Moulton School to speak to the children about the NP and the survey in order that they could get an opinion from the students who were 16 and over.

A presentation was given showing the results of the survey. The next step for the NPSG will be to analyse the data and prepare a plan which will be submitted for external checks. The plan will then be circulated to the people of the village and a referendum will be held to see if the plan is accepted or not.

6. Parish Council Audit

The Chairman informed the meeting that a full audit of the Parish Council had been carried out. The results from the audit have been looked at and the Parish Council are now making changes the audit has recommended.

7. Northants Police Annual Report

PCSO Hillery sent her apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting.

8. Introduction of Mike Nice – Brixworth Volunteers - Chairman

The Chairman introduced Mike Nice Centre Manager for the Brixworth Community Centre. Mike spoke about the importance of volunteers that help run various organisations with in the village. He asked if there was anyone who wanted to volunteer to help in the village to do so as the work can be very rewarding.

9. Introduction to the Highways Warden

Cllr Parker informed the meeting that the scheme of Highway wardens had been re-introduced in February 2013 by the Highways department. The main responsibilities of the Highways Warden are to report issues relating to roads, footpaths and verges. The Highways Warden is the main point of contact between the Parish Council and the County Highways department. Cllr Parker will be able to notify the people of the village of any planned work being carried out on the Highways

10. Annual Reports from Village Organisations

Friends of the Library

Mr Michael Hall, reported that the £500 grant received from the Parish Council was used to enable the library to have weekly craft activities and some entertainment in the Christmas Holidays. Many young people benefitted from the grant. He informed the meeting that the group is in need of more volunteers to join Friends of the Library.

Brixworth Scout Group

Kim Phillips, Group Scout Leader reported that there are 120+ young people involved in the group between the ages of 6 – 18. She thanked the council for the grant of £500 which was used to purchase cooking equipment and a tent.

Brixworth Tennis Club

Mr Jonathan Martin thanked the Parish Council for the £500 grant to purchase netting to stop the tennis balls being hit out of the grounds. They have approximately 120 members. The membership is low and offers good value for money.

Brixworth Youth Football Club

The Club currently has 200 members. They have 26 qualified coaches and two teams in every age group. The grant received has helped the children of all abilities play football.

11. Any Other Business

A resident of St David's Close asked that the parents of the youth football clubs be more considerate when parking in the close during football matches.

Mr Mike Nice informed the meeting that the women's bike race will be coming through the village later in the week. The Community centre will be offering refreshments outside the community centre to the spectators.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm