

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in the Community Centre, Library/Community Hall,**  
**Spratton Road, Brixworth at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr A Coles – Vice-Chairman of Parish Council

Parish Councillors – D Parnaby, S Moxon, K Parker, N Brown, S James, D Bennett,  
M Rous.

Mr M Nice – Centre Manager

Mrs E Baker – Parish Clerk

25 members of the public

Cllr Chris Millar – Leader of Daventry District Council

**1. Apologies**

Parish Council – Chairman Cllr M Lacey

**2. To sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were signed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**3. Announcements – Chairman**

The Chairman informed the meeting of some of the decisions the Parish Council had made during the year. Introducing the Living Wage to employees who were on the minimum wage. Negotiating with Northamptonshire Highways to bring verge cutting in house. The objection to the development of the Pet Shop into a takeaway being upheld by Daventry District Council. Setting up a Village maintenance group. Re-introducing the Community Grant Scheme and setting up a Chairman's Advisory group to improve communication between the Parish Council and residents of Brixworth.

**4. Introduction to the Councillors**

The Chairman introduced the Parish Councillors and the Clerk Emma Baker.

**5. Council Communication**

The Chairman introduced Cllrs Moxon and Bennett to give a presentation about some of the work the Media Group have been doing. A new website has been set up and the Facebook page has been improved. They informed the meeting of the main topics that had caused the most interaction with the community were Dog fouling initiative, recent road works and the proposed change of use to a takeaway at 130 Northampton Road.

**6. Village Maintenance**

The Chairman introduced Cllr Brown to give a presentation from the Village Maintenance group. He informed the meeting of the concerns about over use of St David's Recreation ground and how the group are looking into ways of improving the condition of the ground. A survey had been sent to all the sports clubs and following the results a program of improvements has been put together.

The Parish Council has contracted out the cutting of The Ashway and St David's Recreation grounds and has taken on the maintenance of the verges in Brixworth.

Cllr Brown also informed the meeting that money has been put aside for a village project and the Parish Council are looking for ideas from residents.

**7. Introduction of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) Principles**

The Chairman of the NPSG Cllr Parnaby introduced the members of the group to the meeting.

### **8. Progress of the Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Cllr Parnaby introduced the Vice-Chairman Bob Chattaway to talk about the members of the group. A draft plan has been submitted to Daventry District Council. The document sets out a plan of what sort of development we want in Brixworth, which must be taken into consideration when developers want to develop in Brixworth.

### **9. Proposed New Surgery**

Mr Mike Parsons from the NPSG informed the meeting that the Pre-Submission plan will be accessible on the NP website from June 2015 for all challengers and supporters to have access to. There will also be some hard copies available. The plan states that Brixworth will not accept any more large developments. Following negotiations with the developers the group has secured \$106 funding which will support the School, give additional car parking in the village and will fund a new Health Surgery for the village. This has been managed by Cllr Chris Millar with many discussions with NHS, developers and NPSG with input from Chris Heaton-Harris helping to persuade the NHS to agree.

### **10. The Friends of Brixworth Church**

The Chairman introduced Kate Knight who gave a presentation about the Friends of Brixworth Church and the role they play in helping preserve the Saxon Church. They have many volunteer helpers and primarily raise funds for maintenance of the Church. They have a list of members across the world that has a keen interest in the Church.

### **11. Daventry Perspective**

Cllr Chris Millar thanked Bob Chattaway, Mike Parsons and Mike Nice for all the work that they have done helping to get the agreement to the new Doctors Surgery. He is a governor for Brixworth Primary School and they are currently carrying out a feasibility study to find out how many pupils they can have as this information can be used when developers want to continue to build. He informed the meeting that he had been impressed with the presentations given during the evening and the work that the Parish Council were doing should be recognised by the community.

He answered some questions from the audience about planning issues and how Daventry make their decisions on planning matters. Bob Chattaway thanked Cllr Millar for all his efforts regarding the new surgery.

### **11. Any Other Business**

Mike Parsons informed the meeting that a referendum will take place at the end of the year for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Kate Knight informed the meeting that it takes about £35,000 per year to maintain the Church.

Approximately £40,000 is paid to the Archbishop every year from the Church.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm,