

Brixworth Parish Council

***Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 7.30pm
in the Library/Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth***

Present: Councillors: A Coles (Chairman), S James, I Barratt, D Parnaby, P Saxton, K Parker and J Bird.

In Attendance: Mrs E Baker – Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

Absent: Cllr J Hodges

15/3094 Apologies for absence –

The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllrs M Lacey and S Moxon

14/3095 Members Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items only

There were no declarations of interest.

14/3096 Signing the minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the meeting held on 12th October were agreed and signed.

14/3097 To approve the transfer of funds from earmarked reserves to the general reserves

The transfer of funds from the earmarked reserves to general reserves was agreed

Proposed Cllr Bird

Seconded Cllr Saxton

6 in favour Cllrs Coles, James, Parnaby, Saxton, Parker and Bird

1 abstention Cllr Barratt

A total of £14,102.02 was transferred to general reserves from the following reserves.

Ashway Playing Field Car Park	£5,000.00
Pension Scheme	£4,500.00
Questionnaire	£102.02
Projects	£1,500.00
Community Grants	£1,000.00
Street Lighting	£2,000.00

14/3098 To present and discuss the proposals for the Budget and Precept for 2016/17

The following draft proposal was discussed by the members

Staff Costs **£62,380**

The staff costs have taken into consideration the Living Wage increase of 40p to £8.25 and a further possible increase in October 2016 of 40p. Parish Council contributions towards the work place pension which will take effect from November 2016.

Subscriptions and Fees	£2,430
Expenses and Allowances	£3,300
Administration	£10,200
Projects and Grants	£18,000

Projects and grants include £10,000 put aside for Police support if the Parish Council has to make a contribution to funding the PCSO in Brixworth. £3,000 has been put in the budget for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Legal Costs **£11,000**

Earmarked Reserves include

Election Costs	£1,500 to add to £1,500 from 2015/16 budget
Street Lighting	£2,000
Kubota Replacement	£2,400
Pick up Replacement	£1,750
Small mower Replacement	£500
Strimmer Replacement	£500
Total	£8,450

Highways and Environment **£4,500**

Maintenance **£15,950**

It was agreed that resurfacing the tennis court could be a project for 2016/2017. The Recreation ground maintenance contractor is due to be agreed at the next Full Council meeting so a more accurate budget can be set.

The layering of the hedges could be looked at as a project in the next financial year.

Recreation **£11,370**

It was agreed that the budget for litter bins would be increased from £250 to £500 for 2016/2017 as the spare litter bins in stock are due to be installed shortly.

The total proposed budget for 2016/2017 is £147,580.

The total income estimated for 2016/2017 not including the precept is £12,900. It was agreed that once the band D rate has been circulated by Daventry District Council we will be able to calculate the potential percentage increase will be for 2016/2017 on the residents of Brixworth. The Finance working group will be meeting again at the beginning January to go through the figures again with a view to approval the final budget in January 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.