

Brixworth Parish Council

*Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd September 2013 at 7.30p.m.
in the Library/Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth*

Present: Councillors: I Barratt, Ms J Bird, M Lacey (Chairman), Mrs S Moxon, K Parker, D Parnaby, E Wiig, M Rous.

In Attendance: Mrs E Baker – Interim Parish Clerk
Mr J Marshall – Locum Clerk and Consultant

13/2237 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mrs Emma Baker and Interim Clerk and RFO and Mr John Marshall Locum Clerk and Consultant to the Councillors.

13/2238 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors R Chattaway, A Hockenhull, J Hodgson and P Williamson.

13/2239 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Wiig asked what the purpose of the meeting was and as a friend of the Claimant declared an interest.

13/2240 To resolve that members of the public and press be excluded for the agenda item 5 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

It was **Resolved** to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting. Councillor Barratt requested that it was noted he would be happy for some of the agenda items to be made public. The Chairman informed the meeting that Councillor Wiig as a friend of the Claimant had declared an interest and was asked to leave the meeting.

Councillor Wiig left the meeting at 7.41pm.

13/2241 To Receive an update and to consider legal action in respect of county court, claim no. 3YQ02040. Defendant: Brixworth Parish Council, Claimant: Mr Stephen Pointer.

Mr J Marshall presented an overview to the meeting and informed the Councillors that the priorities were to agree to a 28 day extension, re-affirm the mandate and to include Mr J Marshall as a consultant to the group but not a voting member and agree the amount of money allowed to spend on a solicitor.

It was **Resolved** that up to £15,000 could be spent on legal representation.

It was **Resolved** to continue with using WG Law who are currently putting together the defence.

It was **Resolved** that the Interim Clerk Mrs E Baker email the request for a 28 day extension to the court before 4pm on 5th September.

It was agreed that all matters discussed in the meeting were confidential and should not be discussed with the press and members of the public.

13/2242 Urgent Matters for Report Only

There being no other matters to discuss the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed.....

As a true record of the meeting

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