

## **Brixworth Parish Council**

*Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 17 September 2013 at 7.15p.m.  
in the Library/Community Centre, Spratton Road, Brixworth*

**Present:** Councillors: R Chattaway, A Hockenhull, J Hodgson, M Lacey (Chairman),  
Mrs S Moxon, M Rous, and Mrs E Wiig.

**In Attendance:** Mrs E Baker – Interim Parish Clerk  
Mr J Marshall – Interim Parish Clerk  
2 members of the public

*The Chairman welcomed everyone to the September meeting and reminded members of the public as to when they were able to address the council.*

### **13/2267 Apologies for absence –**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Pointer, Cllr Barratt, Cllr Bird, Cllr Parnaby, Cllr Parker, Cllr Williamson.

Apologies were received from County Cllr C Boardman.

### **Declaration of Interest**

**13/2268 To Consider request by Members for a Dispensation - None**

### ***13/2269 Members Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items only***

Cllr E Wiig declared a Personal interest: - Member of another Local Authority and Member of the District Council Planning Committee

Cllr R Chattaway declared an interest – Member of BRANE.

### **13/2270 Signing of the Minutes of the Last Meeting 20 August and Extraordinary Meeting 3 September 2013**

The minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August and extraordinary meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of these meetings.

### **13/2271 Public Open Forum**

A member of the public asked about the agenda item 10 Reasonable Adjustment and what does it mean. It was agreed that further discussion would take place when the agenda item was reached.

### **13/2272 Police Representative Report**

There were no police present at the meeting.

The Clerk read out the crimes for August 2013

11.08.13- Waterlee Furlong – report of loud party, abusive language also on street.

11.08.13 - Shelleycotes Road – reports of verbal abuse and harassment.

20.08.13- Sailing Club – report of disturbance caused by large group of people/vehicles and loud music.

22.08.13- Church Street – report of delivery person using threatening language.

04.08.13 - Northampton Road – mountain bike taken from roadside.

Between 27.07 – 06.08.13 - Waterlee Furlong – upstairs window cracked, possibly by air rifle.

06.08.13 - Harborough Road – mobile phone stolen from rest room.

08.08.13 - Library – iPad taken from table.

11.08.13 Co-op Stores – person takes items without payment, male arrested.

23.08.13 - Pytchley Road – person assaulted causing minor injuries.

### **13/2273 District Councillors Report**

Nothing to report.

### **13/2274 County Councillors Report**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Boardman.

### **13/2275 County Court Claim Progress Report.**

The Chairman reported that it was important to note that Cllr Pointer had allowed the Council to extend the court date a further 28 days. The Chairman thanked and expressed his appreciation for Cllr Pointers agreement.

It was reported that the Parish Council insurance will not cover the defence costs. The defence is currently being reviewed by the panel, once agreed it will be filed in the near future.

A deposit of £1,500.00 will be paid to WG Law Ltd. The Chairman informed the meeting that he has been encouraged by the support for members of the public and if any Councillors received supporting emails can they circulate them to other members of the Council.

The Chairman reported that Cllr Barratt had been concerned that the Councillors may be found personally liable if the Parish Council was found not to have acted in good faith.

The Chairman asked Mr Marshall to comment on whether the Councillors could be personally liable. Mr Marshall informed the meeting that so long as the Councillors act collectively and individually in good faith they would not be liable.

### **13/2276 Reasonable Adjustment and exactly what “reasonable” means to us as a Council with our resources.**

There were discussions relating to what reasonable means to the Council and whether the Council should agree as a whole what “reasonable” means.

The Chairman reported that a question had been asked of whether mediation could be used between the Council and Cllr Pointer. Mr Marshall informed the meeting that while there is a court case pending it is in the Councils interest to concentrate on preparing for the court case primarily. Cllr Hockenhull asked what Access to Work was. The Chairman reported that it was a Government Body which has been set up to assist people with disabilities in finding work. Following a discussion regarding Access to Work and how they fund people to help with being able to work and whether they should be an employee to receive any funding. Cllr Wiig informed the meeting that District Councillors were classed as employees at Daventry District Council.

Mr Marshall informed the Council that part of the hearing will be to look and see what reasonable means. It was agreed that this discussion would take place after the Court Case. Mr Marshall left the meeting at 8.00pm.

### **Planning**

#### ***13/2277 Minutes of Meetings 16 September 2013***

The minutes were circulated to the Councillors however it was agreed that the minutes would be agreed at signed at the next Planning Committee.

### 13/2278 Approvals and Refusals Report – September 2013

#### Approvals

##### **DA/2013/0478 Hill Farm, Northampton Road, Brixworth**

Proposed utilities campsite building.

29/07/13 PC No Objection

27/06/13 Approved.

##### **DA/2013/0503 Mr A Wright, The Firs, Saneco Lane, Brixworth**

Listed Building Consent for conversion and alteration of first floor of outbuilding to provide living accommodation.

29/07/13 PC No Objection

05/07/13 Approved

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There were no refusals.

#### Finance

##### **13/2279 Income Received for August 2013**

Received from	Details	£
Community Devel	Gifts	5040.00
Brixworth CC	Inv 260	217.67
BJFC Central Sports	Football club	379.41
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		5637.08

##### **13/2280 Bank Reconciliation as at 30 August 2013**

The bank reconciliation as at the 30 August 2013 was reported and accepted as follows:

Current Account	£55,808.60
Reserve Account	£90,023.41
Less Cheques outstanding	£1,185.74
Balance Carried forward as at 31 August 2013	£144,646.27

##### **13/2281 Income and Expenditure & Reserves Report for August 2013**

The Council accepted the Income and Expenditure and reserves report for August 2013.

##### **13/2281 Bills for Payment for September 2013**

A schedule of payments, to be made in August 2013 was available to each member at the meeting.

It was **Resolved** for the following accounts to be passed for payment apart from Cheque number 5190. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the previous Clerk to find out why the cost had increased from £60.00 to £123.60. Proposed by Cllr Chattaway, seconded by Cllr Moxon.

<u>Chq. No.</u>	<u>Min. Ref.</u>	<u>Payment To</u>	<u>Reason for Payment</u>	£
5183		Hodson & Hall	Millenium garden maintenance	150.00
5184		Hags Smp Ltd	Play equipment	56.40
5185		Trade UK	Materials for groundsman	39.98
5186		NCC	Electricity charges	537.31
5187		D G Salisbury	Mark out football pitches	216.00
5188		Fenland Leisure Ltd	Cradle swing seat	88.80
5189		Euromec	Materials for groundsman	155.29
5190		XMA Ltd	Restocking of ipad charge	123.60
5191		William Graham Law	Legal fees deposit	1,500.00
5192		HM Revenue & Customs	Nics and PAYR	543.91
5193		Interim Clerk	Salary	71.84
5194		Litter Picker	Litter Picker Wages Sept 2013	200.00
5195		Groundsman	Groundsman Wages Sept 2013	1,164.74
5196		Interim Clerk	Clerk wages Sept 2013	474.57
5197		Cleaner	Cleaners wages Sept 2013	275.00
5198		PT Groundsman	P/T groundsmans wages Sept 2013	220.40
5199		Interim Clerk	Expenses	16.20
5200		Interim Clerk	Expenses	63.05
				<b>5,897.09</b>

**13/2282 Recreation and Amenities Committee**

The next meeting is to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

**13/2283 Highways and Environment**

**Noted** Northamptonshire Highways – Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (Various Roads, Daventry District) Waiting and loading restrictions and on-street parking places. Proposed double yellow lines Spratton Road and Existing limited waiting bay to be reduced in length Spratton Road.

**13/2284 Noted** Northamptonshire Highways – Northampton Road Brixworth 30mph speed limit order.

**13/2285 Noted** Northamptonshire Highways – New Puffin crossing to be installed and existing zebra crossing to be removed.

**13/2286 Parish Councillor Surgeries Update**

Cllr Moxon and Cllr Chattaway agreed to attend the surgery on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

**13/2287 Brixworth Central Sports Lease**

The survey was completed this month. The Chairman has passed a copy onto the Sports Committee. The Chairman, Cllr Hodson and Cllr Hockenhull will attend the meeting with the executive committee to discuss what ground area they would like on the lease.

**General Correspondence for Discussion**

***13/2288 Email from Resident – Cyclists on Village Footpath.***

**It was Resolved** that the Clerk contact the police regarding cyclists using the footpaths.

***13/2289 Letter from Resident – Supporting Cllr Pointer***

***13/2290 Email from resident – Volunteer Webmaster***

It was **resovled** that the Clerk contact the resident to arrange a meeting to discuss the website.

***13/2291 Email from NCC – Get Involved Campaign.***

**13/2292 Correspondence for information only**

The Chairman reported that the correspondence file was available for circulation to members.

**13/2293 Date of Next Meetings**

The next meetings were noted as follows:-

Full Council Meeting – Tuesday, 22 October 2013

**Urgent Matters For Report Only**

There were no matters to be reported.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

..... Chairman

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.

Dated: 22 October 2013