



**Minutes of the Annual Brixworth Parish Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**The Library and Community Centre Hall, Spratton Road, Brixworth.**

Present: Councillor James – Chairman of Brixworth Parish Council  
Councillor Bob Campbell  
Councillor Frances Maria Peacock  
Councillor James Collyer  
Councillor Sandra Moxon  
Councillor Elaine Coe  
Councillor Alan Lovell  
Councillor Tom Mitchell  
Mr Peter Rowbotham – Parish Clerk  
PCSO Sangster (part of meeting only)  
9 members of the public

**1. Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded attendees of the location of the fire exits in case of a building evacuation.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Alexa Dunkley.

**3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Councillor Elaine Coe had been present at the meeting but had not been recorded on the attendance list. Subject to this change, the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record. This was proposed by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Peacock.  
Unanimous.

**4. Announcements – Chairman**

The Chairman reviewed the previous year. This included –

- The Parish Council continued to utilise the Neighbourhood Plan to decide planning applications – Major app at the Red Lion, and more recently the proposed employment zone at Land West of Mercedes Avenue
- Worked closely with the Neighbourhood Planning Group to maintain the protection of the Special Landscape Area around Brixworth
- Met with Mercedes to discuss future plans for the site
- Now providing winter and summer plants at entrances
- Contributed to the Community Bulb Planting Day
- Portable Speed Sign installed and used around the village
- Worked with the Sports Council to improve sports provision within the Village. Looking at a games area to replace the tennis courts at St David's.
- Continued the Christmas Tree Scheme at nil cost to the traders

- Working with Mercedes to put new bus shelters and litter bins at Scaldwell Road
- Budget management - Council Tax rise – 4p a week for a band D
- Working with the Police on crime prevention measures and managing the perception of crime
- Looked at the Parking Problems within the village with comments fed back to NCC
- Exhibition Cabinet purchased for the Brixworth Finds
- Grant for equipment at the Doctors Surgery
- Worked with Daventry District Council to install a WW1 memorial bench at the Millennium Gardens
- Installed a solid silhouette at the Millennium Gardens.
- Worked with the Church to light the Beacon on Remembrance Sunday.
- Grant for a new piano for the Brixworth Music Festival
- Seeking funding to install a Toucan Crossing on the A508 to the Country Park
- Objected to the revised gritting arrangements brought about by County Council budget cuts
- Worked with Brixworth Juniors to install a new defibrillator at The Ashway
- Policies in place for GDPR – General Data Protection Regulations
- As Trustees we continued to work with County Council and the Community Church to ensure the sustainability of the Library & Community Centre
- We continued to communicate with our residents through the Brixworth Bulletin, our web site, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- Assisted in the funding to enable an installation of a defibrillator at the Village Hall.

## **5. Introductions**

The Chairman introduced the Parish Councillors to the meeting.

## **6. New Doctors Surgery**

Mike Parsons outlined the new Doctors Surgery project and the funding challenges that had been presented. The Surgery was not being funded by the NHS. Therefore funding for some aspects of the project would need to be community led. The practise had already spent approximately £80,000 on legal and transfer costs. Community fund raising was underway and the Patients Group was leading on this. Many groups had already committed to the fund including the Parish Council, the Olive Branch Community Café and others. The new build was very much a community facility which was being led by the community. It was noted that the building had been designed for the current population and was not future proof.

The Brixworth Juniors Football Club outlined its successful operation including 21 teams and 300 children. There was a need for better facilities and the Club needed to train outside the Parish because of capacity issues. It was reported that the quality of the pitches within Brixworth was good but capacity would remain an ongoing issue as the sport grew in numbers, and also with the expected growth in girls football.

## **7. Local Policing**

There was no available report.

## **8. Short Mat Bowls**

The short mat bowls had been meeting at the Brixworth Centre. The club had started in 2005 and had recently won the Northants Premier League. Membership was approximately 30 and the club was also seen for its social benefits. Bowls are available to anyone interested in joining in.

## **9. Northampton Sailing Club**

It was reported that the social side of sailing had increased massively with the majority of participants being families. Wind surfing and boarding was also taking place but was restricted because of the lease arrangements

with Anglian Water. The weekly racing event was well attended and the club also hosted events. It has several open days throughout the year. Training is provided for freshers. Staff are on duty all week and there are often vacancies for support staff. Volunteers also pay a big part in running the club.

#### **10. First Responders**

First Responders was run by volunteers to attend appropriate emergencies. The service tends to cover a 3 mile radius around the village. Volunteers are despatched by the East Midlands Ambulance Service. New volunteers were always welcome.

#### **11. Happy at Home**

Happy at Home was a scheme to reduce isolation often experienced by older people. Work had been carried out in association with the Housing Association and services were provided on a voluntary basis. The scheme had been running for several years and was lottery funded. The scheme has changed lives by its impact on recipients. Three staff were currently supporting the project.

#### **12. Help for Heroes**

It was reported that the Help for Heroes initiative had held fund raising events at the Cricket Club. The nationwide charity had allowed 4000 people to attend recovery centres and had assisted a range of ages from 19 to 90.

#### **13. Brixworth Music Festival**

It was reported that the Brixworth Music Festival was to take place in May. The Parish Council had donated funds towards a new quality piano which had sounded wonderful. The Music Festival was growing in reputation and had been mentioned around the world.

#### **11. Questions & Any Other Business**

None

*The meeting finished at 8:20pm.*