



Brixworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Brixworth Planning Committee Meeting

Monday 7th August 2023 at 7.30pm

Community Centre & Library, Spratton Road, Brixworth NN6 9DS

In attendance:	Councillor Tom Mitchell (Chair), Councillor James Collyer, Councillor Barbara Lunnon and Councillor Christine Ware.
Apologies:	Cllr Frances Peacock, Cllr Ian Barratt and Parish Clerk.
Clerical Support:	None
Members of Public:	Eight

PART ONE – OPENING PROCEDURES

23/2413	Welcome by Chairman Councillor Mitchell welcomed everyone to the Planning Committee meeting and advised attendees of the evacuation procedures and that the meeting was being recorded.	-
23/2414	Apologies for absence and acceptance of apologies for absence There were apologies received from the following committee members, which were accepted: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cllr Ian Barratt▪ Cllr Frances Peacock	-
23/2415	Declarations of Interest a) There were no declarations of any disclosable pecuniary or other interests reported. b) There were no dispensations or written requests for dispensation of DPI to consider.	
23/2416	Agree and Sign the Minutes of Previous Meeting All present RESOLVED to the Chairman Cllr Mitchell, approving the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of 17th July 2023, as a true and accurate record. Prop. Cllr Mitchell / Sec. Cllr Ware. Unanimous.	-
23/2417	Public Open Forum Session a) Five of the eight members of public in attendance were present to discuss agenda item 23/2423 Affordable Housing and Exception Site , therefore, Cllr Mitchell suggested the committee move this agenda item to be the first item of business to be discussed. All in favour. Mike Parsons made reference to the July Full Council Meeting and noted that the exception site for affordable housing would include further houses at a 'commercial rate' i.e. a potential for up to 72 dwellings.	-

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	<p>Cllr Mitchell clarified that Full Council did NOT approve or agree this site for development, but confirmed that Full Council did resolve to support a Housing Needs Analysis to be completed by WNC in conjunction with the parish.</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell clarified that Cllrs Mitchell, Barratt and Ware, are currently member of working group that deals with such matters and it was mooted that the Neighbourhood Strategic Planning Group be reformed.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Mitchell is to consult with the Parish Clerk to establish the correct procedure in resurrecting/re-forming the working group and for the following resident volunteers to be added/invited to join:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mike Nice ▪ Dr Paula Jones ▪ Stephen James (proposed Chairman) ▪ Frank Allen ▪ Mike Parsons (proposed Secretary) ▪ WN Cllr Jonathan Harris ▪ Bob Chattaway (due to absence, an invitation is sent via email) ▪ Nigel Ozier (due to absence, an invitation is sent via email) <p>WN Cllr Harris reminded those present that there is no formal planning application for this land at the current time.</p>	<p>TM/JF</p>
<p>b) 2 Members of the public were present to support their application 2023/6129.</p>		

PART TWO – FOR DECISION

Ref Number	Application Description	Location
23/2418 2023/6129/TPO	Sycamore (1. T01939) - Remove. Sycamore (2. T01941) - Crown lift to 5 - 5.5 metres. Horse chestnut (3. T01940) - Remove. Sycamore (4. T01942) - Crown lift to 5 - 5.5 metres. Sycamore (5. T01943) - Crown lift to 4.5 - 5 metres. Sycamore (6. T01938) - Remove. Sycamore (7. T01937) - Crown lift to 4.5 - 5 metres. Sycamore (8. T01936) - Crown lift to 4.5 - 5 metres. Ash (9. T01935) - Remove. Sycamore (10. T01933) - Remove. Sycamore (11. T01934) - Remove. Four Sycamore (12 and 13. T01950 and T01951) - Remove. Sycamore (14. T01949) - Reduce upright lowest limb by 2.5 - 3 metres. Sycamore (17. T01945) - Reduce leader by 2 - 2.5 metres and crown lift to 5 - 5.5 metres. Sycamore (18. T01944) - Remove. Sycamore (19. T01946) - Remove smaller trunk to 3 - 3.5 metres. Horse chestnut (20. T01932) - Remove lower epicormic growth. Horse chestnut (21. T01930) - Reduce by 2.5 - 3 metres and crown lift to 4 - 4.5 metres. Horse chestnut (22. T01929) - Reduce lowest limb by 3 - 3.5 metres. Sycamore (23. T01928) - Reduce leader over road, crown lift the lower canopy and remove deadwood. Sycamore (24. T01927) - Remove.	Brixworth Hall Archway Harborough Road Brixworth West Northamptonshire NN6 9BX

RESOLUTION:
It was agreed that the applicants be requested to consider a variety of trees to replace the 12 which are to be felled, to support biodiversity rather than just replacing them with all Prunas trees. Cllr Ware suggested considering trees such as, but not exclusively, Rowan, Crab Apple, Holly Bushes, Silver birch, as well as Wild Cherry.

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The Clerk is to ask the Tree Officer Michael Venton to resolve the aforementioned request of replacing the trees with various native species. Prop. Cllr Mitchell / Sec. Cllr Ware. 3 In favour with 1 abstention.

23/2419	2023/5958/FULL	Installation of a new pond.	The Old Hay Barn Froghall Brixworth West Northamptonshire NN6 9DJ
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RESOLUTION:

It was unanimously agreed to support this application. Prop. Cllr Mitchell / Sec. Cllr Collyer. All in favour.

23/2420	2023/5562/FULL	Proposed replacement windows, front door and French doors	Spring Cottage, 26 Newlands, Brixworth, NN6 9DN
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RESOLUTION:

The proposed replacement windows are to be replaced with heritage style, black ash wood-grained UPVC. The current UPVC windows are in white with a black front door, and the back elevation is visible from the street. Therefore, Council agreed to respond stating they are support of this application and the Planning Officer should decide the colour. It was unanimously agreed to support this application. Prop. Cllr Mitchell / Sec. Cllr Collyer. All in favour.

23/2421	2023/5594/FULL	Proposed single storey rear sun-lounge extension (retrospective)	8 Vineyard Gardens Brixworth West Northamptonshire NN6 9FR
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RESOLUTION:

It was noted that this application is retrospective.

West Northants Cllr Jonathan Harris confirmed there is a proposal at national level for higher application fees to be applied to retrospective applications, however, this is yet to be made policy.

It was agreed that this application be supported. Prop. Cllr Mitchell / Sec. Cllr Collyer. 3 In favour with 1 against.

23/2422	2023/6169/FULL	Change of use of industrial unit to restaurant with ancillary takeaway. (Retrospective)	The Flavour Trailer 3 Staveley Way Brixworth West Northamptonshire NN6 9EU
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RESOLUTION:

It was agreed that this application be supported. Prop. Cllr Mitchell / Sec. Cllr Collyer. All in favour.

23/2423	Affordable Housing and Exception Site This item was considered earlier in the meeting. Please refer to minute reference 23/2417(a) under the Public Open Session.		-
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PART THREE – FOR INFORMATION

23/2424	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Protection</p> <p>Cllr Mitchell reported on the two items the Planning Committee were made aware of via email on 27th July 2023, but noted that the committee were unable to make any decisions on these as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 60 Bed Nursing home – something about Condition 3? ▪ National effort to protect Neighbourhood Plans. <p>Cllr Mitchell recommended individuals comment individually to both consultations, should they be so inclined.</p>		ALL
23/2425	Any Other Business		

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	There were no items reported.	
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PART FOUR – CLOSING PROCEDURES

23/2426	<p>Next Ordinary Meeting</p> <p>a) Next agenda - there were no items reported .</p> <p>b) All present NOTED the date of the next Planning Committee Meeting on Monday 4th September 2023.</p> <p>NB: Cllr Mitchell gave his apologies for this meeting.</p>
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In the absence of further business, the meeting was closed in full at 20:03pm

Signed as a true and accurate record:

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 Cllr Tom Mitchell - Chairman
 Brixworth Parish Council

Date: 4th September 2023

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