



Brixworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Brixworth Planning Committee Meeting

Monday 17th July 2023 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance:	Councillor Tom Mitchell (Chair), Councillor Frances Peacock, Councillor Ian Barratt, Councillor James Collyer, Councillor Barbara Lunnon & Councillor Christine Ware.
Absent:	Cllr Frances Peacock
Apologies:	None Received
Clerical Support:	Gavin Kirkup (Admin)
Members of Public:	Three

PART ONE – OPENING PROCEDURES

23/2402	Councillor Mitchell welcomed everyone to the Planning Committee meeting and advised attendees of the evacuation procedures and that the meeting was being recorded.	-
23/2403	Apologies for absence No apologies were received for this meeting.	-
23/2404	Declarations of Interest a) There were two declarations of disclosable non-pecuniary interests reported. Cllr Barratt declared a non-pecuniary interest in 2023/5376/FULL due to being a member of the Church, but not the Church Council. Cllr Lunnon declared a non-pecuniary interest in 2023/5757/TCA as the applicants were known to her. b) There were no dispensations or written requests for dispensation of DPI to consider.	-
23/2405	Agree and Sign the Minutes of Previous Meeting The Planning Committee RESOLVED to Cllr Mitchell, approving the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of 26th June 2023, as a true and accurate record. Prop. Cllr. Mitchell. Sec. Cllr. Ware. One abstention.	Paper A
23/2406	Public Open Forum Session There were three members of the public present. Two of these were attending in respect of application 2023/5757/TCA. Due to these residents attending, Cllr Mitchell agreed to discuss their application first.	-

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PART TWO – FOR DECISION

	Ref Number	Description	Location
23/2407	<u>2023/5376/FULL</u>	Temporary siting of storage unit	All Saints Church Brixworth Northampton NN6 9BZ

Cllr Mitchell identified that there were no time scales indicated on the documents received. Cllr Ware shared these concerns. Cllr Barratt identified that the storage unit would be visible from a foot path used by many residents and dog walkers. Cllr Barratt also gave background information on the proposed location and shared photos of the area. He further expressed his concerns that the container would be partly visible in the proposed location due to its proposed height and the existing vegetation and variable land heights would not prevent the container from being seen by members of the public. He also pointed out that the planting would be unlikely to cover the storage unit in the short term.

The Planning Committee **RESOLVED** to **NOT SUPPORT** this application. A request to call in the application would be made to a district councillor, raising the following concerns:

- This is within a conservation area, within the curtilage of a Grade 1 listed building described as the best Saxon church remaining in use in northern Europe and is potentially located outside of village boundary. This application also contravenes the following policies of the Neighbourhood Plan:
- Policy 8, no 1. - In respect of form, design, scale and materials.
- Policy 8, no 3 - This application will be sited in open space which will not add a significant contribution to the conservation area, the open space will additionally be reduced in size.
- Policy 6 - This application erodes the character and setting of the conservation area and the church itself within the conservation area.
- Policy 9 - This application does not enhance or preserve the heritage asset.
- Policy 2 - This application does not contribute to local distinctiveness or character or sense of place.
- Policy 9, part 3 - This application goes against the guidance of the village design statement.

Cllr Mitchell gave a view that it was a poorly crafted application with no evidence within the application of the manner in which the storage unit would be sited, nor effective methods to disguise it.

Prop. Cllr. Barratt. Sec. Cllr. Ware. One abstention.

23/2408	<u>2023/5412/FULL</u>	Change of use from class B2 to class E (chiropractic/podiatry clinic)	The Yard rear of 105 Northampton Road Brixworth West Northamptonshire NN6 9DQ
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Cllr Mitchell gave some background around the change of use classification codes. Cllr Ware identified there was a discrepancy with the opening hours listed within the application documents. She noted that bringing business into the village was also a positive for the application.

The Planning Committee **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this application.

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Prop. Cllr Mitchell. Sec. Cllr. Ware Unanimous.

23/2409	2023/5757/TCA	Yew (T1) - Remove to ground level. Yew (T2) - Reduce by 2 - 2.5 metres. Plum (T4) - Target prune by 2 - 2.5 metres and thin inner canopy. Horse chestnut (T5) - Remove to ground level. Row of horse chestnuts (T6) - Crown lift to 4 - 4.5 metres.	Brixworth Hall Archway Harborough Road Brixworth West Northamptonshire NN6 9BX
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The residents present gave background information regarding their application and previous historic approvals. Tree surgeons have attended and given advice, identifying some of the trees are unsafe, recommending their removal.

Cllr Ware raised concerns about felling yew trees and gave her view that maintenance programs could be utilised to manage them and importance of the environmental benefits of yew trees. Cllr Lunnon gave an observation that the Yew at the entrance was not 'hedge-able' and in a poor condition. The resident responded that she understood the concerns raised and the Yews are behind a 10 ft stone wall and would be happy to replant a yew in a more suitable location. The resident felt that if the Yew was not removed, there was a risk of damage to the archway.

The Planning Committee **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application on the condition that any tree that is removed would be replaced with a suitable species in an agreed location, within an acceptable time scale.

Prop. Cllr. Mitchell. Sec. Cllr. Lunnon. 1 Against. 1 Abstention. Motion carried.

23/2410	2023/5774/MAF	Construction of two storey People Development Centre building with associated roof mounted plant.	Mercedes-benz High Performance Engines Morgan Drive Brixworth West Northamptonshire NN6 9GZ
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Cllr Mitchell talked the committee through the design and complimented the aesthetic design features. Cllr Ware identified that it is on existing hard standing, would be replacing temporary structures and the applicant has made environmental considerations to the design features.

Cllr Ware raised concerns that the application mentioned sustainable development, helping to improve Biodiversity. Referring to Daventry Part 2 of the Local plan - ENV5 Biodiversity part C - There was no further mention on any actions supporting the local plan around biodiversity.

The Planning Committee **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this this application.

Prop. Cllr. Mitchell. Sec. Cllr. Ware. Unanimous

PART THREE – FOR INFORMATION

23/2411	Any Other Business -	Josie circulated documents from Roade PC relating to a housing development on the edge of Roade. Meeting on the 3 rd of August. Cllr Barratt offered he would be prepared to attend. Cllr Mitchell has not decided if he will attend or in what capacity.	-
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PART FOUR – CLOSING PROCEDURES

23/2412	<p>Next Ordinary Meeting</p> <p>a. There were no considered items discussed for inclusion on the next meeting agenda. b. To note the date of the next Planning Committee Meeting on Monday 7th August 2023.</p>	-
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In the absence of further business, the meeting was closed in full at 20:27

Signed as a true and accurate record:

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Date: 7th August 2023

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