



**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Held on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7pm**

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

Present: Councillor Sandra Moxon – Chairman of Brixworth Parish Council
Councillor Jackie Bird - Vice Chairman of Brixworth Parish Council
Councillor Elaine Coe
Councillor James Collyer
Councillor Barbara Lunnon
Councillor Tom Mitchell
Councillor Tony Nixon
Councillor Frances Peacock
Councillor Christine Ware

Gavin Kirkup – Parish Administrative Assistant

Four members of the public were also present.

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Councillor Moxon, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She reminded attendees of the location of the fire exits in case of a building evacuation.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillor Lynne Compton, Councillor Kevin Parker, Councillor Gary Spratt, Jonathan Harris (WNC) & Cecile Irving-Swift (WNC) & Dan Callis from Northampton and Lamport Railway.

3. Chairman's Announcements

Councillor Sandra Moxon gave her announcements. In her address, Councillor Moxon acknowledged the events of the past year in council, the celebration of the Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee, the sad occasion of her state funeral, and the Coronation of Charles III, all three events being championed by Brixworth Parish Council.

Councillor Moxon recognised the major projects that the Parish Council have completed this year including some stand-out events; revamping the upper community hall and bringing table tennis to Brixworth; regeneration of St David's Play Park and the more recently completed MUGA. These projects were all delivered within budget, and congratulations were given to members of the section 106 working groups.

Councillor Tom Mitchell received special mention for excelling as Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Tony Nixon for his knowledge and expertise regarding leases and constitutions and Councillor Christine Ware for her passion for the environment and making a difference for future generations. Councillor Moxon thanked the Officers and Councillors for their hard work, time and dedication in making Brixworth a better place to live.

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th May 2022

The minutes of the last meeting held on 12th May 2022 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

5. Open Forum – to receive items/questions raised by members of the public

Eddie Edmunds explained that the Royal British Legion – Brixworth Branch has been set up in the village. Eddie explained how fund raising was very important and the need for the branch to have a Standard. The Standard now needs to be dedicated in a service at the Church this coming Sunday, 14th of May at 1:30pm to which everyone was welcome to attend. Eddie thanked Brixworth Parish Council for their support and for the grant that was awarded.

Keith Orbell, on behalf of all the volunteers at Friends of Brampton Valley Way and Brixworth Country Park, thanked the Council for their help last year, including the grant that was awarded by the PC. This funding has allowed the group to purchase equipment, including an Auger that has saved the volunteers so much effort in improving the parks. The group has recently installed a kissing gate, stile, and living wall, with many other projects that have, and will benefit and protect the park land.

Councillor Ware also extended thanks on behalf of the Council, to Keith and Friends for their recent assistance and expertise, contributing to the community hedgerow project.

In their absence, Councillor Peacock read out a prepared statement from Dan Callis - Northampton and Lamport Railway. Thanks were given to the Parish Council for the grant funding that was awarded. The funds were put towards restoration of Tippler Wagons. There are still further future works to be completed with the help of the volunteers.

Keith Orbell brought to the attention of the Council that the Sailing Club's open day had been cancelled due to a lease dispute with Anglian Water Services. A copy of the cancellation letter from the Sailing Club was read out. Councillor Moxon suggested that Cllr Nixon may be able to look at the lease agreement and offer some advice to the club.

Reports were also received from WNC District Councillors, Cllr Kevin Parker and Cllr Jonathan Harris. These were circulated in advance of the meeting and print outs were available during the meeting.

6. Date of Next Meeting

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The meeting finished at 19:19 pm.

Signed as a true and accurate record:

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- Chairman
Brixworth Parish Council
Date:

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