



Draft Minutes of Brixton Parish Council Meeting 21st December 2016
Brixton Community Room 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Liz Hitchins (Chair), Cllr Michael Wills (Vice Chair), Cllr Roger Wakeham, Cllr Brenda Huxtable, Cllr Josef Parish, Cllr Ian Calvert, Cllr Ian Martin, Cllr Williams

In attendance: County Councillor John Hart, District Councillor Daniel Brown, Kirstie Aldridge (Clerk)

Members of the public in attendance: 10

Cllr Hitchins opened the meeting by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanked parishioners for their support throughout the year.

Open Forum (these notes do not form part of the official minutes)

Open Forum including issues raised by parishioners

Alan Powell, Brixton Composters spoke about Devon County Councils (DCC) proposal to reduce the current recycling credit rate of £58 per tonne, to the new commercial contract rate of £25 per tonne from April 2017. This would result in a 60% reduction to Brixton Composters income. Brixton Composters have objected formally to DCC and requested that BPC also object. Cllr John Hart agreed to investigate the figures that Alan Powell quoted. The reduction in income for Brixton Composters would reduce the amount of funding available for local projects.

Brixton Composters are considering applying to The Community Re-Investment Fund, to improve the track and consolidation of the collection area at the composting site.

Police Report December 2016

No police report was received.

Report from County Councillor John Hart

Flooding between Brixton and Plympton. District Cllr Cane, Nick Colton, DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer and representatives from BPC and Sherford Consortium will be meeting in January to find a solution to the flooding. Serious concerns about spending next year Adult and Children Services overspent this year between £5 - £7 million; there is a major growing problem in social care. £1.9 million has been allocated for potholes, £10 million income from property sales, and the budget is continuously shrinking. Devolution there were 17 local authorities working together still under discussion; Plymouth, Exeter and Torbay are having separate discussions. Sherford - 14 properties have been bought off plan.

Report from District Councillor Daniel Brown

At a recent Council meeting, SHDC supported Neighbourhood Plan groups in pursuing a similar policy upheld in St Ives - supporting new homes for local people as full time residents and not for second homes. SHDC is supporting affordable homes in the South Hams where local families can buy and bring children up in this area. The proposal to set up a Local Authority Control Company will go to full council meeting on 9th February. Joint Local Plan update will be in March when it comes up for consultation.

Cllr Hitchins asked Cllr Brown about an article in the local paper, where he was quoted as supporting small scale developments in the South Devon AONB. BPC are extremely concerned that the District

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Cllrs support Brixton Parish Councils position that there should be no development in the AONB in Brixton. Cllr Brown stated that the AONB needs to be responsive to planning and a place where people can thrive and that the AONB should be given respect it deserves.

Open Forum Closed

68. Welcome & Apologies:

Cllr Hitchins welcomed everyone to the meeting
Apologies were received from District Councillor Basil Cane

69. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Hitchins declared an interest in agenda points 72.13, 72.18, 75
Cllr Wills in agenda point 72.18

70. Confirmation of minutes of Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 30th November 2016

Cllr Wills proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting 30th November 2016 as an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Calvert seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous.
Cllr Hitchins signed the minutes as Chair of the relevant meeting.

71. Matters arising

Update on planning signs

Devon County Highways has confirmed that AA provides a signage sheet on a regular basis which indicates the location and duration of the signs. They ensure that the size of the signage is in keeping with road signage.

Allotment bylaws

Clerk confirmed that under section 8 of the Allotments Act 1925, the prior consent of the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government must be obtained for the sale, appropriation, use or disposal of allotment land.

Horse Warning Signs

Clerk has contacted the Safety Department of British Horse Society and they have passed on the request to the local committee, who will be in touch in due course. BPC has also raised this with the Sherford Liaison Group who will contact the contractors. Clerk to diarise for a reply

Neighbourhood Watch in Canes Orchard

Cllr Williams has delivered letters to all residents asking for a volunteer for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme from Canes Orchard.

Locked gate to Mudbank from Steer Point

Ongoing

Footpath between Otter and Elburton

Clerk has contacted Peter Guy, DCC Rights of Way Warden who stated that the path met the required standard on inspection. He is aware that the grass is encroaching onto the tarmac section,

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and will take another look in the next financial year to see if it is necessary to undertake any works. Clerk to place on agenda for P3 meeting in January.

Drains on A379 outside Just Williams

Clerk received an email from a parishioner with regard to these drains. Nick Colton has investigated and the drains were not cleaned in September as cars were parked over the drains; and has requested that they are cleaned in January. He will inform Clerk of the date to advise residents to ensure there are no parked cars on this date. Clerk will ensure these dates are publicised.

72. Local Issues and Councillors Reports

1. Sherford Update

Cllr Hitchins, Wills, Huxtable and Williams attended a Sherford Liaison meeting on Wednesday 14th December. Main Street is now complete and is going to be called Hercules Road. 144 foundations have been laid and 84 homes are now under construction. Bovis show homes are now open, Lindon Homes will open on 17th January and Taylor Wimpey will open in June /July. The Primary School will now open when 122 homes have been completed. The Community Trust will meet in early in 2017 in advance of the first occupation in March 2017. There will be a traffic count in January 2017 on some of the roads leading from Sherford. Clerk to invite Richard Darlow to February meeting of BPC.

2. Community Emergency Plan (CEP) update

Cllr Williams confirmed that the Grit Bin for Venn Drive has been ordered. Cllr Williams will contact Steven Cane, Snow Warden to confirm the roads to be salted and the stock pile of salt. She met Councillor Fiona Pritchard, Yealmpton Parish Council's (CEP) Coordinator and is updating Brixton's CEP so that the 2 parishes can work together in an emergency. Cllr Williams will arrange a meeting of Brixton's CEP Committee at the beginning of February.

3. Brixton Composters update

No update

4. Neighbourhood Plan update – Cllr Hitchins

The Neighbourhood Plan Group has consulted on the Vision and Objectives and asked for feedback by 10th December. In January, the consultation on Local Green Spaces will be publicised parishioners will be asked to nominate spaces in the parish that should be designated a local green space (a small space that is important to the community). Cllr's raised the Copse by Cofflete Lodge as an important area, the play spaces, copse at Steer Point Road. Clerk to place on January agenda as consultation closes on 8th February

Neighbourhood Plan Group has applied for a grant up to £9k to assist with the parish plan. It is a one off payment. The Neighbourhood Plan Group has spent £7314.60 with £1700 left until the end of the plan. The Neighbourhood Plan will be drafted for inspection for Aug/Sept and the referendum will be next December. Cllr Hitchins asked BPC to support the Neighbourhood Plan Group financially by funding the room hire until the end of the plan. Cllr Wills proposed that BPC agree to fund the room hire in principle, Cllr Huxtable seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins abstained. Clerk will calculate the exact figure for the January meeting.

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5. P3 (Footpaths) Update

Cllr Hitchins and Clerk attended a Joint Pilot Meeting on 21st November with representatives from Wembury, Yealmpton, Newton and Noss Parish Councils with Ros Davies (County P3 Officer) to look at how the parishes could work together on footpaths. The possibility of having a circular path from Puslinch at Yealmpton via Cylinder Bridge to Steer Point Road (footpath 30/31) linking with Brixton and Silverbridge Way as a circular path had been discussed. It had been agreed for Yealmpton Parish Council and Brixton Parish Council to discuss this in principle in the first instance. Cllr Huxtable proposed that BPC support the idea in principle and Cllr Parish seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous.

6. Traffic Management Update to include:

Discussion re Chapter 8 training / road warden scheme

Discussion re Community Speed Watch

Discussion re speeding traffic on Steer Point Road

Chapter 8 training - BPC agreed not to pursue further at this stage as no volunteers had come forward. Community Speed Watch insufficient interest so far from parishioners suggested further follow up by placing notice in the school or letter to parents or through Friend of Brixton School and re-advertise in Parish Magazine. Cllrs will enquire within the parish for any interested parties for the Community Speed Watch.

Brixton Torr subsidence is in hand with Nick Colton. Traffic calming along Steer Point Road, would cost approximately of £20k, parking would be lost and there would need to be a very strong community desire. Missing cyclist road sign is in hand to be replaced with Nick Colton. 'Drive slowly' and 'Children at Play' signs in Torr had been raised, DCC don't supply or approve but residents can if they wish. All residents are encouraged to drive within the speed limit in the parish to impact on the rest of the drivers.

Friends of Brixton School to be contacted re publicity to reduce speeding. There was a discussion with regard to a second zebra crossing across the A379 from the pub to Canes Orchard. Clerk to place on agenda for Traffic Management in March.

7. Community Re-investment Project Fund (CRPF) – deadline 7th January 2017

BPC agreed to support Brixton Composters application.

The other projects being investigated are to improve the surface of Silverbridge Way on the Brixton side; Cllr Hitchins is awaiting a reply from DCC with regard to the surface. She has also contacted the provider of the play space equipment to see if there is space for anything for under 5's at the Brixstix play space. If Cllr Hitchins gets this information prior to this date BPC will proceed with the application.

Cllr Parish will take this forward the play space if the information is received in time.

8. Joint Local Plan new consultation event- deadline 21st December 2017

BPC has provided a response to the consultation which can be found on the parish council website. BPC and Neighbourhood Plan Group have objected to the proposals for land in the AONB in Brixton village.

9. TAP Funding 2016/2017

Application for Four Rivers Dementia Action Alliance has been submitted.

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10. Silverbridge Way

Brixton and Yealmpton have put in a joint TAP funding application to tarmac the middle of the track on the Yealmpton side.

11. Bus Shelter Damage

Clerk has spoken to Torbay Magistrates Court, who was not able to divulge any information and D&C Police, who are locating the details for the incident. Clerk to liaise with PCSO Potter on this return.

12. Locality Budget Award

£250 to improve the village and need to spend it by end of March.

Cllrs discussed a possible community day litter picking or a sweep around the village

Cllrs and parishioners to come to the January meeting with some ideas how this money can be spent.

13. Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm

Brixton in conjunction with Wembury, Newton & Noss Mayo, Yealmpton and Holbeton Parish Councils have embarked on this ground breaking project for Dementia over the last 5 years. It is an important project which Cllr Hitchins is Chair. Cllr Wills proposed that an awareness session for BPC to be recognized as a Dementia Friendly Parish Council should be set up. Cllr Huxtable seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins abstained. Cllr Hitchins will arrange an awareness session.

14. Community Composting and Recycling Centres Consultation

Cllr Williams proposed that BPC should object to the proposal to introduce a lower rate of £25 per tonne, but if this can't be avoided then it should be a staged reduction over at least 3 years to reduce the impact of the reduction of income and at no point should it fall below the level of the national contract. There is also the impact of the loss of income for local community initiatives. Cllr Calvert seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous. Clerk to register the objection.

15. Superfast broadband

Cllr Parish spoke about the quality of broadband in the parish following an article in Rural News about superfast broadband. BPC asked Cllr Parish to investigate options.

16. Sign contract for Urban Grass Cutting Agreement with SHDC

All Cllrs had been provided with a copy of the contract prior to the meeting and Cllr Hitchins signed the contract on behalf of BPC.

17. Local Councils Foundation Award discuss and agree to apply for the award and potentially agree

- Clerk to register for CILCA qualification,
- Purchase 'The Good Employer Guide' for all Councillors and Clerk
- Purchase reference book 'Local Councils Explained'

Cllr Hitchins proposed that BPC apply for the Local Council Foundation Award. Cllr Calvert seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous. Clerk attended the pre CILCA course run by

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DALC in Exeter on 1st December. The learning objectives would need to be completed in 12 month period and would take roughly 200 hours to complete. Cllr Huxtable proposed that Clerk registered for the CILCA Course at a cost of £250. Cllr Wakeham seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous. DALC recommended each local council obtain the 'Good Employer Guide' for all Councillors and Clerks Cllr Wills proposed that BPC purchase the guides and Cllr Williams seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous. DALC also suggested purchasing a reference book 'Local Councils Explained'. Cllr Parish proposed BPC purchase this book and Cllr Martin seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous.

18. Donations to be discussed and agreed – Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association, South CVS, CAB South Hams, Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm, Samaritans, Brixton Scouts, 1st Yealm Brownies / Rainbows, St Mary's Church, Royal British Legion Wreath

Cllr Wakeham spoke about maintaining the amounts for each donation the same as last year to keep funding available for the possibly financing purchase of the Coflette Copse for the Scout Hut. Cllr Hitchins stated that the grants are donated to services that any parishioner can use. Cllr Williams proposed that a donation of £100 is made to Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association, South CVS, CAB South Hams, Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm, Samaritans, Brixton Scouts and 1st Yealm Brownies / Rainbows; £50 to St Mary's Church Lighting (to enhance the 14th century church, attract tourists into the village, generate trade for the village and to light up Brixton village's own identity); £25 for Royal British Legion Wreath. Cllr Martin seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins and Cllr Wills abstained.

19. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Huxtable

Reported that there is a fox near to Cherry Tree Drive which has killed a cat, hens and pet rabbit; BPC agreed that residents should be advised to keep bins covered, not to leave out any food waste and not to feed them.

Cllr Calvert

Sherford Fund, need to arrange a meeting to discuss the future use of this fund. Clerk to add to Business meeting agenda

Spriddlestone needs another good clean, every time there is a downpour there is a flood.

There is a need for a Grit Bin in Spriddlestone. Clerk to email Nick Colton to ask if the salt bin in the cemetery could possibly be moved to nearer Spriddlestone?

Cllr Parish

Concerned about flood risk to the properties by Sherford Stream. Under A379 it is $\frac{3}{4}$ blocked behind the road embankment on the cycle way. Clerk to speak to Nick Colton and raise at Sherford Liaison Meeting.

Cllr Hitchins

Post Office Services Consultation open until 21st December. There is a strategic plan to start reducing the number of post offices in the country. Cllr Hitchins proposed that BPC object to any plans to reduce the number of post offices especially as rural bus services and rural banking services

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are being reduced, these are the only links to any electronic services some parishioners have, especially as the population ages. Cllr Williams seconded. All other in attendance were unanimous. Clerk to register the objection.

73. Planning Applications received from SHDC during December

3711/16/FUL Construction of a two storey holiday lodge and associated curtilage and car parking area. Northlands, Lodge lane, Brixton, PL8 2AX

There was insufficient information to make a recommendation; the planning sub-committee recommends the Parish Council object to this application pending further information.

Object

Cllr Martin stated that if any parishioner had any comments to make on any planning application then please direct them to the Clerk so the planning sub-committee can take these views into account when making the site visit.

74. Planning Decisions made by SHDC during December

None

75. Financial Matters December 2016

Monthly Finance Report Financial Year 2016/17

Dec-16

Receipts:		Amount	Fund
	TOTAL	<u>£0.00</u>	
Payments:			
SLCC Renewal Payment		£108.00	General
Mrs E Hitchins - plants on The Green		£44.50	General
DALC - Clerk CILCA introductory Course		£30.00	General
Clerk Wages		£581.74	General
Clerk Allowance		£20.00	General
Clerk Expenses		<u>£48.70</u>	General
	TOTAL	<u>£832.94</u>	

Statement balance at 9th November 2016

Current Account:	£17,973.66
Deposit Account:	£52,204.05
TOTAL:	£70,177.71

Passbook balance at
Skipton Building Society **£1.00**

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