



Draft Minutes of Brixton Parish Council Meeting 26th July 2017

Brixton Community Room 7.00 pm

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

In attendance: District Councillor Dan Brown, Elaine Hartley (Forces Speed Watch Co-Ordinator) and James Jenkinson (Principal Planner Foresight Group)

Members of the public in attendance: 10

Cllr Hitchins opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and introduced the guest speakers.

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

Open Forum including issues raised by parishioners

Elaine Hartley, Force Speed Watch Co-Ordinator and John Farr, Safety Camera Team

Community Speed Watch is 'education supported by the police but run by the community', designed to take place in identified speed problem areas. Ideally with 6 or more volunteers checked and cleared by the Police. The scheme would operate between 7am – 8pm in roads 40mph or less. Yealmpton is currently operating a Community Speed Watch. At this stage BPC needs more volunteers from the community there are currently 2. Another initiative is School Speed Watch by Year 6 children with a local neighbourhood team.

John Farr explained that objective evidence is important and patterns of behavior, monitoring system will be for 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. If there are problems with speeding traffic inform PCSO Potter in the first instance and then the Road Casualty Reduction Officer, who covers all of Devon & Cornwall.

James Jenkinson, Principal Planner, Foresight Group re Solar Farm adjacent to Balls Wood

Foresight Group Management Company manages hundreds of solar farms in the UK including the Solar Farm at Balls Wood. There are no plans to expand the site and there is no subsidy available to build anymore. There is adequate security on site.

Police Matters: Report for July 2017

From 27th June to 23rd July

Brixton

30th June, report of a dog not under proper control, no further Police action CR/059295/17

15th July Dog dangerously out of control, enquiries ongoing CR/059587/17

20th, theft off fuel, enquiries ongoing CR/060101/17

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Staddiscombe

27th June, theft of property from a car CR/056750/17
6th July, shoplifting, offender charged to court CR/054916/17
11th July, shoplifting CR/05713/17

PCSO 30540 Andy Potter, Ivybridge Police Station, Tel no 101

Cllr Hitchins was concerned with the number of incident re dogs, Clerk to follow up with PCSO Potter

Report from County Councillor John Hart

Continuing to get Sherford to do the flooding work on the Brixton/Plympton road. Devon has also been discussing the design of the new Primary school which hopefully will be open by September 2018. Taylor Wimpy have launched their show houses. There was an article in ‘The Times’ critical of the revised design code being put to SHDC.

Reports from District Councillor Basil Cane

No report

Report from District Councillor Daniel Brown

District Cllr Brown opened his report with the following statement ‘as a member of the Development Management Committee I will keep an open mind on all applications and will not come to decision on any application until all the information is in front of me’

The Sherford Revised Town Code will be discussed at the Development Management Committee on Wednesday 2nd August 2017.

Stamps Hills planning application, Devon Highways have upheld their objection on this application therefore District Cllr Brown sees it unlikely that officers will go against this recommendation. He confirmed that following the recent public meeting concerning the planning application at Venn Farm, all comments and points raised will be put across when it gets to committee. Brixton would only have a 50% representation due to District Cllr Cane’s personal interest but District Cllr Baldry has agreed to make representations to ensure that Brixton has 2 District Cllrs representing the community.

27th July SHDC is meeting to consider a merger between South Hams and West Devon. The vote will decide if this will be taken to a public consultation from 14th August to 30th September. District Cllr Brown confirmed that SHDC genuinely wants to know parishioner’s views. There was discussion about the possibility of having a joint public consultation with Wembury and Yealmpton.

Fly tipping campaign, Wembury & Brixton have been chosen as the pilot scheme, a promotional video has been made.

Parishioner asked why the yellow signs, stating Palm Cross, have appeared in the village, they relate to a housing estate in Modbury. Clerk to clarify the position with Nick Colton

Air Raid shelters - Cllr Hitchins will look into this

Cllr Hitchins spoke about BPC’s emailing list, if anyone would like to be added please let the Clerk know.

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33. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hitchins welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr Murch and accepted by all Councillors

Apologies were also received from County Councillor John Hart, District Councillor Basil Cane and PCSO Potter and accepted by all Councillors

34. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest as the planning applications listed on the agenda have already been decided.

35. Confirmation of minutes of Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 28th June 2017

Cllr Wills proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting 28th June 2017 as an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Wakeham seconded. Cllrs Williams and Huxtable abstained. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins signed the minutes as Chair of the relevant meeting.

36. Confirmation of minutes Planning Meeting Parish Council Meeting on Monday 17th July 2017

There were not enough Councillors present to ratify the minutes of the meeting as this was only attended by four councillors. Clerk to add this to September agenda.

37. Matters and actions arising from last meeting**Hill Top Cottages street lighting - update, discuss and potentially agree to fund installation**

Parish Council had received a request from Phil Fuller for the Parish Council to improve the street lighting at Hill Top Cottages; this would cost approx. £1000. Cllr Hitchins and Cllr Wills had visited the site and met residents who explained the need for this light. Discussion ensued with regard to this, there are 3 houses in this area but other councillors stated that there was insufficient street lighting in other parts of the parish. Cllr Wakeham proposed that the local residents and local companies in the business park should fund this light, if this funding is not forthcoming then the council will offer a solar powered light; this was seconded by Cllr Calvert. Four councillors were in favour of this proposal, two voted against. Cllr Hitchins will inform Phil Fuller of BPC's decision.

Neighbourhood Watch in Canes Orchard

A resident of Canes Orchard has volunteered to become the contact for Neighbourhood Watch. Cllr Hitchins will make contact with Jim Eccles to progress.

Update on Horse Warning Signs

Richard Darlow, Brookbanks, Project Director has confirmed that the signs will arrive in the next couple of weeks. Cllr Huxtable and Nick Colton will liaise with Richard Darlow with regard the location and installation of the signs.

Update on lane clearance at Torr

Peter Guy, Rights of Way Warden confirmed that DCC will be undertaking clearance work as the green lane links to four footpaths. There may be a temporary 5 day closure on the lane while works are undertaken. Peter Guy confirmed that DCC have no intention of pursuing legal action regarding the unauthorised work. The road status will not change. It is an unclassified county road.

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Cllr Parish confirmed that residents are extremely unhappy and will be writing to DCC as they don't see the need to spend public money on this. Cllr Hitchins proposed that BPC write to John Hart to express their concern that this Public Right of Way is to be cleared at a cost to DCC when there is no local need; this was seconded by Cllr Parish. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins to contact County Councillor John Hart.

Clerk to ask Peter Guy how they will repair the damage to the hedges.

Update on grass in Brixstix Play Space

The grass has now been cut.

Update on Quiet Lane Status

Clerk has written to Dave Black, Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment for Devon County Council, no reply has been received yet.

Update on Village Appearance

Cllrs Hitchins, Wills, Wakeham and Clerk met with Peter Burridge, Grounds Maintenance contractor employed by BPC to undertaken work on verges. The contract was reviewed and additional verges added. Weed spraying has been undertaken in the village, Clerk to clarify that the contractor will pick up and remove weeds.

Update Cars parked on pavement

PCSO Potter is monitoring the area outside Elbridge House and has spoken to a vehicle owner opposite the Green. Cllr Wills mentioned the possibility of a bollard to be placed on the pavement to stop parked cars. Clerk will add this to the Traffic Management committee meeting.

Update Smell at Otter

Cllr Calvert had spoken with Otter Nurseries. As there were further complaints, Cllr Calvert will speak to Otter again.

Update AONB Gateway signs

The signs should be ready in the next few weeks, delays have been due to DCC closing their sign shop and changing to Skanska.

Update Flooding between Brixton and Plympton

This doesn't appear to have been rectified, Cllr Hitchins to follow this up with County Cllr Hart.

38. Local Issues and Councillor Reports

1a. Sherford Update

SHDC DMC will be discussing the planning variation on 2nd August. There was an article in 'The Times' this week about the impact of the variation

1b. Sherford Community Land Trust update – Cllr Williams

Cllr Williams confirmed that a company will shortly be formed following approval by PCC, DCC and South Hams.

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2. Community Emergency Plan – Cllr Williams

There will be a meeting in September in conjunction with Yealmpton when the Emergency Plan will have final check and then be circulated.

3. Brixton Composters – Cllr Murch

Cllr Murch was not in attendance

4. Neighbourhood Plan update – Cllr Hitchins

No update

5. P3 (Footpaths) Update – Cllrs Huxtable and Wakeham

Cllr Wakeham and Wills inspected trees on Silverbridge Way; their opinion was that they didn't need to come down at this stage. They recommended that the ivy was cut to prolong the life of the tree. The trees belong to the Kitley Estate. Cllr Hitchins will contact the landowner. FP10 the land owner had seeded the field and the footpath couldn't be walked, this has since been rectified. Clerk had a report re the risers on the FP 30/31 were rotten and crumbling, Ros Davies Public Rights of Way has been informed. Parishioner also added that the signs under the bridge on FP 30/31 have been taken away and the metal fencing moved. Clerk will report this to Ros Davies.

6. Brixstix Play Space update

Cllr Parish has re submitted an application to Brixton Composters
Cllr Parish is finalising the Big Lottery Fund application.

7. Community Re-Investment Fund

Options could be funding for Brixstix, there is also the possibility that the S106 monies could be used as well, Cllr Parish and Cllr Hitchins will look into this possibility. Another option raised is the improving the surface of Silverbridge Way on the Brixton side; it was discussed and found not to be needed. Clerk to add this to the September agenda

8. Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm – Promoting your Parish nationally

Cllr Hitchins explained that she is Chair to Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm, which are Brixton, Wembury, Newton & Noss, Yealmpton and Holbeton. The Parish Council contributes £100 a year. This project has received national and international recognition. Maxine Kennedy, Project Co-ordinator attended a regional conference and the parishes obtained national recognition. Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm is building an excellent reputation for the parishes involved.

9. Update in Torr to include discussing and potentially agreeing the purchase of a 'unsuitable for wide vehicles' sign – Cllr Parish

Cllr Parish reported that residents are happy with a sign in principle but can the sign specify a width. He recommended a circular sign with a picture of a lorry with a width.

Cllr Parish proposed that BPC proceed with the purchase of the sign to include a picture of a lorry with the width up to the value of £100, this was seconded by Cllr Wakeham. All others in attendance were unanimous. Clerk to clarify with Nick Colton that this sign is acceptable before proceeding.

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10. St Mary School Leavers Prize – agree to purchase vouchers

Cllr Wakeham proposed that BPC would give two £25 vouchers to the leavers, this was seconded by Cllr Wills. All others in attendance were unanimous.

11. Bee Friendly – Cllr Calvert and Williams

Clerk to place this on September agenda

12. Fence at Chittleburn Hill discuss and potentially agree replacement of slats.

Parishioner had approached the council that his fence had been damaged on the side of A379 due to a contractor employed by BPC. There are 6 slats on the fence that have been broken Cllr Hitchins and Cllr Wills have visited the site. Cllr Calvert proposed that BPC pay for the 6 slats as a gesture of goodwill, the householder will replace them himself and then the area will be sprayed so the machinery doesn't go near the fence in future. Cllr Wills seconded, all others in attendance were unanimous.

13. Annual of the following policies and agreement: Recruitment, Complaints Procedure, Code of conduct, Equality and Diversity, Guide to Participation, Terms of Reference Planning Sub Committee, Terms of Reference Emergency Planning Committee, Environmental Policy, Health & Safety Policy, Data Protection & Information Security Policy, Freedom of Information Publication Scheme.

Councillors had received all above policies prior to the meeting and Cllr Wills proposed to accept these en bloc, Cllr Wakeham seconded, all other in attendance were unanimous.

14. Councillor's Report

Cllr Huxtable A379 hedge on Chittleburn Hill is starting to encroach onto the road. Clerk to speak Nick Colton.

Cllr Parish Had been asked by a parishioner if BPC would write to Cllr Nicholson at PCC with regard drawing down money from Sherford earlier. Cllr Hitchins confirmed that this has been raised at the Sherford Liaison meetings. Cllr Hitchins will write to Cllr Nicholson.

Cllr Calvert On Fordbrook Lane, householder has reported an increase in traffic Spriddlestone Chantry, work seems to have stalled. Cllr Hitchins and Clerk will investigate.

Cllr Wakeham DCC have confirmed that licences to excavate the highway to repair the bus shelter are needed. The contractor will liaise with Nick Colton to ensure that all is completed correctly.

Cllr Wills Cllr Huxtable to ask the landowner to look at the brambles and ivy hanging over the wall on the A379 by the bus shelter

Cllr Hitchins At the previous meeting parishioners were unhappy that as District Cllr Cane was the landowner for the most recent planning application the parish was disenfranchised as he was unable to represent Brixton at SHDC DMC. Cllr Hitchins has spoken with the Monitoring Officer SHDC. District Cllr Cane can nominate another District Councillor to represent Brixton; District Cllr Keith

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Baldry for Yealmpton will be able to speak at the DMC on our behalf. This will ensure the Parish has full representation. Cllr Baldry's nomination was accepted by BPC.

State of the pavement at Stamps Hill has been reported by a parishioner to Nick Colton, Clerk to follow this up.

District Council Merger Public Consultation It was agreed that BPC will contact Wembury PC and Yealmpton PC to discuss the possibility of a joint consultation meeting to discuss the SHDC and WD merger, possibly early September?

Community Speed Watch - Cllr Hitchins will contact Yealmpton PC. Clerk to check with PCOS Potter that speeding problems have been identified in the village.

As a community / parish should BPC mark the end of the First World War in 2018 or record Brixton 100 years ago by having a community exhibition? For discussion at BPC September 2017

39. Planning Applications received from SHDC during July 2017

1593/17/VAR (new version)

READVERTISEMENT (revised Document Received)

s73 application to remove/vary conditions 2, 5, 6, 16, 20 and 21 of PCC outline planning permission ref. 16/00247/OUT and conditions 3, 6, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 26 and 57 of SHDC outline planning permission ref.0484/16/VAR relating to the 'Sherford New Community', including amendments to documents as listed within the approved drawings conditions in respect of the Town Code and Sustainability chapters

Sherford New Community - Land South /South West A38, Deep Lane & East of Haye Road, Elburton
Support in principle

1127/17/HHO Householder application for garage alterations to include first floor workshop

Higher Spriddlestone, Spriddlestone, PL9 0DW

Support

3884/16/FUL Re-advertisement (Amended highways information and amendments to site plan, layout and elevations and omission of trim trail). Erection of 64no. residential dwellings, associated roads, drainage, landscape, garages and parking.

Land at Sx 553 524, West of Stamps Hill, Brixton Devon

Objection

1812/17/OPA Outline application with all matters reserved for erection of circa 25no. age restricted (55+) bungalow / chalet bungalow dwellings, allotments, public open spaces and visitor car park

Proposed development site at Sx 550 523 Land at Venn Farm, Brixton

Objection

1959/17/HHO Householder application for demolition of existing rear ground floor sunroom and store to be replaced with a single storey kitchen extension, a single storey front entrance porch with an accessible ramp to front door and a proposed first floor extension, new windows throughout and redecoration.

6 Cherry Tree Drive, Brixton PL8 2DD

Support

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2175/17/PPH Notification for prior approval for proposed single storey extension, extending 3.5m beyond rear wall, 3.5 m maximum height and 2.4m height at eaves.

14 Greenhill Road, Plymouth, PL9 9FD

Support

1512/17/HHO Householder application for a dormer to front roof of property

21 Cherry Tree Drive, Brixton, PL8 2DD

Site meeting to be held Monday 1st August 2017

Cllr Hitchins stated that the recent Venn Farm planning application was fully reported in the Ivybridge Gazette

40.Planning Decisions made by SHDC during July 2017

3398/16/LBC Listed building consent for proposed conversion of barn in association with main dwelling

Higher Hareston Manor Barn, Brixton. PL8 2DL

Conditional Approval

3397/16/FUL Proposed conversion of barn in association with main dwelling

Higher Hareston Manor Barn, Brixton PL8 2DL

Conditional Approval

0460/17/ARM Reserved matters application following outline approval 07/1072/13/O (erection of an agricultural workers dwelling) for siting, design of dwelling including access, layout and landscaping.

South Barton Farm Brixton Devon

Conditional Approval

41. Financial Matters

41.1 Financial Statement for July 2017

Receipts:	Amount	Fund
SHDC Grants	<u>£750.00</u>	Brixstix
	<u>£750.00</u>	
Payments:		
DALC - Good Councillor Guides	£45.46	General
Tozers Solicitors - advice BT Payphones	£360.00	General
Vision ICT - Website Hosting	£150.00	Transparency Code
BT Payphones - purchase	£2.00	General
Mrs E Hitchins - Yr 6 Leavers Gift	£50.00	General
P Burrige July verges & Silverbridge Way	£262.60	General
Clerk wages (inc training)	£687.52	General
Clerk expenses	£42.39	General
Clerk office allowance	<u>£20.00</u>	General
	<u>£1619.97</u>	

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