



Draft Minutes of Brixton Parish Council (BPC) Meeting 29th March 2017
Brixton Community Room 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Liz Hitchins (Chair), Cllr Michael Wills (Vice Chair), Cllr Roger Wakeham, Cllr Ian Calvert, Cllr Gay Murch, Cllr Helen Williams,

In attendance: County Councillor John Hart, District Councillor Basil Cane, District Councillor Daniel Brown and PCSO Potter

Members of the public in attendance: 10

Cllr Hitchins opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

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

Open Forum including issues raised by parishioners

Dick Page, Chairman (BELS) Basic Emergency Life Support spoke about the need to recruit people in the community to become Community First Responders (CPRs) able to respond to 999 calls within a 3 mile radius and to act as the initial response to any medical emergency in advance of involvement by the paramedics and the Ambulance Service. This is a voluntary role and no previous medical experience is required. Anyone interested should contact Dick Page by email dickpage1@gmail.com Cllr. Helen Williams agreed to follow this up through the Community Emergency Plan.

Richard Darlow – Projects Director, Brookbanks - update on Sherford , house sales are currently slow, show home is open and the main street Hercules Road is open, The overview of progress and layout can be seen on the website includes roads, sewers, school area, football pitches, tennis courts and allotments. A temporary school is being planned. The Consortium is undertaking a strategic review and will be applying to South Hams District Council under Section 73 of the Town & Country Planning Act for a variation in the planning application for future houses and commercial buildings this is as a result of drainage problems – water attenuation , slow sales and the geology of the site .

Issues raised by parishioners : - flooding on the road to Plympton needs to be addressed urgently again , rumours of relocation of people from outside Devon to Sherford are untrue , adequate parking and building energy efficient homes needs to be addressed in the strategic review.

Brixton Parish Council Police Report March 2017

From 19th Feb to 26th March 2017

Brixton area

1st March, report of harassment, enquiries ongoing CR/015319/17

1st March, common assault, no further action CR/015319/17

1st / 2nd March, theft of trailer from driveway of house CR/015576/17

Between 13th -14th theft of electric fence equipment CR/018906/17

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24th March, possession of a controlled drug, enquiries ongoing CR/021796/17

Staddiscombe area

22nd March, drink/driver, arrested and charged to court CR021796/17
PCSO 30540 Andy Potter, Ivybridge Police Station, Tel no 101

Report from Devon County Councillor (DCC) John Hart

Cllr Hart was pleased to see BPC at the recent meeting between the District Council and the Sherford Consortium about the future of Sherford. He agreed to follow up the issue of flooding on the road to Plympton. Local government elections take place on the 4th May. DCC has a budget to improve the road surface between Brixton & Yealmpton but not sure when this will be done. Cllr Hart thanked BPC for its support and forbearance. Cllr Hitchins thanked Cllr Hart for his support over the last 4 years.

Report from South Hams District (SHDC) Councillor Daniel Brown

The planning decision for Canes Orchard was deferred at the last Development Management Committee (DMC) meeting due to issues concerning the highway in Phase 1. The case officer will report back to Aprils DMC. At a recent meeting of the AONB Partnership it had been agreed that there should be better interaction between the AONB's role for planning and engagement with the community. South Hams Homeless Strategy, to be agreed on the 30th March, will set up a working group to monitor the policy quarterly. Planning application for Stamps Hill Cllr Brown will wait for the case officer's report and recognises the community's great concern. Strategic Review for Sherford is needed as there have been considerable changes in technology and requirements by statutory bodies however there should be no compromise on full size of the community park.

Report from South Hams District (SHDC) Councillor Basil Cane

Cllr Cane congratulated Cllr Brown on his appointment to the SHDC Executive. New recycling centre opened at Ivybridge on the 1st March. Cllr Cane reported that a recent survey shows that the average family throws away over £700.00 of food a year. Following discussion Cllr Cane agreed to find out if the amount of food thrown away in Brixton is high and what is the District Council doing about less packaging and retailers selling smaller amounts of vegetables. Cllrs Williams and Murch were dissatisfied with the 2 week cycle for food collection and Cllr Williams had not received replies to her concerns from SHDC. Disposable nappies go to land fill, and take along time to degrade and wider publicity needs to be given to encourage families to use washable nappies. There are 63 glass and bottle banks in South Hams and West Devon. Brixton Composters now has a location for a bottle bank and needs help from SHDC to progress this for the community. Cllr Murch will liaise with Cllr Brown.

Other public open Forum issues

Grass around the bus shelter at Winston Lane has not been properly cut and the cuttings need removing.

Drain has been cleared outside Just Williams leaving a lot of mud on the pavement and in the parking bay.

Request for further street lighting from A379 to Hill Top Cottages for safety and security – matter to be referred to Devon County Council

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Menace telephone calls – people are advised to put the phone down on these callers. SCAM publicity is available from the Post Office in Brixton

Open Forum Closed

96. Welcome & Apologies:

Cllr Hitchins welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies were received from Cllrs Huxtable, Martin and Parish and accepted by all Councillors

Apologies were also received from Kirstie Aldridge (Clerk) and accepted by all Councillors

97. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest

98. Confirmation of minutes of Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Cllr Wills proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting 22nd February 2017 as an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Wakeham seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins signed the minutes as Chair of the relevant meeting.

99. Confirmation of the minutes of Planning Meeting on Wednesday 8th March 2017

Cllr Wills proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting 8th March 2017 as an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Wakeham seconded. Cllr Williams abstained. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins signed the minutes as Chair of the relevant meeting.

100. Matters arising

Horse Warning Signs

Clerk is still liaising with Devon County Access and Bridleways Officer and Sherford Consortium.

Neighbourhood Watch in Canes Orchard

Cllr Hitchins reported that she had been unsuccessful in finding a resident at Canes Orchard to take this on. It was unanimously agreed to use social media. Cllr Hitchins to send details to Cllr Calvert for the 'Love Brixton' Face book page.

Reporting Near Misses

Contact the police by telephone or email 101@dc.police.uk to ensure there is a record, and also report to the Clerk to BPC at brixtonpc@talktalk.net

Schedule of Drain Cleaning

Nick Colton (Highways Officer DCC) confirmed that drains on main roads are cleaned annually with the remainder every 3 years. He will be cleaning Spriddlestone after April. A link has been provided to the Clerk to check when these drains will be cleaned which will be updated after April. Clerk to ensure parishioners are informed of when cleaning will occur. BPC agreed to examine the schedule of work when published to see if it meets the community's priorities.

Insurance cover for parishioners

Clerk has checked the Insurance Cover and volunteers are covered under personal accident.

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Post Box update

Clerk has been in contact with Senior Public Affairs Manager, Royal Mail and the Post Box has now been painted with a high-quality finish.

101. Local Issues and Councillors Reports

101.1 Sherford Update

Cllrs Hitchins, Wills, Huxtable, Williams and Clerk attended Sherford Liaison meeting on Tuesday 21st March at Sherford. Current sales Bovis Homes – 14 sales and Linden Homes – 6 sales - down on the forecast. 65 % of the infrastructure has been completed in Phase 1. Sherford Road has received a 'Stopping Up' order in 7 / 9 months. The by-pass to Sherford Road will be open before the original road closes. Road names have been chosen by Plymouth for Phase 1, Phase 2 in Brixton Parish SHDC will liaise with BPC. Sports pitches and roads are progressing. City Bus will have a bus route (small buses) into Sherford in the next 6-8 weeks. The structure of Red Lion Hill has not been decided yet. BPC will be liaising with Martin Lonsdale with regard to PROW.

A Strategic Review by the Consortium responding to changes in legislation and government policies over the last 11 years as drainage, design codes and construction methods have changed. The Consortium will be applying for a variation to existing planning conditions under Section 73. There will still be 5500 houses. There will be two separate applications to SHDC over the next year with one expected in the next month. There are concerns re funding for the Primary School due to costs and lack of sales. The Community Trust is being formed and BPC is represented by Cllr Williams, there are ongoing discussions re the name of the Trust – Community or Land Trust and the implications of both of these. The group will now meet bi-monthly going forward.

Cllr Williams reported that the Sherford Community Land Trust (Shadow Trust) is meeting and discussing the Articles of Association from the Memorandum of Understanding for Sherford to ensure that the original purposes of the Trust are put into place

Cllrs Hitchins and Wills attended this Strategic Review meeting today with SHDC and the Consortium where it was confirmed that the Consortium will be applying under Section 73 for changes in the conditions of the planning approval for Sherford. This is as a result of drainage problems and lack of climate change allowance, conflict between the master plan and the topography of the site, polarized and difficult land use arrangements, and low sales rates. The application will be in 2 parts within a few weeks part 1 will provide a revised framework for the town code and later in the year more detailed proposals will be submitted. The Consortium will fully consult with the local community for both stages of the Section 73.

101.2 Community Emergency Plan (CEP) update – Cllr Williams

There will be an Emergency Planning Meeting on 5th April for the volunteers / wardens and a Community Emergency Volunteer Training Session for Brixton and Yealmpton on 19th April. Cllr Williams is keen to hear from more local Volunteers (Wardens) to liaise with the Community Emergency Team in a crisis and help advise which neighbours might need support.

101.3 Traffic Management Update – Cllr Wills

The Traffic Management Committee met on Monday 13th March. Volunteers are still required for the Community Speed Watch; details are on the website for any interested party. Fordbrook Lane white lines will be re-instated during the next financial year. An inspection of the Cemetery Wall in Old Road and Legion Lane has been undertaken and agreed that it needs repair. The soak away at

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Catson Green has failed and Nick Colton (Highways Officer) has asked for capitalisation for the scheme, costing in the region of £4000/£4500.

Nick Colton is investigating why 'rumble strips' were not replaced following resurfacing between Yealmpton and Brixton. Speeding traffic was discussed and this was also discussed at the IDALC meeting as all councils expressed their concern and are looking at quiet lane status. Red Lion Hill traffic was discussed and how the planning application for Stamps Hill would cause further problems. Nick Colton has investigated the blocked drain in Cherry Tree Drive and is monitoring Lodge Lane. Signage policy for damaged signs, if it is maintenance related or requesting a new sign it needs to be reported to Nick Colton. Cllr Calvert spoke about the possibility of a rail outside 'the Foxhound', this was deemed impractical and the kerb is already lowered. Lack of visibility pulling out onto Red Lion Hill from Tapps Lane, Nick Colton recommended that local resident applied for 'access protection marking'.

101.4 Brixton Composters update to include Community Composters Credit Consultation

Outcome – Cllr Murch

At the County Council Cabinet on 8th March it was agreed that approval be given to the recycling credit paid to Community Composting Groups reducing from £58 per ton to £50 per ton up to 500 tonnes per annum from April 2017 for one year, reducing further over the subsequent 2 years to the rate similar to that which the County Council pays to its contractor to enable Community Composting Groups to consider alternative sources of funding. Cllr Murch reported that Brixton Composters had lodged an objection the planning application for 64 houses at Stamps Hill based on its proximity to the composting site. The group is making plans for a bottle bank and needs help from SHDC to provide a bottle bank. Cllr Brown agreed to follow up Cllr Murch to email Cllr Brown. The AGM will be held at the composting site in the summer.

101.5 Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Hitchins

Cllr Hitchins reported that the Neighbourhood Plan group will attend the Annual Parish Meeting on the 26th April to present the policies and that there was a further public consultation planned for Saturday 6th May in the Community Room at St. Mary's School

101.6 P3 (Footpaths) Update – Cllr Huxtable and Cllr Wakeham

Cllr Wakeham reported that work is due to be undertaken to rectify the problems raised by the footpath walkers in the forthcoming weeks. BPC have received a grant of £250 from Parish Paths Partnerships for the replacement of stiles by kissing gates. The balance in the P3 account is now £785.35. He thanked volunteers for the updates in the condition of the paths.

101.7 Joint Local Plan – Regulation 19 Consultation – 15th March to 26th April

The Joint Local Plan (JLP) was approved by Plymouth City Council, South Hams District Council and West Devon Borough Council during February and March and now the final consultation before the Plan is submitted for public examination has begun. The consultation runs until 26th April 2017 and Clerk has placed the link on the website to enable parishioners to comment on the plan. Cllr Hitchins will arrange for a copy of the JLP to be available in the shop

101.8 Brixstix Play Space

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Cllr Hitchins reported that DCC had made a grant of £700.00 towards the cost of play equipment for younger children at Brixstix. Cllrs Hitchins & Parish will pursue further funding and report back.

101.9 Brixton Representative for River Yealm Harbour Authority

Martin Oates is the current representative for BPC. Cllr Willaims proposed that Martin Oates continues as the Brixton Representative for the River Yealm Harbour Authority for another three year term (2017 – 2020). Cllr Wills seconded. All others in attendance were in agreement.

101.10 Brixton Stones – cost of raising stones – Cllr Wakeham

Cllr Wakeham reported that he had contacted 7 people for quotes and had only received 2 to date. BPC thanked Cllr Wakeham for his investigation and agreed that a further quote was needed to comply with Standing Orders and that this would be put on the agenda for the next meeting

101.11 Bee Friendly Parish – Cllrs Calvert and Williams

Cllr Calvert reported that Otter would like to become involved to help everyone including the school to become bee friendly. Cllrs Williams and Calvert will bring back some project ideas for the Parish Council and community to consider at the next meeting. Cllr Murch confirmed that Brixton Composters would be interested in supporting this initiative.

101.12 IDALC – update from meeting – Cllrs Wills and Williams

Cllrs Wills and Williams attended the IDALC meeting on 15th March. The purpose of these meetings is to swap ideas and talk about local concerns. TAP Funding was discussed and although it is another source of funding it is divisive. The closing balance of IDALC was £642 so the annual fee was kept at the same level (£6). Excessive speeding along rural lanes, planning matters, crumbling river banks, smartphone apps, Emergency Plans, Neighbourhood Plans were the topics discussed. It was agreed that PC should write to parish councils affected by excessive speed in the lanes to have a collaborative approach with the authorities to this problem.

101.13 Dog Poo Bins

SHDC will only consider placing a new bin where there is an extensive fouling problem that can't be managed effectively by patrols, signage etc. Mobile Locality Officer has been asked to monitor the situation in the village and in particular the area around the shop. SHDC have arranged for some fouling signs to be left at the shop. Another option is to look at various dog bins currently located within Brixton which may not be in the correct location. Clerk has spoken to Tina who is happy to see if the signs work in the first instance.

101.14 BPC App update

The app has been sent off for approval, which will take around 14 days.

101.15 Internal Audit 2016/2017 update

Clerk has held a pre-audit with Peter Vassello (the internal auditor) and the audit will take place on Wednesday 5th May.

101.16 Councillor's Reports

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Cllr Wakeham reported that materials are ordered for the repair to the bus shelter. He has also been in liaison with the Community Pay Back Scheme who can do work in the community e.g. clearing paths etc

Cllr Hitchins: Having taken a second opinion on the future of the horse chestnut in the Park by the church and with advice from SHDC Landscape Officer plans by the Brixton Feoffee Trust to fell the tree have been changed. Arrangements are now being made to remove some of the heavy branches which should give the tree a few more years.

Parish Council Liaison with the AONB on planning matters - it has now been agreed that parish councils can liaise with the AONB office at the time any planning application is received rather than waiting to know the AONBs view on an application.

On behalf of Cllr Huxtable Cllr Hitchins read a summary of a letter from a former parishioner who wishes to be rehoused in Brixton for significant family reasons. The Parish Council supported her request and asked Cllr Cane as District Councillor to continue to follow this request up in the District Council with the aim of rehousing this family in Brixton as a priority.

102. Planning Applications received from SHDC during March

0356/17/SCO - Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Request for proposed development comprises Section 73 application to previously consented application for 5,500 dwellings, 67,00 commercial and business space, 16,740sqm mixed-use retail space, 3 primary schools, a secondary school, health centre, open space including community park and Park and Ride facility
Sherford Housing Development Site, East Sherford Cross To Wollaton Cross Zc4, Brixton, Devon
No Comment

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

Support subject to conditions

3884/16/FUL – Erection of 64no. residential dwellings, associated roads, drainage, landscape, garages and parking

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

Objection

0480/17/PAT - **Prior** notification of proposed development by telecommunication code system operators.

Deep Lane SW, Highways Land at Deep Lane Adj A38, Plymouth, Devon PL7 1UD

No Comment

103. Planning Decisions made by SHDC during March 2017

3986/16/HHO - READVERTISEMENT Retrospective householder application for timber decking, steps & swimming pool.

Brixton House, Brixton, PL8 2AL

Conditional Approval

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4098/16FUL - Change of use, alterations and extension to The Pump House, Hareston
Hareston Farm, Yealmpton. PL8 2LD

Conditional Approval

1825/16/OPA Development Management Committee Decision

Land at Sx 550 552, North of Canes Orchard, Brixton

Decision deferred

104. Financial Matters

Financial Statement for March 2017

Monthly Finance Report Financial Year 2016/17

March 2017

Receipts:	Amount	Fund
Parish Partnership (P3)	£250.00	P3
Groundwork UK	£1,085.00	NP
Yealmpton Parish Council (half Silverbridge Way)	<u>£263.00</u>	General
	<u>£1,598.00</u>	

Payments:		
DALC - Subscription	£359.50	General
IDALC - Subscription	£6.00	General
Martin & Sons (Brixton Stones)	£456.00	General
SHDC - Payroll	£120.00	General
Clerk Wages inc CiLCA Training	£702.88	General
Clerk Office Allowance	£20.00	General
Clerk Expenses	<u>£34.79</u>	General
	<u>£1,699.17</u>	

Statement balance at 17th March 2017

Current Account:	£12,392.50
Deposit Account:	<u>£2,207.77</u>
TOTAL:	<u>£14,600.27</u>

Passbook balance at 5th January 2017

Skipton Building Society	50,001.00
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Current Balance:

Neighbourhood Plan	£95.40
P3	£785.35

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