

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY MAY 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 AT 7.30pm**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Cane (Chair)	*	Cllr Searle	*
	Cllr Hitchins (Vice Chair)	*	Cllr Tapper	*
	Cllr Martin	@	Cllr Wills	*
	Cllr Lang	*	Cllr Aylett	@
	Cllr Foweraker	*		
	* Denotes attendance		@ Denotes absence	

<b>Also attending:</b>	Members of the public	3
	County Councillor	0
	District Councillor	1
	Police PC Robert Batchelor	1

**ACTION**

**9.117 APOLOGIES**

Apologies from Cllrs Hart and Aylett

**9.118 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Clerk advised that Cllr Cane was prepared to stand again as Chairman. Cllr Hitchins proposed and Cllr Foweraker seconded that Cllr Cane be elected as Chairman. This was voted unanimously and Cllr Cane took the chair.

**9.119 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Cane asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Cllr Cane proposed and Cllr Searle seconded that Cllr Hitchins be re-elected Vice Chairman. This was voted unanimously.

**9.120 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:**

Cllr Cane proposed and Cllr Hitchins seconded that the following be appointed 'en bloc':

1. Police Liaison Committee	Ian Martin
2. Devon Association of Parish Councils	Lynne Lang
3. PPP co-ordinator	Elaine Tapper
4. Hele Foundation	Basil Cane
5. Feoffee Trust	Liz Hitchins
6. Elize Heal & John Lanyon Foundation	Graham Searle
7. Sherford Liaison Group	Lynne Lang, Mike Wills
8. Brixton Community Association	Liz Hitchins

This was approved "en bloc".

**9.121 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

Cllr Cane proposed and Cllr Hitchins seconded that the following be appointed 'en bloc':

1. The Planning sub-committee would consist of all Cllrs except Cllr Cane	
2. Chairman of the Planning subcommittee	Ian Martin
3. Parish Plan working group	Liz Hitchins
4. Finance Group	Lynne Lang and Mike Wills
5. Brixton/Yealmpton Working group	Cllrs Hitchins, Aylett & Searle
6. Tree Warden	Elaine Tapper

This was approved "en bloc".

### **9.122 POLICE MATTERS**

The Chairman welcomed PC Robert Batchelor who has taken over duties from PC John Nolan on a temporary basis.

**JI/10/432.** Domestic incident, force policy dictates non disclosure of information.

**JI/10/346.** Between the 27th March and 10th April a wheel barrow was stolen from the allotments at Stamps Hill. The crime remains undetected however enquiries continue.

**JI/10/365.** During the afternoon of the 18th April the school fence at the lower field of the primary school was damaged by known offenders jumping on it, investigations are continuing with this crime.

**JI/10/388.** During the afternoon of the 26th April a silver Ford KA made off without paying for £40 worth of fuel from Rodgers garage. CCTV footage is unclear however, enquiries continue.

**JI/10/397.** Details a problem solving plan set up with Rodney Bastard following ongoing complaints regarding illegal camping at Steer Point and vehicles using Steer Point Rd as a race track. A letter drop to all local residents has taken place detailing the proposed police action and we would ask any reports of such behaviour be reported to police quoting the above crime reference number. Further to this the local police team has recently seized a 750cc motorcycle from a Brixton resident for various driving offences and has dealt with youths using local land for off road motor biking. The matter has been addressed with the land owner and permission has been withdrawn regarding the use of the land.

**PC Batchelor**

Cllr Cane questioned whether any of the gates found near Kingsbridge belonged to Brixton farmers. RB agreed to check this out.

**Martin/Aylett/  
Tapper**

Cllr Wills reported a parishioner complaint about cars speeding along Tapps Lane in a southerly direction. It was agreed that the 'working group' would incorporate this complaint within the responses to traffic problems from the Parish Plan

**PC Batchelor**

Cllr Hitchins indicated that many items had been stolen from the allotments in addition to the listed wheelbarrow. RB agreed to add a note to the incident report.

### **9.123 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Hart sent his apologies

The judicial review into the Unitary status for Exeter has not yet reported.

### **9.124 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Cane reported:

- The 'Compost Roadshow' was visiting Ivybridge on May 6<sup>th</sup>. This is to persuade residents to carry out their own composting to save transport costs for SHDC. Composting bins are available for £12. (Cllr Hitchins suggested that all Cllrs should do this to set a good example within Brixton. Cllr Searle to add to the website)

**All councillors  
Searle**

Cllr Squire reported:

- The new street vacuum cleaner was now in use around the District
- Follaton House maintenance costs were now £545k pa. Talks with DCC to use part of the premises have been suspended awaiting the election outcome and the judicial review outcome.
- Public sector cost cuts expected imminently
- Shared services with West Devon to save an additional £400k this year.
- Devon roads are wearing out. Estimated cost to return them to an acceptable state is £200 million

- Language Grant fund. Brixton is in the ‘catchment area’ for these grants and any ‘green’ projects will be considered.

### **9.125 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Pecuniary interest: Cllr Searle; Parish website.

Cllr Cane will not take part in any planning discussions or voting

### **9.126 MINUTES OF THE MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> PARISH MEETING**

Proposed as accurate by Cllr Hitchins, seconded by Cllr Tapper. Unanimously approved.

### **9.127 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS**

**11.1 Brixton/Yealmpton footpath.** Cllr Hitchins advised that the Working Group (JWG) is still seeking a meeting with Devon Councillors, John Hart and William Mumford. This awaits the outcome of the meetings between DCC and Kitley Estate.

**11.2 Parish Plan.** Cllr Hitchins advised that 180 forms were returned. They are with DCC at Exeter for statistical analysis.

**11.3 Emergency Planning.** Cllr Wills reported that Anne Kay had joined the group. The working group had met on April 19<sup>th</sup> and invited Peter Dale, Emergency Planning Officer at SHDC, to speak to them. A local map is being updated with all the road names. Ten properties have been identified for use as Evacuation centres and agreed by the owners. Six muster points have been confirmed. Emergency equipment will be discussed with Yealmpton Council. Emergency Life Support training will be given by Anne Kay. Council agreed to cover any cost of Room hire for this training. The response for Volunteers has been disappointing. It was agreed that Council would cover the photocopying costs for a village ‘leaflet drop’.

The draft Emergency Plan document will be ready for the September Council meeting.

**11.4 Pothole mapping.** Cllr Tapper reported that she had been carrying out this exercise and was delighted to advise that DCC have repaired all areas except Mud Bank Lane. Clerk to thank DCC and indicate the one omission.

#### **11.5 Councillors' reports.**

a) Cllr Hitchins queried whether there was any news about Brixton from the SHDC ‘empty homes’ audit. Cllr Squire to follow up.

b) Cllr Hitchins advised that a village “history group” was to be set up. Monies are available from the AONB funds for the village.

c) Sherford “ from farmland to new village”. This is to be recorded by the developer.

d) A Community Support group has been set up in the village with coffee meetings to be held around the village. First venue is Venn Farm on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am. There will be a speaker on the “Call 24” service. These will run through the summer months. This is sponsored by the Feoffee Trust

e) Cllr Searle advised that a Folk Concert and Poetry evening is to be held at Yealmpton Community Centre on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

f) Cllr Tapper advised that the road sign light by the roundabout has still not been repaired. The Clerk to contact DCC Highways again.

Clerk

Squire

Clerk

### **9.128 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk reported that there were no new applications.

### **9.129 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) The tabled expenditure of £1196.10 for the month was approved.
- b) Insurance. After a short discussion, it was agreed that Council would not take any new insurance cover on the bus shelters in the parish.

### **9.130 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from “Brixton Kid’s Club” requesting annual support of £2000. The Clerk was concerned that this was a school activity and should be funded by DCC. It was agreed to circulate the papers with the correspondence file and to debate during the June agenda. Application has also been made to the Feoffee Trust.
2. An email had been sent to Cllr Searle regarding the ploughing of footpath 10 near Gorlofen. The Clerk has spoken to the local DCC path warden.
3. SHDC has sent a letter regarding consultation for the Local Development Framework. It is noted that any development in Brixton will be to the north of Venn Farm as already agreed/approved by Council
4. A letter from DCC about Parish Paths Partnership (P3) indicates that DCC will be resuming all maintenance duties for Brixton except for the annual survey. Cllr Tapper to talk to Mike Trower to check if this is the case.

Clerk

Tapper

The correspondence file was given to the Vice Chairman for reading/circulation.

### **9.131 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly Meeting of Brixton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the Brixton Community Hall.

**The meeting was declared closed at 8.35 pm**

### **OPEN FORUM.**

**The chairman asked if there were any subjects to be raised by the public during this session.**

**No points were raised.**

M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council