

Minutes of the Brixton Parish Council Meeting 16th December 2015
Brixton Community Room, 7.00pm



In attendance: Cllr Liz Hitchins (Chair), Cllr Michael Wills (Vice Chair), Cllr Gay Murch, Cllr Helen Williams, Cllr Brenda Huxtable
Kirstie Aldridge (Clerk)

Members of the public in attendance: 10

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

Fire Officer Rob Baker from Plymstock Fire Station - Plymstock Fire Station is an on call station, fire officers are located within a 5 minute radius on a pager system. They are the best performing station and arrive within 4 minutes and would be in Brixton within another 4 to 5 minutes. There is also Community Safety Advice from a team of advocates who specialise in Fire Safety and Home Safety Visits. The 10 referrals for free Home Fire Safety visits from Brixton residents will be dealt with in the New Year. Everyone is entitled to a free Home Fire Safety visit but would need to qualify to obtain a free smoke alarm, for example over 65, smokers, young families, disabilities, be in receipt of benefits or have dementia. There is a new smaller fire engine that can now access Brixton Torr. The Community Fire Safety Team is on Face book page and Twitter. Questions from Parishioners: If there was a fire in Legion Lane Fire Officers would walk and use an extending hose. Specialist teams at Camels Head specialise in flooding and water rescue training. There are 2 Fire Hydrants engineers who have a list of hydrants in the Parish which are tested, repainted and checked that they are operational every 2 years. Some tips were use LED lights as they don't give out any heat. Close doors this will starve a fire of oxygen. Use extension leads with individual switches. Cllr Williams will distribute fire safety in the home leaflets which will be available at the Post Office and Venn Court.

Questions raised by parishioners:

- There are blank signs being placed around the Parish in preparation for Sherford including on Red Lion Hill.
- Brixton Parish Council confirmed that they were not aware of any developments at Steer Point Quarry.
- At the Balls Wood Solar Farm there is mud on the road, and damage to the hedges

Open Forum Closed

1. Welcome & Apologies:

Cllr Hitchins welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies were received from Cllr Ian Calvert, Cllr Patrick Loxdale, Cllr Roger Wakeham, Cllr Ian Martin, District Cllr Daniel Brown, District Cllr Basil Cane, County Cllr Hart and accepted.

Cllr Hitchins spoke about District Cllr Cane's recent ill health and sent him our good wishes for a speedy recovery

2. Police Matters:

Brixton Parish Council Police Report December 2015

From 23rd Nov to 14th Dec

Brixton area

23/11/15, report of a sexual assault, enquiries on going CR/082673/15

Staddiscombe area

No reported crime

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

Cllr Huxtable asked if there were any reports from the Campsite – PCSO said there was not.

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3. Report from County Councillor John Hart:

There is no report - he sent his best wishes for Christmas and New Year

4. Reports from District Councillors:

Cllr Daniel Brown

There is no report – he sent his best wishes for Christmas and New Year

Cllr Basil Cane

No report received

5. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Hitchins & Cllr Wills declared a personal interest in agenda points 8.8 and 10

6. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meetings

Cllr Wills proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting on 25th November 2015 as an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Murch seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous.

Cllr Hitchins signed the minutes as Chair of the relevant meeting.

7. Matters Arising:

Christmas tree will be available from the school from Friday – Cllr Wills will arrange for collection

8. Local Issues and Councillor Reports

8.1 Post Office Update

No correspondence received

8.2 Sherford Update

Street Names Cllr Wills has compiled a list of potential street names with local parishioners and the categories include birds, flowers, trees, animals, rivers, woods, house names, field names, cattle names. There are also the old field names.

Cllr Wills will finalise the list and pass to Cllr Hitchins.

Cllr Hitchins has received correspondence from Paul Bassett with regard to the Wind Turbines for Sherford. Cllr Hitchins and Cllr Wills will meet with Mr Bassett.

8.3 Balls Wood Solar Farm Update

Cllr Hitchins read an update from SunEdison. As of 15th December the Solar Farm was operational and all major construction had been completed. Remedial and reinstatement work is now being undertaken.

8.4 TAP Funding 2015 – 2016

The Clerk to apply for TAP Funding for £3,000.00 for minor works to existing footpaths, verges, channels and signs which Devon Highways and South Hams District Council no longer carry out.

8.5 Traffic Management

White Lines Fordbrooke Hill

Nick Colton Devon County Council (DCC) Highways had informed the Parish Council these lines were omitted when resurfacing took place. This work is not a priority but he will try to reinstate them when other work is being undertaken in the area.

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Sat Nav Incident

Gary Streeter MP is taking this forward with Department of Transport (DoT) to put up warning signs to stop HGV drivers using Sat Nav through the lanes. Gary Streeter is asking for evidence of incidents to take to the DoT

Agreed that a sign is needed to go on Monkey Lane stating 'No Heavy Vehicles'. Clerk to contact Nick Colton

Salt Box

Chittleburn Hill needs one at the junction. Clerk to ask Nick Colton if he can he supply one.

8.6 Emergency Planning

Cllr Williams reported that at a meeting the Emergency Planning Group phone numbers have been updated on the plan. Heart Start Training will be held at Brixton Community Rooms on Friday 12th February 7pm-9pm, Saturday 13th February 9am -11am, Saturday 20th February 9.30am-11am. Contact Annie Kay on 01752 880591 to book a free place.

8.7 Bus Stop Seats

Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Wakeham. He is waiting for replies from various companies both in terms of supply and restoration of the shelters. To be placed on the agenda for the January meeting

8.8 Brixton Parish Council Charitable Donations

Annually the following donations have been made by the Parish Council South Hams CVS £100, Samaritans £100, South Hams CAB £100, Brixton Scouts £100, 1st Yealm Guides £100, Brixton St. Mary's Church Tower Lighting £50, Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm £100, Ivybridge Ring and Ride £100.

Cllr Williams proposed to agree to pay the Charitable Donations. Cllr Murch seconded. Unanimous agreement by all others in attendance by show of hands. Cllr Hitchins & Cllr Wills abstained.

It was agreed that for next year confirm that parishioners from Brixton are using the Ivybridge Ring and Ride services.

8.9 Noticeboard at Carollisland

As previously agreed the Clerk had consulted Derek Fuzeland to recommend a suitable noticeboard. He recommended a 29"x39" outdoor noticeboard costing £129.95 +VAT and delivery.

Cllr Wills proposed to order this noticeboard. Cllr Huxtable seconded. Unanimous agreement by all others in attendance by show of hands. The Chairman thanked Derek Fuzeland for his advice.

8.10 Councillors Report

Cllr Huxtable

Following the P3 meeting Cllr Huxtable has contacted landowners who are all in agreement that DCC have access to their land to undertake repairs to gates/footpaths.

Cllr Huxtable has received a letter from Mr McDonald of Efford Farm with regard to excess traffic through the lanes around Hareston and potential increase with possible barn conversions at Hareston. Brixton Parish Council is unable to comment on this until the planning application has been lodged with SHDC and a site visit undertaken. Cllr Huxtable to respond to Mr McDonald. The Clerk reiterated with regard to Horse Warning Signs individual parishioners need to write directly to DCC.

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9. Planning Matters

07/2511/15/F Proposed agricultural building at SX 543 551, Ridge Road, Plympton. Erection of agricultural building

CLlr Martin & CLlr Wills attended the sub planning meeting and felt there was no reason to have any objection. The planning meeting was not quorate so CLlr Wills proposed that we reply 'no objection', CLlr Murch seconded. Unanimous agreement by all others in attendance by show of hands

2613/15/HHH Cofflete Park, Dismantled Railway to Chittleburn Hill, Brixton, Devon PL8 2AT Householder application for alterations and extensions to existing dwelling

No site meeting has taken place yet.

10. Financial Matters:

December 2015

| Receipts: | Amount | Fund |
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| TOTAL: | NIL | |
| Payments: | Amount | Fund |
| Mrs E Hitchins - Expenses 2 x trips Totnes | £30.60 | General |
| Society of Local Council Clerks Renewal Subscription | £103.00 | General |
| HMRC - PAYE | £260.34 | General |
| South Hams CVS Donation | £100.00 | General |
| Samaritans Donation | £100.00 | General |
| CAB Donation | £100.00 | General |
| Brixton Scouts Donation | £100.00 | General |
| 1st Yealm Guides Donation | £100.00 | General |
| St Marys Church Donation | £50.00 | General |
| Dementia Friendly Parishes Donation | £100.00 | General |
| Ivybridge Ring & Ride | £100.00 | General |
| Royal British Legion Wreath | £25.00 | General |
| Clerk Office Allowance | £20.00 | General |
| Clerk Expenses | £10.80 | General |

TOTAL: £1,199.74

No Clerk Wages due to meeting being earlier in the month

Statement balance 9th November 2015:

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| Current Account: | £22,647.44 |
| Deposit Account: | £24,184.72 |
| TOTAL: | £46,832.16 |

No statement received yet for December

Current Balance:

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| Gentle Exercise | £0.00 |
| P3 | £332.50 |
| Composters | £0.00 |
| Sherford Reserve | £14,858.69 |
| Silverbridge Way | £552.00 |

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10.1

Cllr Murch proposed to accept the financial statement for December 2015. Cllr Huxtable seconded. Unanimous agreement by all others in attendance by show of hands. Cllr Hitchins & Wills abstained.

11. Correspondence for Discussion

11.1 An anonymous letter had been received by the Clerk entitled ‘open letter from residents and business owners in Arcadia, Brixton Torr, Chittleburn Hill and the surrounding area’. Brixton Parish Council is seeking legal advice from South Hams District Council’s (SHDC) on to how to respond to this anonymous letter. The letter has been forwarded to SHDC’s Legal Department.

11.2 Website Links from Nick Colton Highways Devon County Council

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/devonhighways/faqs> - useful information for Parish Councils
<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/maintaining-roads/highways-safety-inspections/> - Safety inspection manual that is current but due to be updated
<https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> - Report a problem

11.3 Devon Highways Questionnaire Completed. Clerk to complete online.

11.4 Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic and Parking between Woolaton Cross to Chittleburn Cross on Thursday 7th January 2016 (for a maximum of 5 days).

AOB

None

12. Date of Next Meeting: Brixton Parish Council meeting, Wednesday 27th January 2015 7.00pm
Cllr Hitchins wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. She thanked parishioners who regularly attend the Parish Council meetings for their interest and support throughout the year.

Meeting closed 8.24 pm

Kirstie Aldridge, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

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