

Draft Minutes of the Brixton Parish Council Meeting 30th March 2016
Brixton Community Room, 7.00pm



In attendance: Cllr Liz Hitchins (Chair), Cllr Michael Wills (Vice Chair), Cllr Ian Calvert, Cllr Brenda Huxtable, Cllr Patrick Loxdale, Cllr Gay Murch, Cllr Roger Wakeham, Cllr Helen Williams, District Cllr Basil Cane

Members of the public in attendance: 7

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

The following issues were raised:

Neighbourhood Plan - The date when the Housing Needs Survey would be distributed to parishioners. The Chairman explained that there had been a delay on the printing of the questionnaires and that they would be distributed to every household later in April.

Emergency Plan - clarification on contact with DCH for the emergency plan. Cllr Williams confirmed that she is in contact with DCH about the involvement of Venn Court in the Community Emergency Plan. She also clarified that any defibrillator located near Venn Court would have its own maintenance contract.

Lodge Lane towards Hill Top continues to be impassable due to flooding since before Christmas. Chairman explained it was reported at the Traffic Management Meeting and Nick Colton DCC Highways Manager is aware of this.

Fly tipping reported at Catson Green – The Chairman confirmed that this had been reported to SHDC. It was confirmed that the swimming pool at the school was not available for private hire due to insurance and health & safety restrictions.

Open Forum Closed

1. Welcome & Apologies:

Cllr Hitchins welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Kirstie Aldridge (holiday), County Cllr John Hart, District Cllr Daniel Brown (unwell), PCSO Andy Potter and all accepted. No apology received from Cllr Ian Martin.

2. Police Matters:

Brixton Parish Council Police Report March 2016

Brixton - 21st Feb to 28th March

5/3 Drink /driver, arrested and charged to court CR/014258/16

8/3 Theft of property left on driveway of home CR/015109/16

24/3 Drink /driver, arrested and charged to court CR/019002

25/3 Theft of fuel CR/019002

Staddiscombe

No reported crime

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

3. Report from County Councillor John Hart:

An email from Councillor Hart was read out informing the Parish Council that the start date for the work on the A379 is the 18th April 2016

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4. Reports from District Councillors:

Cllr Basil Cane reported that as the Government Support Grant is reducing South Hams District Council is looking at setting up a company to sell services to other local authorities. They will be consulting with Parish Councils as the idea is developed and risk and viability is assessed. The issue of recycling was discussed with regard to different policies in different local authority areas.

Cllr Daniel Brown

No report received

5. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Huxtable declared a personal interest in agenda point 8.8

6. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meetings

Cllr Wills proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting on 24th February 2016 as an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Williams seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins signed the minutes as Chair of the relevant meeting.

7. Matters Arising:

Carrollsland Noticeboard

Derek Fuzeland has kindly sited the noticeboard at Carrollsland. Clerk has been informed subsequently that the wall that houses the noticeboard is due to be rendered and the noticeboard will need to be taken down during the work and reinstated. Chair of Residents Association will keep Clerk informed of timescales. The Parish Council thanked Derek Fuzeland and Graham Lanning for their work

ANOB Consultation

The representative for Parish Councils in the AONB had circulated a report from the recent meeting of the AONB Partnership.

8. Local Issues and Councillor Reports

8.1 Post Office Update

Post Office change of opening hours commenced 7th March.

8.2 Sherford Update

No update as there has not been a meeting since the last Parish Council

8.3 Balls Wood Solar Farm Update

No update despite a further email to the Planning Officer Patrick Whymer

8.4 TAP Progress 2015 – 2016

Clerk has received all TAP Funding invoices from P Burrige and passed to Wembury Parish Council (as co-ordinator) for reimbursement from SHDC. First payment of £1210 has been received. Final invoice totalled £655 (excluding VAT) therefore total spend £2666.66 with BPC contributing £255.79 to complete all the work.

8.5 TAP Funding ideas for the future

Cllr Williams proposed that an application should be made for defibrillators, seconded by Cllr Wakeham and unanimously supported. It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to Yealmpton,

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Wembury, Newton & Noss to see if there were ideas where a group of Parish Councils could apply together. A request was also made that County Cllr Hart should be asked for consistency in the decision making for applications – the Chairman agreed to follow this up.

8.6 Emergency Plan

Cllr Williams reported that Community Wardens were in place and that there will be a meeting of the wardens in April, following which a letter will be sent to all residents in the parish identifying their local warden.

8.7 Traffic Management

Update from the recent meeting: The flashing speed sign will be moved to Brixton from Wembury in the next couple of weeks. School transport has been going through lanes empty, Clerk to ask Target Travel to be more sensitive to pedestrians. Hareston flooding, Cllr Hitchins will write Richard Darlow and BPC will discuss at the next Sherford Liaison meeting. Nick Colton DCC Local Highways Manager will ensure Chittleburn Hill hedge tidying is finalised. Fordebrook Lane lines not a high priority but lines will be reinstated when line painting is completed nearby. Nick Colton will cost Speed Limit and Horse Warning Signs in April and recommend locations. Flooding in Monkey Lane, Clerk will ask Yealmpton and Wembury if they are using a gully sucker and Cllr Hitchins will clarify with County Cllr Hart if he can assist with the clearing. Steer Point Hedge, Nick Colton will investigate and report back with regard to the dangerousness of the drop before the old railway bridge. Traffic lights will be raised at next Sherford Liaison meeting. A379 sunken manholes were also brought to Nick Colton's attention.

8.8 Bus Stop Seats

Report received from Cllr Wakeham outlining a proposal for the refurbishment of the 4 bus shelters in the village. Following a discussion about the cost of replacement versus refurbishment Cllr Calvert proposed that the work outlined for refurbishment by Marcus Cane at a cost of £3,463.00 should be accepted seconded by Cllr Williams. Cllr Huxtable abstained. Cllr Calvert proposed that an application to the Green Fund (Brixton Composters) and the Feoffee Trust should be made to the split the cost 3 ways and seconded by Cllr Williams.

Derek Furzeland offered to inspect the seats around the parish.

8.9 P3 (Footpaths)

Grant funding £250 received from DCC. Part of this was allocated for repair of steps and removal of tree on footpath 30/31, which was paid for by DCC, therefore BPC will pay for vegetation clearance in June/July.

8.10 Brixton Composters

Cllr Murch reported that the group was currently only 4 people and it needed to have a larger membership and anyone who is interested can join the next meeting on Monday at 7.30pm

8.11 Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

After further consideration the Parish Council agreed not to set up any bonfire celebrations for the Queens 90th birthday due to health & safety restrictions

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8.13 War Memorial

Cllr Wills confirmed he had contacted Historic England and sent photos and details of the memorial. They now require the history of the memorial; Cllr Wills has looked in the archives and found no details. He will now contact the Dioceses to establish if they hold any further information.

8.14 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hitchins reported that there would be a delay of approximately 2 weeks to the distribution of the Housing Needs Survey due to printing difficulties and work pressures in SHDC.

8.15 Chairmanship Short Course

Cllr Wills proposed Cllr Hitchins attends the above course at a cost of 25.00 seconded by Cllr Loxdale. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins abstained.

8.16 Councillor's Report

Cllr Wills and Cllr Williams attended the IDALC AGM and subsequent Ordinary meeting 17th March. Chairman of IDALC stated it was a good forum for ideas and that TAP was a useful source of funding. Treasurers' report included the annual fee of £4 p.a. and that the bank balance is £735. Majority vote to raise the 2016 subscription back to £5 p.a. Brixton and Newton opposed this due to the balance in bank. Parish reports including flooding, high speed broadband, houses being built in AONB areas.

Cllr Huxtable

Lamb attacked by dogs in football field, BPC stated its concern but stated it was a Police matter. The Parish Council noted a letter read by Cllr Huxtable from a resident stating that he considered the changes to the copse in Steer Point Road was an improvement.

Cllr Hitchins

Feoffee Trust has noticed an increase with the problems of dog mess in the park and is writing an article for the magazine with regard to this.

On Saturday 23rd April South Hams Singers fundraising for Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm, at Holbeton Church tickets £5 and £1 for under 16 from Liz Hitchins

New group Yealmpton and Brixton Caring looking at befriending lonely and isolated people in both parishes - Coffee morning on Friday 15th April at Yealmpton Community Centre.

9. Planning

0383/16/VAR Plot to rear of Kingsland, A379 Chittleburn Hill to Red Lion Hill, Brixton, PL8 2AX
Application for removal/variation of conditions of 07/2309/12/F – conditions 2 & 10 (windows & doors)

No objection

0484/16/VAR Sherford Housing Development Site, East Sherford Cross to Wollaton Cross Zc4, Brixton. Variation of conditions 3 & 99 (Approved drawings) of 7_49/2426/06 (an EIA development and accompanied by an Environmental Statement) to amend Sections of main street details with layout and junction.

Support

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0469/16/ARM Sherford New Community – Land South/South West of A38, Deep Lane and East of Haye Road, Elburton, Plymouth. PL9 8DD. Reserved Matters Application for Western Neighbourhood Primary School with playing fields and associated car parking and public square along with all necessary infrastructure as part of phase 1 of Sherford New Community pursuant to outline application 7_49/2426/06/O
Support but serious concerns about the stream close to the school being a health and safety hazard and in the opinion of BPC a high secure fence is required.

0523/16/ARM Approval of reserved matters following outline approval reference 7_49/2426/06/O. 43 residential dwellings (amendment to parcels J&L) inc associated car parking and infrastructure. Parcels J & L phase 1.1 Sherford Housing Development Site, East Sherford Cross to Wollaton Cross Zc4, Brixton, Devon. PL9 8DD
Support

0300/16/HHO Retrospective householder application for installation of an air to air split unit heat pump. Mudbank Cottage, Winstone Lane to Mudbank Cottage, Brixton Devon PL8 2DJ
Support

10. Financial Matters:

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Receipts:	Amount	Fund
1st Instalment of TAP Funding	£1210.00	General
DCC Highways Grass Cutting	£476.00	General
DCC P3 Grant	£250.00	P3
	TOTAL: £1,936.00	

Payments:	Amount	Fund
Clerk Wages	£ 477.55	General
Clerk Expenses	£ 9.60	General
Clerk Office Allowance	£20.00	General
Clerk Mileage – New Clerk Course Exeter	£18.00	General
P Burrridge – Verges Wollaton / Red Lion Hill (1)	£786.00	General
DALC Affiliation / Service Charge	£355.89	
	TOTAL: £ 1,666.44	

(1) P Burrridge - to be reimbursed via TAP Funding

Statement balance:	19th February 2016:
Current Account:	£ 17,360.69
Deposit Account:	£ 24,187.76
TOTAL:	£ 41,548.45

Current Balance:	
Gentle Exercise	£0.00
P3	£565.70
Composters	£0.00
Sherford Reserve	£14,858.69
Silverbridge Way	£372.00

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10.1

CLlr Wills proposed to accept the financial statement for March 2016. Cllr Wakeham seconded. Unanimous agreement by all others in attendance by show of hands.

11. Correspondence for Discussion

11.1 Health Check Scheme – details of the Health Check Scheme for Parish Council were read out. Cllr Huxtable proposed that Brixton Parish Council should have this Health Check for its administration at a cost of £50.00 plus mileage seconded by Cllr Murch and all in favour. Clerk to action.

11.2 Tree Preservation Order Decision – 7 Brixton Lodge Gardens

Refusal of consent with agreed lesser work.

11.3 CPRE ‘Our Outdoors-Competition 2016’ – The Parish Council decided not to enter this competition – details have been sent to St. Marys School for information

11.4. Highlights from South Devon AONB Partnership meeting from Val Mercer Parish Council representative – Chairman to follow up the with the AONB the ‘Growing Orchard Communities Project’ and the campaign highlighting the problem of unsuitable material going directly into watercourses via road drains

11.5 News Release on Service Changes to Waste collections in South Hams

South Hams District Council will be delivering information cards to homes affected by changes to some of their waste collections which come into effect on the 18th April 2016.

11.6 Invitation by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to an event in Plymouth on 12th April on Marine Planning circulated to Parish Councils and Estuary Forums. The Chairman agreed to email this invitation to Parish Councillors

12. Date of Next Meetings:

Plymouth Albion Oaks	Wednesday 27 th April 2016	7.30 pm
Brixton Community Rooms	Wednesday 25 th May 2016	7.00 pm

Meeting closed 9.13 pm

Kirstie Aldridge, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

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