

Minutes of the Brixton Parish Council Meeting 27th January 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 Ian Martin, Cllr Gay Murch, Cllr Roger Wakeham, Cllr Helen Williams, District Cllr Daniel Brown, PCSO Andy Potter, Kirstie Aldridge (Clerk)

Members of the public in attendance: 8

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

Richard Darlow – Project Director, Sherford updated on the Sherford Project incorporating photographs of work being undertaken and a press release with regard to the first Sherford Primary School. The Stanborough Cross work is crucial to the development and due to finish in August 2016. There will be a 30 mph limit from The Elburton Pub to Stanborough Cross with two speed cameras, some restrictions and a one way system. Affordable housing will be around 35% mark with a good social mix of housing. There will be another chance for visitors to the archaeology site, this will be publicised. Deep Lane is now operational following major changes, with the road signage lighting to be implemented in the next 2 months. Sherford Park Primary School is in the process of being tendered for and a planning application for the school is being submitted on Monday.

Questions from parishioners/Cllr's included:

When will Phase 1 be completed? Sales release will be June 2016 with the show home operational in August. During April planting will be undertaken. The swimming Pool will be built at the end of Phase 1 and once 700 properties are in place the sports facilities will be built

When is Phase 2 completion? In approximately 5 years.

Richard confirmed that the progress of the project is being filmed regularly

Are there any thoughts about re-opening Colesdown Hill? This road would avoid the roadworks and traffic would exit by Saltram Gate. Richard will investigate.

Cllr Hitchins thanked Richard for his attendance and look forward to seeing him in 3 months.

Open Forum Closed

1. Welcome & Apologies:

Cllr Hitchins welcomed everyone to the meeting, wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed her pleasure at seeing a very young member of the Parish in attendance.

Apologies were received from County Councillor John Hart and District Cllr Basil Cane and accepted.

2. Police Matters:

Brixton Parish Council Police Report January 2016

From 15th Dec to 22nd Jan

Overnight 15th /16th Dec property stolen from farmyard , enquiries ongoing CR086341/15

Overnight 16th/17th Jan Damage caused to paintwork of car parked in Brixton CR/003685/16

PCSO 30540 Andy Potter Ivybridge Police Station Tel no 101

3. Report from County Councillor John Hart:

Written report was submitted: Council Tax will rise by about 3.99%, 2% to assist with Adult Care and offset the New Minimum Wage. It will raise £6.5 million, the cost of the wage expected to be £7.2m. The 1.99% will help towards the £28 million reduction in Government grant for this year. The report continued with regard to the torrential rain and DCC have asked the Sherford developers to look at the road from Plympton/Red Lion Hill to Deep Lane with regard to flooding. Nick Colton (DCC

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Highways) will look at the cost of doing the pavement where the cheese blocks are on the main A379 if parishioners are in agreement. He asked if the street lighting had been fixed. He also stated that the roadworks between Brixton and Yealmpton were due to commence in April.

Cllr Wills proposed that BPC accept the offer of the works on the cheese blocks, Cllr Calvert seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous. Parishioners stated that the street lights were now operational

4. Reports from District Councillors:

Cllr Daniel Brown

Cllr Brown also warmly welcomed the young parishioner. Talked with regard to affordable housing and referred to an article in The Evening Herald which stated 3 out of the 5 most expensive properties were in Wembury and Brixton. He also explained with regard to TAP funding that the Ivybridge cluster was £20k over-subscribed and unfortunately Brixton will not be receiving any TAP funding for 2016/2017. He recommended that in the future parishes need to work together. In 2016 devolution will be a major factor. SHDC will not be there in its current state in 7 years time. The Overview and Scrutiny Panel 2016 has reviewed processes with regard to planning and contact. 2016 is an important year for housing and affordable housing.

Cllr Basil Cane

Cllr Hitchins spoke with District Cllr Cane with regard to recycling and where does it go? Cllr Gilbert is responsible for SHDC Recycling and would be happy to attend a meeting. Clerk to contact Cllr Gilbert to invite him to future meeting.

District Cllr Cane also stated that Council Tax will affect rural more seriously than urban areas.

5. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Murch declared a personal interest in agenda point 9.3 'Three Corners, Lodge Lane'

6. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meetings

Cllr Wills proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting on 16th December 2015 as an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Williams seconded. Cllr Martin abstained. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins signed the minutes as Chair of the relevant meeting.

7. Matters Arising:

TAP Funding 2016-17

Unsuccessful in our bid for TAP Funding. Cllr Hitchins reiterated District Cllr Brown's advice to work with other parishes and the need for a proposal that is different and meets the needs of the community. Clerk to ensure this a standing item on the agenda to encourage new ideas in preparation for the next year.

Update from DCC Highways re SatNav & Salt Box

Nick Colton DCC Highways stated via email that there is no budget allocated for new signing. Clerk to ask Nick how much this sign would be for BPC to fund?

A379 on Chittleburn Hill is on the Primary gritting route. BPC are happy with this.

Carollisland Notice Board

Cllr Murch proposed that Derek Furzeland fit the replacement noticeboard, Cllr Huxtable seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous.

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8. Local Issues and Councillor Reports

8.1 Post Office Update

Colin Pound from The Post Office stated via email that he would anticipate the new changes to be mid-March. Parishioners seemed to think that changes had already been implemented. Cllr Williams had spoken with Elburton postmaster who mentioned there were technical issues with opening on a Friday. Clerk to email Colin Pound to seek further clarification.

8.2 Sherford Update

Updated via Richard Darlow during Open Forum

8.3 Balls Wood Solar Farm Update

Cllr Loxdale spoke about flooding at Hareston, this has been a problem since the cable has gone in from solar array. Clerk to email Richard Darlow.

Gateway size into Lay Down area was discussed. Clerk to email SHDC to clarify the agreed conditions and are they satisfied that they have been complied with

8.4 TAP Progress 2015 – 2016

Cllr Calvert spoke about Spriddlestone clearance, parishioners were happy with the work completed. Clerk to contact Nick Colton with regard to clearing the blocked drain at the top.

Cleaning signage, the invoice has been received but work to be completed, some signs haven't been cleaned, including Lodge Lane, Kitley View, Horn Lane.

Cllr Wills proposed that BPC submits a payment for work completed on Elliot's Hill and pay the remaining invoice once the signage cleaning has been completed. Cllr Williams seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous.

On Elliot's Hill the hedge needs trimming, Cllr Wills will speak to Bruce Dymock.

Clerk to advise Peter Burridge that BPC accepts the quotation for pavement maintenance at Northlands and Brixton Lodge Gardens. Clerk to obtain a quote for the verge on road to Hareston and the pavement from Cherry Tree Drive to Tapps Lane. Proposed by Cllr Wakeham and seconded by Cllr Murch. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllrs agreed to make the decision by email with regard to the quotations as all work needs to be completed by 28th February 2016

Balance of TAP £487.66.

8.5 Emergency Plan

Cllr Williams explained that the Emergency Plan Table Top 2 hour exercise will be 25th February. She is struggling to get emergency contacts from DCH re Venn Court. She will look into investing in temporary bio degradable bags which absorb like sand bags but are bio-degradable, head torches and batteries through the DCC Flood Resilience Grant.

Free Heart start training courses open to everyone Friday 12th February 7-9pm, Saturday 13th February 9-11am and Saturday 20th February 9.30 – 11.30am. Telephone Annie Kay to book 880591

8.6 Bus Stop Seats

Cllr Wakeham reported that he and Marcus Cane have inspected all the bus shelters. Some metal work is corroded and rusted and needs replacing. He will obtain a breakdown of cost for repair/replacement for each one for BPC to consider the options. Cllr Wakeham will bring some broad costings to the next meeting and circulate to all BPC beforehand.

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8.7 Clerk Course

Cllr Hitchins was pleased to report that Kirstie Aldridge, Clerk had completed her probation period and her position as clerk was now permanent, her salary had increased to scale point 19 from 1st January 2016. On the anniversary of her appointment it will increase to scale point 20. Proposed by Cllr Wills, seconded by Cllr Huxtable. All others in attendance were unanimous.

Clerk to attend course 8th March 2016 at a cost of £30 was proposed by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Huxtable. All others in attendance were unanimous.

8.8 Brownie / Rainbow Donation

Clerk explained that 1st Yealm Guides is ceasing at February half term, for which a donation had been agreed in December 2015. The existing Brownie Leader is in the process of setting up Rainbows. There are Brixton girls that attend the Brownies at present and she will be informing Brixton School with regard to the Rainbows. Cllr Williams proposed the cheque be issued for Brownies/ Rainbows perhaps a 50/50 split as she requires it. Cllr Murch seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous.

8.9 Obstruction on pavement near Sutherland Cottages

PCSO informed BPC that he had spoken to the car owner.

8.10 Policy for Anonymous Letter

Cllr Hitchins explained that there had been no response from SHDC with regard to the letter Cllr Loxdale has drafted a policy on behalf of BPC which he read out. Pending legal advice from SHDC, Cllr Loxdale proposed that BPC adopts the following approach to anonymous correspondence:

Receipt of an anonymous letter will be acknowledged at next BPC meeting, and this process will be recorded in minutes. The contents of such letters will not be made public, unless BPC considers that there is an overwhelming public interest reason to do so, and votes accordingly. Such letters will be passed on to appropriate department at SHDC and/or DCC (including Legal Departments) for advice/action/investigation. Individual Parish Councillors who receive anonymous letters will forward them directly to the Clerk, and not share content with any member of the public.

Seconded by Cllr Wills. All others in attendance were unanimous. Clerk to inform SHDC and DALC that BPC are adopting this policy pending advice.

8.11 Brixton Composters

Cllr Murch explained that there is a meeting next week. 1st July – 9th November 2015 £ 2,215.83 Total raised £10, 276.83. Cllr Murch will raise the subject of the seats on Silverbridge Way and report back at next meeting.

8.12 Canes Orchard Phase 2 names

Proposed street names for phase 2 of Canes Orchard have been received from the developers either Willow Tree Way or Pippin Place. BPC agreed that neither names was suitable for the location. Pippin Place, there are already 2 addresses with Pippins in the village and Willow Tree Way doesn't have any connection to the land.

BPC suggest Daisy Drive, Way, or Park would be more suitable due to the fact that the adjoining field was called Daisy Terrace.

Proposed by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Murch. All others in attendance were unanimous. Clerk to email BPC preferred name.

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8.13 Councillors Report

Cllr Calvert

Spoke with regard to the mud on Halwell Lane but pleased to report it was rectified the next day.

Cllr Martin

Parishioners have raised that the works at the junction of Red Lion Hill and Kitley View are dangerous. The container in The Green is causing parking issues making the green unusable. Also the container near junction of Red Lion Hill and A379 is causing traffic issues.

Clerk to email to PCSO Andy Potter and Nick Colton

Cllr Huxtable

P3 Footpaths - There are 2 options to replace the gate near Otter Nurseries. Use P3 funds to find a replacement metal hanging post and arrange for the metal gate to be rehung or DCC supplying a new gate and hanging post. Option 2 was chosen.

Meeting to be arranged with Cllr Hitchins, Wakeham, Huxtable and Clerk to complete P3 returns.

Cllr Huxtable spoke about the horse warning signs and Mr McDonald's request for a 20mph sign. Clerk stated that Nick Colton had emailed why he was unable to enforce this speed limit in June 2015. Cllr Huxtable to bring this issue to next Traffic Management meeting.

Cllr Hitchins

Street sweeping / leaf sweeping in conjunction with Yealmpton TAP Funding.

BPC would like the road sweeper to sweep from Sutherland Cottages to Chittleburn Cross and back, Stamps Hill and Lodge Lane.

Weed clearance along the main A379 and both sides at the top of Elliot's Hill, outside Just Williams and Pear Tree Cottages. Anything else let Cllr Hitchins or Clerk know by Friday. Cllr Hitchins will inform Yealmpton Clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Brixton Parish Neighbourhood Plan Group will be meeting every other Tuesday for the rest of the year. In March Housing Needs Survey will be distributed to be returned by April, with the results available at the Church Fete. In June questionnaire with regard to the community and sport and recreation will be sent to each household. There will be a workshop in July and September with consultation around the parish.

Feoffe Trust

Feoffee Trust looking at how to fundraise and to attract legacies.

9. Planning Matters

2613/15/HHH Cofflete Park, Dismantled Railway to Chittleburn Hill, Brixton, Devon PL8 2AT

Householder application for alterations and extensions to existing dwelling

Unanimous Support

2834/15/LBC Mudbank Cottages, Winstone Lane to Mudbank Cottage, Brixton, Devon PL8 2DJ

Listed building consent for installation of air to air split unit pump

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2822/15/HHO Northlands, Lodge Lane, Brixton, Devon. PL8 2AX

Householder application for rear extension to existing dwelling house

2782/15/VAR Northlands, Lodge Lane, Brixton, Devon. PL8 2

Variation of conditions 1 (approved plans) and 2 (amendments to east-facing dormer window) of planning consent 07/0515/15/F for amendments to obscure glazed windows.

Support

2594/15/HHO Three Corners, Lodge Lane, Brixton, PL8 2AU

Householder application for change of use of redundant stable block to ancillary accommodation

No site visit undertaken yet

10. Financial Matters:

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Receipts:	Amount	Fund
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TOTAL:	£0.00	
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Payments:	Amount	Fund
Mr R Bastard - Fencing Repairs (1)	£180.00	Silverbridge Way
Peter Burrige - Spriddlestone (2)	£1,452.00	General
Peter Burrige - Elliotts Hill (2)	£534.00	General
Notice Me - Noticeboard Carollisland	£173.88	General
Brixton Community Association (Room Hire Jul 15 - Jan 16)	£205.00	General
Clerk Wages - December 2015 & January 2016 (4)	£766.80	General
Clerk Expenses	£29.96	General
Clerk Office Allowance	£20.00	General

TOTAL:	£3,361.64	
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(1) Half to be reimbursed via Yealmpton Parish Council

(2) P Burrige x 2 - to be reimbursed via TAP Funding

(3) Clerk wages Dec 15 & Jan 16 due to payslip arriving after Dec meeting

Statement balance: 19th January 2015:

Current Account: £21,050.93

Deposit Account: £24,186.80

TOTAL: £45,237.73

Current Balance:

Gentle Exercise £0.00

P3 £332.50

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 January 2016. Cllr Martin seconded. Unanimous agreement by all others in attendance by show of hands.

Cllr Hitchins explained that a draft Precept was discussed at a Business Meeting. It had been increased from previous year from £17200 to £20,050.

Main increases included monies set aside for bus shelters, Silverbridge Way and signage Precept was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Huxtable. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins signed the Precept and Clerk will ensure this is emailed to SHDC.

11. Correspondence for Discussion

11.1 Donation Thank You Letters were received from Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm, South Hams CAB, Ivybridge Ring & Ride, South Hams CVS and read out by Clerk.

11.2 Decision Notice – The Park, Brixton Church, Brixton

Grant of conditional consent for removal of tree

11.3 Postponement of Woolaton Cross to Chittleburn Cross Traffic Restrictions

These works have been postponed due to having to attend flooding issues in other areas.

11.4 Tim Pollard, Localities Officer – Customer Service in your area (18th February 2016)

Tim will be visiting Brixton in the mobile library on 18th February 2016. Clerk to invite Tim to the March meeting.

11.5 Rural Services Network Questionnaire

Questionnaire completed. Clerk to complete online.

11.6 AONB Consultation

Place on agenda for next time. All BPC to have read this advance to enable us to formulate a response.

11.7 Electoral Review of Devon

This shows that Cllr’s and wards in Devon County Council will be reduced from 62 to 60. .The Wembury, Brixton and Bickleigh ward does not change
If Cllrs wishes to comment please complete online.

AOB

None

12. Date of Next Meetings:

Brixton Community Rooms	Wednesday 24 th February 2016	7.00pm
Brixton Community Rooms	Wednesday 30 th March 2016	7.00 pm
Plymouth Albion Oaks	Wednesday 27 th April 2016	7.30 pm

Meeting closed 9.29pm

Kirstie Aldridge, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

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