

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY JULY 7<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	4
	County Councillor	0
	District Councillor	1
	Police	0

**9.143 APOLOGIES**

Apologies from Cllr Aylett

**9.144 POLICE MATTERS**

No report available.

**9.145 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

No report available

**9.146 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Cane reported:

- SHDC are the best 'recyclers' in Devon
- Money is still available for tourist projects. Ring Andy White on 01752 262244

Cllr Squire reported:

- Eric Pickles MP is abolishing Regional Spatial Strategies and SHDC need to review their LDF (Local Development Framework)
- The density for new houses at 30/hectare is to be abolished.
- Sherford 106 agreement not yet agreed. Stalemate between developer and SHDC. No government grant released yet to developer.
- Autumn meeting planned to review Sherford need/viability
- SHDC shadow scrutiny roles are not effective and are being abolished.
- Budget position will get worse with freezing of rates by central government
- Stokenham pilot to be abandoned on 3/10/10

**9.147 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Pecuniary interest: Cllr Searle; Parish website.

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

**9.148 MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> PARISH MEETING**

Proposed as accurate by Cllr Searle, seconded by Cllr Wills. Unanimously approved.

## **9.149 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS**

**Clerk**                    **7.1 Brixton/Yealmpton footpath.** A meeting is to be set up with Yealmpton, DCC, Kitley and the Environmental Agency.

**Hitchins**                **7.2 Parish Plan.** Cllr Hitchins advised that the ‘comments’ on the forms are being analysed.

**7.3 Brixton Play Spaces.** Council were impressed with the presentation made by Alex Whish during the ‘Open Forum’. Support for the project was unanimous. Any funding decisions to be held over until grant position is clarified.

### **7.4 Councillors' reports.**

**All Cllrs**                a) Cllr Searle advised that the School are not obliged to report to BPC but it was seen as good PR to keep information up to date. It is not known if Steve Cox, the headmaster, will return to school following sickness leave. In the meantime, the Acting Head is doing a splendid job and introducing various positive changes. Ofsted report said all was ok at the school. There are 62 children on the school roll and space in the school is well used. School Prize Giving is at 10am on July 16<sup>th</sup>. All Cllrs welcome. Cllr Cane will be presenting a prize.

**All Cllrs**                b) Next Friday (July 16<sup>th</sup>) the Concert to celebrate 50 years of AONB will take place in the Yealmpton School Hall.

c) Cllr Hitchins advised that a letter had been sent to 4 neighbouring parishes about the possible setting up of “memory cafes”. Replies awaited.

d) Complaints about the noise from the small motorbikes in nearby fields are continuing. It was confirmed that the arrangement for this activity is “bona fide” for 26 days per year from 10am to 4pm.

e) Thanks to Mrs Balkwell and neighbours for arranging for the cutting of the beech hedge.

## **9.150 PLANNING MATTERS**

As Cllr Martin had left the meeting, the Clerk explained the findings of the planning subcommittee.

- Meadow View, Plympton. The retrospective application for a caravan hard standing for a permanent living ‘van was **not approved**. The pad was substandard and no consideration had been given to foul effluent control.
- Apple Loft, Brixton. Application for extension to utility room was **approved**.
- Woollaton House, Brixton. Application to enlarge the garage was **approved**.
- Coombe Farm, Wembury. Application for the removal of an approval condition was **not approved**. The drive improvements should be completed before residency of the dwelling otherwise no pressure to complete will exist.

**Clerk**                    Cllr Searle proposed and Cllr Foweraker seconded the findings of the sub committee be approved. Accepted with 1 abstention.

## **9.151 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) The tabled expenditure of £1149.70 for the month was approved.

## **9.152 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Searle**                    • Census 2011. The Clerk advised that this would take place on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2011. Completion is compulsory. An article to be posted on our web site.

All Cllrs

- Cllr Bavistock, SHDC Chairman, will be attending our Council Meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will address Council.
- Wembury Parish Council invites all Cllrs to a meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Down Thomas Silver Jubilee Hall when Delyth Jenkins Evans will make a presentation on “Code of conduct, Standards regime, Personal and Prejudicial interest and Complaint handling”.
- Mr Foley from Chittleburn has emailed to advise Cllrs that he is proposing to make arrangements for improved cycling and walking paths with access from Sherford to the A379 and the Sustrans route into Plymouth. Also to create a lay-by to enable car transporters to unload off the main road. To pay for these improvements he is proposing to build 4 Eco houses on his land. Planning permission is to be sought.
- P3 co-ordinator. Mike Trower has not responded to Council’s letter but has indicated to DCC that he wishes to retire from P3 duties. The Chairman thanked Mike for the many years of excellent service in making Brixton paths amongst the best in the county. Cllr Tapper to write an article for the Parish Magazine and the Clerk was asked to write to Mike Trower on behalf of Council.

Tapper  
Clerk

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

### **9.153 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly Meeting of Brixton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the Brixton Community Hall.

**The meeting was declared closed at 9.06 pm**

### **Notes from the OPEN FORUM held at 7.30pm.**

(These notes do not form part of the Council Minutes)

1. Alex Whish of SHDC made a presentation about the proposed improvements to the Play Areas within the village on behalf of the Play Spaces Team. The village has no large area for recreation so it is planned to create 5 small areas and to link them into a “play trail”. Alex showed the outline plans of the areas and the brilliant use of natural materials as well as modern pieces of standard play equipment. The total cost of the scheme will be in the order of £100k. SHDC will contribute £10k, TOR Homes £14k, Grants of £50k will be applied for and the School and Feoffee Trust will shortly have presentations and will hopefully provide addition funding. It is planned for an Autumn implementation subject to funding availability. Maintenance will be the responsibility of the land owner of the play area.
2. Two parishioners complained that the pot hole repair work by DCC had been inadequate and that holes were already re-appearing. The Clerk to contact DCC.
3. Many parishioners have been asking about progress on the A379 pathway. Cllr Cane explained that this was progressing slowly but there were a number of difficulties still to be overcome. The Environmental Agency (EA) is still objecting to the proposed land fill of the flood plain at Silver Lake. Both Yealmpton and Brixton Councils are seeking a meeting with DCC, EA and Kitley to push for greater action.

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