

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 4th 2014 AT 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Hitchins * Cllr Calvert *
 Cllr Wills * Cllr Murch *
 Cllr Martin * Cllr Cane @
 Cllr Gray * Cllr Jessop *
 Cllr Oates *
 * Denotes attendance @ Denotes absence

Also attending: Members of the public 20
 County Councillor 1
 District Councillor 1
 Police 1

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Cane

2. POLICE MATTERS

The PCSO Andy Potter read his report as below:

Brixton

No reported crime

Staddiscombe

3rd Common assault, dealt with by way of restorative justice CR/066668/14

24th Arson, car fire, enquiries ongoing CR/076070/14

Cllr Calvert asked about the robbery at Ridge Cross. Andy Potter to check but probably not in Brixton parish.

The matter of high road speed from Ridge Cross into Brixton to be referred to the Traffic Group.

Hitchins

3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hart reported:

- Highway potholes. Catching up with repairs. £6.98m received in central government aid.
- In the next few months, the restructuring of services will be announced for Youth Services and Residential Homes. A Library service review will commence.
- A new recycling centre is being planned for Ivybridge. To be commissioned within 2 years

4. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Squire reported that:

- At the recent Annual Meeting, Cllr Bill Hitchins was appointed chairman and Cllr Bramble as vice chairman.
- There is a food waste problem within South Hams with huge quantities being dumped. Please put your food waste into the green bin wrapped in newspaper for hygiene reasons.
- Beware of the telephone scam with crooks pretending to be police officers and asking you to call back to a particular phone number

- Mud on road at Canes Orchard. SHDC officers visited the site on May 21st regarding the alleged ‘mud on the road’ problem. The wheel wash facility was only used in wet weather but the site manager has agreed that it will in future be used on all lorries prior to site exit.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cllr Martin stated that he has taken advise from SHDC regarding the accusations made about him with regard the the planning application (07/0944) by 100% Stainless Steel Ltd. He advised that he would not be taking part in discussions or voting on agenda item 8.2.
- Cllr Oates advised a personal interest in 8.3 and will refrain from voting.

6. MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on May 7th 2014. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Wills as an accurate record & seconded by Cllr Gray. Carried by 6 votes with 2 abstentions.

7. LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

7.1 Silverbridge Way. The Information Board is now on order. This board is to be gifted by Brixton Composters and will be fastened to the bridge parapet.

7.2 Silverbridge Way direction signs. It was agreed to erect a wooden post and finger sign on The Green. Clerk to order.

7.3 Horse signs. A meeting with DCC Highways has now agreed new locations for the two signs. A proposal to invest £940 in two erected signs was proposed by Cllr Calvert and seconded by Cllr Gray. Passed unanimously. Clerk to check costing from DCC. (confirmed at £810 including 2 ‘slow’ signs).

7.4 New Clerk appointment. Cllr Hitchins advised that there had been interest from 22 people with 8 applications forthcoming. 5 to be interviewed.

7.5 and 7.6 “Our Plan” and Land usage. Cllr Hitchins advised that SHDC are consulting on the scope of their new local plan and strategy for the future to cover the period 201 to 2031. The closing date for consultation input is June 26th. More information is available on the SHDC web site. As the development boundaries have been scrapped by the Localism Act, it was agreed to put “Neighbourhood Planning” back on the agenda for June 25th.

7.7 Plymouth Cycling campaign. Cllr Oates agreed to get better mapping information and discuss again on June 25th.

7.8 Approval of letter to Magiley Ltd. A draft letter had been circulated to all councillors in response to various letters. Cllr Wills proposed and Cllr Jessop seconded that the draft letter be approved and sent to Mr Foley. Approved with 1 abstention.

7.9 Canes Orchard. Phase 2 update. The Clerk was asked to talk to Gareth Kendall to establish what changes are being made following the village consultation on April 2nd. Concern was raised about the % of affordable homes, the prices of these affordable homes and the lack of 2 and 3 bedroom houses for sale at open market prices (or lower).

7.10 Parish Recreation working group. The Clerk has received no calls from volunteers to make up this working group following the brief article in The Brixton magazine. To be carried forward to June 25th agenda.

7.11 Councillors’ reports.

- Cllr Jessop asked when the Brixton Rocks were to be installed. Contractor sorting out the traffic management required by DCC Highways. Imminent.
- Cllr Gray advised that the work involved with the village ‘Welcome Pack’ was too much now that she was back at work. Clerk to do reprint. Method

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of distribution to new parishioners to be considered. It can be done by a parishioner - any volunteers?

Clerk

- Cllr Oates raised concern about the delay in getting the “cheese blocks” into position by the pedestrian crossing. Clerk to contact DCC Highways.

Hitchins

- Cllr Hitchins advised that she would put a laminated notice in the bus shelter about the proposed work to alleviate the adjacent storm flooding. DCC Highways has put this work into the 2014/15 works programme.

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- Cllr Calvert has received thanks about the proposed ‘cheese blocks’ but the lady is now concerned about the dangers caused by people parking on the double yellow lines outside Ladybirds Nursery. This to be referred back to the Traffic Group by Cllr Hitchins.

- Cllr Wills reported that the brambles have been removed from the area by the post box on Red Lion Hill.
- Cllr Murch reported briefly on the SHDC Business Forum held on May 14th. A) For information about the Peninsular Growth Hub email info@gaininbusiness.com or ring 08000732020. B) The government has withdrawn support for micro businesses. For help now, email Federation of Small Businesses at devon@fssb.co.uk C) Rural Development Local Action Group for support of local businesses and village shops, email admin@drcompany.co.uk or ring 01837 658643.

Hitchins

- Cllr Hitchins advised that the Steer Point Quarry working group is meeting every two weeks. It has met Charlie Hopkins, Planning Advisor and a leaflet drop is to be made to every house in the parish. Currently, Aardvark is considering whether to modify the existing planning application or whether to withdraw it prior to a resubmission. A letter is to be sent to the DCC County solicitor to register disgust at the lack of representation from a County Councillor on this matter for 14 weeks.

All Cllrs

- Cllr Hitchins advised that the jubilee lamp post plaque and the Olympic Torch sign have both finally been installed.
- Cllr Cane will be bringing a list of drainage work requirements to the next meeting. Will all Cllrs and parishioners advise Cllr Cane if they know of particular problems that need attention?

Clerk

- Cllr Hitchins spoke about the offer from CAB to hold an outreach session in the Community Hall. Considered to be a worthwhile exercise – at least once. Clerk to contact CAB accordingly.

Clerk

- Sherford liaison group. Meeting set for July 10th. Cllr Hitchins unavailable.
- Parish newsletter to be written. To be on June 25th agenda.

All Cllrs

Clerk

- In the Open Forum, a request was made to increase the time for the ‘Open Forum’. Cllr Hitchins proposed and Cllr Wills seconded “that there should be an open forum both before and after the formal Parish Council meeting.” Approved unanimously. To accommodate this change, the start time for meetings will be 7 pm as from June 25th 2014 until further notice.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 Employment land at Canes Orchard. The Clerk wished to make a correction to a statement made last month. This land was not purchased by Barratt/David Wilson Homes. It remains in the ownership of the Cane family. Cllr Oates agreed to review the S106 wording regarding the advertising of this land.

Oates

8.2 07/0944/14/F. 100% Stainless Steel. Withdrawn.

8.3 07/0983/14/F. 23 The Crescent. No objection.

8.4 Balls Wood proposal for Solar farm. The presentation was made on May 14th by Parker Dann, Consultants and attended by 50 people. This site is not in the

AONB. No planning application yet received.

8.5 Approvals. Gentian Boarding Kennels has been given a certificate of “lawful development”.

9.FINANCIAL MATTERS

9.1 The tabled expenditure of £1,514.69 was approved after proposal by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Gray. This was made up of the following items:

Pepper Communications for artwork retrieval	75.00
Photocast for artwork change & lamppost plaque	200.76
Local World for Clerk’s adverts	260.40
South Hams paper for clerk’s advert	235.20
Clerk’s salary (net) for June 2014	482.05
Office rental for June	25.00
Stamps	31.32
Sarah Macpherson – physio services	92.00
Sian Rikard – physio services	80.00
Plants for The Green	32.96

9.2 The Clerk reported that the annual accounts for 2013/14 have been approved by our ‘internal auditor’ and sent to Grant Thornton.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday, June 25th. Please note new starting time of 7 pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.04 pm

OPEN FORUM

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

Pre Council meeting notes.

1. Graham Wilson of the Plymouth Cycle Campaign spoke to us about their proposal for a new Cycle Route from Sherford into the centre of Plymouth. They are in discussions with DCC and SHDC and are seeking support from Brixton parishioners and BPC. The map route and document will be sent to the Clerk for distribution to the Councillors.
2. Alan Powell asked Cllr Squire for an answer to the question “what did the 2 district councillors know about the SHDC response to the Steer Point Quarry planning application”. Cllr Squire restated that he had not been informed about this application. On investigation, he found that SHDC do not routinely discuss DCC applications with ward members but officers make their own observations based on planning grounds. In future, this policy will change and ward members informed about such applications.
3. Mrs Dealey asked if the Open Forum (OF) could return to the end of the meeting as occurred some years ago. Would it be possible to extend the 3 minute time allocation? A ‘straw pole’ indicated that parishioners would like OF both at the start and end of the meeting. The Chairman agreed to discuss during the formal council meeting. Derek Curtis suggested that a wealth of knowledge was not being sensibly used and supported the

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- suggestion for change.
4. Mr Foley expressed concern at the way the Council had treated him during the last fifteen years. He asked Cllr Martin for an apology regarding the planning site meeting at 100% Stainless Steel. No apology was forthcoming.
 5. Mr Curtis asked Cllr Hart why he was unable to represent Brixton in connection with the Steer Point Quarry planning application. Cllr Hart responded by advising that the Devon County Council solicitor has advised Cllr Hart that he cannot get involved because of his interest in the South West Waste partnership. Aardvark is reviewing the application and it is now likely that the decision will not be made before September. Richard Hoskin has now been appointed as County Councillor for the Yealmpton (and area) Ward and he will be briefed to represent Brixton in future discussions. In answer to the question regarding the waste from the Plymouth incinerator, Cllr Hart stated that it would not be going to Brixton or Lee Moor.
 6. Jane Cole who lives at Gention Hill wanted to know about the Solar Farm plans at Balls Wood and why she had not been informed about the public consultation on May 14th. As there is no planning application from Sun Edison Solar Ltd, no notices have yet been issued or posted near the site. Ms Cole was given information for her to pursue this issue. The meeting had been widely advertised around the village and 50 people attended.

Post Council meeting notes.

Oates

1. Mr Gilbury asked if a self closing device could be fitted to the hunting gate at the start of Silverbridge Way. Cllr Oates agreed to deal with this matter.
2. A query was raised about any Parish benefit in the event of the solar farm being constructed. The power is planned to go into the National Grid without benefit to Brixton parishioners.
3. Mr Curtis thanked the Chairman for approval of the change to the Open forum format and also for agreeing to some participation during the Council Meeting.

Open Forum finished at 10.15 pm.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

June 9th 2014