

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 4th 2012 AT 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Hitchins	*	Cllr White	*
Cllr Wills	*	Cllr Murch	*
Cllr Martin	*	Cllr Cane	*
Cllr Gray	@	Cllr Jessop	*
Cllr Oates	@		

* Denotes attendance @ Denotes absence

Also attending:

Members of the public	6
County Councillor	1
District Councillor	0
Police	2

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman introduced and welcomed our new councillor Debra Jessop.

12.001 APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs Squire, Oates and Gray.

12.102 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Andy Potter and PC Rob Batchelor attended. They reported the following incidents for March:

- 1 x burglary scrap metal stolen from isolated uninhabited building in rural location [JI/12/206 refers]
- 2 x assaults The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 2nd 2012 at 7.30 in the Community Room followed by a short Monthly meeting for urgent items only.
- 1 x very minor no injury [JI/12/226 refers]
- 1 x domestic argument related assault, Staddiscombe area [JI/12/237 refers]
- 1 x non crime domestic, Staddiscombe area, JI/12/224 refers]
- 1 x cruelty offence, cat shot with air rifle pellet, due to injury was put down

Issues from last meeting

Neighbourhood Watch coordinator list held by Police is up to date and all coordinators are able to communicate with each other if required by individual email. Each is aware of their specific areas of responsibility.

Dangerous Parking.

I have spoken to Mr Davis since the meeting .His concerns were parking bays at the Zebra crossing. Vehicles that park near the crossing can obstruct the view of motorists driving along the A379 from the Yealmpton direction. I made the Police Road Casualty Reduction Officer PC Tanner aware and asked that he visit the location.

He has visited and stated that to rectify the problem parking bays would become part of the footway, the council would then need to install a row of bollards to prevent drivers parking on the footway. The loss of parking spaces would not be a popular decision with residents local to the area. He also assumed the site would have past the relevant safety inspections at the time of installation and would have been signed off as such by the council.

Stamps Hill

I have visited Mr and Mrs Cowling at their home and discussed their issues. I made PC Tanner aware and asked him to visit the location. He has visited and stated the homes are just inside the 30 mph limit so keeping speeds down to exactly 30 mph would be difficult, due to the location enforcement would be difficult. The parking of vehicles outside the homes also acts as a traffic calmer, slowing vehicles down. As for installing a speed monitor device that would be difficult, the device needs to be attached to a lamppost, all lamp posts are on pavement side which is the side of the road residents' vehicles park, their vehicles parking up would interrupt the data collection, so it would be unreliable.

He also researched accidents at the location and could find only two, one in January 2010 and another in January 2011.

Potter

7.5 tonne enforcement –not yet had a reply to my query

12.103 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hart reported:

- No council tax increase from DCC
- Government £2.5 million 'rate support grant' to be spent on road repairs and upgrading of council care homes.
- Second Homes 'windfall' to be spent on building new care homes.
- Broadband project proceeding with 2015 still the end date for 85% of rural Devon to be on stream with fast broadband.
- Money is available to tidy up the village prior to the Olympic Torch run in 6 weeks time. The Clerk to contact Nick Colton re actions required.

Clerk

12.104 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Squire absent.

Cllr Cane reported:

- He has held a meeting with Graham Swiss our new link officer from SHDC
- Follaton House refurbishment complete including a delay for dealing with rare brown bats
- Teignbridge DC is reporting a problem of people going around pretending to be council officials and offering rate rebates etc. They are crooks. Do not let anyone into your house or give personal details to anyone who cannot produce official identification.

Cllr Murch agreed to write a suitable article for the Brixton Magazine to highlight this danger to all.

Murch

12.105 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Cllr Cane declared a personal and pecuniary interest in 7.2 as he rents an adjacent field
2. Cllr Cane declared a personal interest in 7.7 as the composting scheme is on Venn Farm land
3. Cllr Cane declared a personal and pecuniary interest in 7.1 as he farms land adjacent to the Sherford boundary
4. Cllr Cane declared a personal interest in all Planning Matters as he is a member of the SHDC Development Committee. He will not take part in any discussion or voting on planning issues.

12.106 MINUTES OF PARISH MEETINGS

Minutes of the monthly meeting on March 7th were proposed as correct by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr White. Approved by all those at that

meeting. The Open Forum notes were modified to clarify the concern of Mr Davis about car parking adjacent to the pedestrian crossing on the A379.

12.107 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

7.1 Sherford.

Hitchins

Cllr Hitchins reported that a response to her letter about a village exhibition is still awaited. Cllr Hitchins to write to Gary Streeter to find names for the contacts of other neighbouring Plymouth Parishes for invitation purposes. Wind turbine approvals will be subject to separate planning applications at a later date.

7.2 Silver Bridge Way.

Cllr Hitchins advised that the project group is still proceeding with the planning application.

7.3 Neighbourhood Watch.

Clerk/Searle

See minute 12.101. It was agreed to put a reference on the website which would encourage parishioners to ring the police on '101' if they want to report suspicious happenings. The police will then contact Neighbourhood Watch as necessary.

Hitchins/Jessop

Coordinators are required for Carrollsland, the Venn Estate and the A379 dwellings. Action by Cllrs Hitchins and Jessop. Sign information awaited from Totnes.

Potter

Murch

Cllr Murch agreed to write an explanatory article for Brixton Magazine
Cllr Martin is the 'link councillor' to Neighbourhood Watch

7.4 Active Village opportunities.

Nothing to report

7.5 Jubilee Celebrations

White

Cllr White reported that work continues on organising the street party in Old Road. It will run from 3 to 10pm on Monday June 4th. Full information will be available in the Brixton Magazine and on the Parish website. A leaflet drop is planned to all houses.

7.6 Olympic Torch day.

Cane

Cllr White reported the torch run will start at Lodge Lane and finish at Red Lion Hill. There will be 2 runners involved. One lady was born and married in Brixton. Lots of bunting is being produced. Church bells will ring for the parade. Ideas are sought to put to the BBC as Brixton is the first village in Devon to be visited. Cllr Cane to organise village clean up activity. Thanks to Jack and Michael for the weed clearing work already done.

Wills/Oates

Martin/Cane

Hitchins/Clerk

Council then discussed what we might have as a permanent memento of this unique year with both the Olympic Torch run and the Queen's Jubilee. The following tasks were delegated: Victorian lamp restoration – Cllr Wills; Village marker stones – Clerk; Tree planting – Cllr Oates; Artificial flame – Cllr Martin ; Bonfire – Cllr Cane ; Completion of Play Trail – Cllr Hitchins.

Consideration will also be given to new notice boards, jubilee benches and wrought iron work.

Council has already commissioned a new gavel for our meetings. Thanks to Russell Randle for making the gavel out of wood from the old church pews.

7.7 Local composting.

The scheme started on April 1st at Fordbrooke Nurseries. Green waste may be deposited there during their normal opening hours. On May 5th, a second site at Venn Farm will be opened for Saturdays only. Volunteers required to man the site please.

7.8 Parish Plan.

Cllr Hitchins said that the Plan is now available at the Post Office on request. It is

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also on the parish web site. The action plan to progress the findings will be emailed to councillors by Cllr Hitchins for debate on May 2nd.

7.9 P3 coordination. Nothing to report.

7.10 Councillor reports.

Hitchins

1. Cllr Martin requested that Tor Homes provide a rubbish bin at the play park at the end of Woodland Drive. He also expressed concern about children running out into the road from the playground as the old barriers have disappeared. Cllr Hitchins to follow up these requests.

Cane

2. Cllr White advised that Kitley View residents have reported fly tipping onto Venn Farm land. Cllr Cane to investigate.

Clerk

3. Cllr White expressed concern about a tree blocking the bus stop sign at Coombe Lane. Clerk to write to the landowner.

12.108 PLANNING MATTERS

Application 0341 was reviewed March 9th. No objections raised to this application. Proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Wills and approved with 2 abstentions.

12.109 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) The tabled expenditure of £1820.44 for April was approved after proposal by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr White with one abstention.

b) Funds of £200 were approved for the Jubilee celebrations.

c) Funds of £158.90 were approved for the start up of the composting scheme.

12.110 CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Clerk advised that he had received a letter from Graham Swiss, our new SHDC Link Officer accepting our invitation to the meeting on May 2nd.

12.111 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 2nd 2012 at 7.30 in the Community Room followed by a short monthly meeting for urgent items only.

There will not be an open forum on this occasion.

Hart/Squire
Cane/Hitchins

Annual reports required from Cllrs Hart, Cane, Squire and Hitchins. Please email to the Clerk by April 27th.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.29pm

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

Jack Gilbury reported that a drain cover on the south side of the \a379 was broken. The Clerk to report to DCC Highways.

