

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5th 2011 AT 7.30pm**

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| Present: | 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 | |

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| Also attending: | Members of the public | 6 |
| | District Councillor | 1 |
| | Police | 1 |

9.199 APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs Hart, Hutchins, Aylett and Tapper

9.200 POLICE MATTERS

Sergeant Anya Teakle advised that PC John Nolan will be returning on Feb 4th as our Beat Manager and then read the report as follows:

Jl/10/1072. Detectives at Ivybridge CID are investigating a complaint of alleged rape of a female aged 16 or over during the early hours of the 4th Dec 10. Enquiries continue.

Jl/10/1074. Relates to a domestic incident, force policy dictates non disclosure of information.

Jl/10/1095. Relates to a domestic incident, force policy dictates non disclosure of information.

Jl/11/0009. Jan 3rd. Theft of airline hose and pressure gauge from petrol station at Carrolsland. Investigations continue.

In addition to the above crimes the neighbourhood team have recently been looking into reports of increasing Anti Social Behaviour in the Silverstream Way area and the park area near the church and as such have increased patrols and are currently getting to know some new families that have recently moved into the area. We would again ask that any incidents of ASB are reported to us via the 08452 777444 non emergency line. The local team have also been into St Mary's primary school and informed Mr Cox of all relevant local issues during his absence. We have also been able to donate various items of sports equipment such as rugby and football balls, bats and balls and tag rugby equipment to the school. Various speed checks have been carried out on the A379 during the month however, only a small amount of vehicles were slightly over the 30mph limit, words of advice were given where appropriate.

Police Cllr Cane raised the matter of the car parking dangerously at the junction of Steer Point Road and Elliots Hill. Police will review this complaint.

9.201 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Précis of email report read by the Clerk:

- There will be substantial cuts in the budget
- We will protect the vulnerable and front line services where possible
- No increase in DCC council tax
- Grit bins for Brixton. Please advise locations for new bins.

Clerk Council then discussed the issue of preparation for more snow and ice. It was agreed that DCC would be asked for 4 new bins to be located at:

1. Entrance to Cherry Tree Drive (south side)
2. Western end of Woodland Drive
3. At the north end of The Crescent (west side)
4. Junction of Elliots Hill and Steer Park Road.
5. Additionally, DCC wish to put a grit bin at Combe to replace the grit bags normally placed there.

9.201 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cane had no issues to report.

Cllr Squire reported:

- That SHDC Government grants will be cut by 14.5% next year and a further 12.5% the following year.
- That SHDC plan to maintain existing 'front line' services
- That SHDC will not increase their portion of the Council Tax
- That the new CEO will be making changes to the executive structures after the May elections.
- That SHDC plan to build 750 affordable homes in the next 5 years.

9.202 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary interest: Cllr Searle; Parish website.

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

9.203 MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 3rd PARISH MEETING

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

9.204 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

7.1 Brixton/Yealmpton footpath. The route for the pathway has been agreed by Kitley Estate, DCC and The Environmental Agency. Initially the route will go over the existing small stream bridge but when funding is available, a new bridge will be built closer to the A379 thus shortening the overall distance between villages. Mr Bastard has agreed to join the Working Party. DCC will cover the costs of the necessary planning permissions. The basic path is expected to be operational during 2011. Next meeting of Working Group on Jan 25th.

Martin

7.2 Village Welcome pack. Cllr Martin will supply the Neighbourhood Watch 'Welcome Pack' to the Clerk

Clerk

7.3 Memory Cafe update. Now that support has been received from Newton & Noss, Wembury and Yealmpton, Cllr Hitchins has set up a meeting on Feb 16th with Jenny Richards of DCC and the parishes. Clerk to advise if Parish Room is available at Yealmpton.

All Cllrs

7.4 Community Partnership. Cllr Hitchins is proposing the following organisations/people be invited to join the Brixton Community Partnership: Parish Council, Parochial Church Council, Yealm Medical Centre, Head Teacher/School Governors, Parents Group, Community Association and the Feoffee Trust.

Cllrs were asked to consider additions to this list. A formal proposal will be made at the Feb Council meeting.

Searle

Clerk

Clerk/Searle

7.5 Parish Council elections May 5th 2011. The Clerk spoke about the importance of communicating with our parishioners about the Council elections. It is important for the democracy of the village that an election takes place this year. This requires over 9 parishioners standing for election.

It was agreed to put an article in the Feb edition of the Brixton Magazine. Cllr Searle to advise the editor. The Clerk to send the article by Jan 10th.

The Clerk agreed to prepare some information for the web site

Clerk

It was agreed that the Parish Annual Meeting be held on March 2nd with the subject for the evening as **"Parish Councils – Why stand ?? - Why vote ??** Draft agenda to be circulated.

7.6 Councillors' reports.

- Cllr Searle reported that the school has recently lost 4 children who have gone to Yealmpton.
- Cllr Searle reported that a US resident has recently been in touch with him to congratulate BPC on its website.
- Cllr Foweraker raised the query about the timing of the Inspector's report on the Brixton LDF. Cllr Squire agreed to talk to SHDC Planning and report to the Clerk.

Squire

9.205 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Council discussed the following application earlier considered by the subcommittee:
Application by the Co-op for improved signage at its Carrolsland shop.
This was agreed with a "recommendation for approval".
- b) No new applications were presented for consideration.
- c) The Clerk requested that a questionnaire from SHDC Development Management be discussed and completed as its return was overdue. This was duly carried out with the general feeling that, whilst the service is OK, there is scope for improvements including better communications with the Parish Council and a faster service.

Clerk

9.206 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) The tabled expenditure of £668.83 for the month was approved.
- b) Precept for 2011/12. The precept sum of £13,250 for 2011/12 was proposed by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Searle. Voted unanimously. Clerk to advise SHDC.

Clerk

9.207 CORRESPONDENCE

- SHDC Budget presentation on Jan 13th at 6.30 at Follaton House. This will include presentations by DCC, Police and Fire Authority. To be attended by Cllrs Cane and Lang.
- SHDC Cluster Meeting on Jan 20th at 7.00pm at the Watermark Centre, Ivybridge. To be attended by Cllrs Cane and Searle.

The correspondence file was given to the Chairman for reading and onward distribution.

9.208 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly Meeting of Brixton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, February 2nd at 7.30 p.m. in the Brixton Community Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.47 pm

OPEN FORUM held at 7.30pm.

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

1. Reference was made to a car parking dangerously at the South end of Elliots Hill. This was to be referred to the Police for action.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

January 6th 2011