

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY JULY 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 7
County Councillor 1
District Councillor 1
Police 1

12.118 APOLOGIES

No apologies.

12.119 POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Andy Potter reported the following 3 incidents for June:

Theft of two pedal cycles- during either 1st or 2nd June [JI/12/470] enquiries had negative a result , cycles were recovered .

Theft of one pedal cycle- during either 1st or 2nd June [JI/12/486] enquiries had negative result.

Criminal damage – between 21st and 25th June on the outskirts of Brixton damage caused to thermometer attached to external wall of house ,damage caused by air rifle pellet [JI/12/535] enquiries ongoing.

12.120 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hart reported:

- That he was investigating actions for the dangerous slippery road surface at the bottom of Winstone Lane
- That BPC should ask for an additional £5k from the Exeter Airport sale fund for SBW.
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12.121 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cane reported that:

- Cllr Rosemary Rowe has been elected Chair at SHDC and that Cllr Brian Carson has been elected Vice Chair.
- SHDC were putting in a bid to DCC for weekly waste food collections
- The Locality Fund (over the years) has given out over £100k supporting 279 projects and over 2.4 million people

Cllr Squire reported that :

- SHDC was running a campaign to get dog owners to microchip their dogs
- The Standards Board has been abolished & new code adopted
- Langage Power Station is closing for a 35 day ‘outage’ for maintenance

12.122 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Cllr Cane declared a personal interest in 9.1 as the composting scheme is on Venn Farm land
2. Cllr Jessop declared a personal interest in 8.1 via a family relation

3. 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.

12.123 MINUTES OF PARISH MEETINGS

Minutes of the monthly meeting on June 6th were proposed as correct by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Cane. Approved by all 7 councillors at that meeting. 2 abstentions.

12.124 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

7.1 Sherford.

Cllr Hitchins advised that the community exhibition was to be held by Redtree in the Brixton School main hall on September 3rd from 3.33 to 7.30pm. The Clerk has advised neighbouring parishes and Plymouth CC and groups in Plymstock, Plympton and Elburton. Posters to be made and circulated.

7.2 Silver Bridge Way.

Cllr Gray advised that SHDC had granted Planning Permission on June 20th. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for all his work and speaking at the Development Meeting.

7.3 Dementia Friendly Villages project.

Cllr Hitchins advised that they were now seeking to appoint a Coordinator (for 2 years) to work with local businesses to raise awareness of the condition. DCC is supporting the project.

7.4 Active Village programme.

The Clerk advised that the project was now financially viable. Active Devon has awarded £800 and takings from participants was £820.

7.5 TAP fund applications.

The Clerk explained that our Cluster Group has a pot of £29000 to spend on joint parish projects. After discussion about options, Cllr Martin proposed and Cllr Wills seconded that the Clerk be asked to fill in application forms for a) £5000 for the Dementia project and b) £5000 for SBW. Unanimously approved.

7.6 Parish Plan - Traffic Management group.

The Chairman asked for councillors to join a working group to prepare the village traffic management plan. Councillors Gray, Martin and Hitchins will join Sue Pavier on this project. First meeting in Sept. Date TBA.

7.7 Councillor reports.

1. Cllr Gray requested that the ivy overhanging the post box on Red Lion Hill be cleared. Cllr Cane to get it cleared.

2. Cllr Martin raised the issue of a rubbish bin at the play park at the end of Woodland Drive. It is on order.

3. Cllr Jessop referred to the Japanese knot weed at Otter Nurseries. The Clerk stated that it is not an offence for it to grow on your land unless it causes a nuisance to your neighbour. Cllr Jessop to speak to Peter Guy of DCC.

4. Cllr Jessop advised that the Carrolsland community pay a management charge to Meadfleet for grass cutting etc. They are planning to form a Residents Association and may wish to resource some activities. The Clerk offered to provide names of alternative contractors on request.

5. Cllr Oates has been in contact with Peter Guy (P3) about clearing detritus from a green lane. 2 quotes for the work are being obtained. DCC will be asked to pay for this work.

6. Cllr Wills expressed concern about the grass cutting on the public right of way across to the Tiffany site. Cllr Oates to be informed of any work to be done as

Hitchins

Clerk

Hitchins

Cane

Hitchins

Jessop

Jessop

Oates

All Cllrs

this is a P3 responsibility.

Clerk

7. Cllr Martin asked about the dog bin at the end of Woodland Drive. Please can it be moved further away from the path (to the north). How often is it emptied?
Clerk to meet Cllr Martin on site to agree a more suitable position.

Clerk/Martin

8. Cllr Cane thanked Jack Gilbury for strimming the piece of DCC land on Red Lion Hill

All Cllrs

9. Councillors to consider a better location for the waste bin currently sited at the Lodge.

10. Cllr Hitchins spoke about the Primary School swimming pool amenity. It may be closed out of school hours because of the insurance need for a qualified lifeguard to be on duty.

7.8 Adoption of New Standards.

The Clerk advised that the SHDC standards board has been scrapped and that the old Standards regime was made redundant on June 30th. In order to have a legal footing, BPC needed to adopt a new 'Members Code of Conduct' this evening. After some discussion about a suitable document, Cllr Hitchins proposed and Cllr Cane seconded that "BPC adopt the new South Hams Parish & Town Councils Members' Code of Conduct' as of July 4th 2012." This was unanimously approved. The Chairman asked councillors to complete the new Register of Interest forms sent to them by email by the Clerk and return them to the Clerk within 21 days. This information will be posted on the Council web site by law.

Clerk

Clerk/Searle

12.125 PLANNING MATTERS

1. Application 1190 had been reviewed and the application was inadequate for a decision. The Clerk to talk to SHDC about this.

Clerk

2. Letter from Daly International re mobile phone masts. The consultation letter was discussed and there was no disagreement about the removal of one mast at Coombe Farm with 2 aerials using the remaining mast.

Clerk

12.126 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) The tabled expenditure of £2357.76 for July was approved after proposal by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Gray with one abstention.

b) The Chairman signed the contract document for DCC in order to get the £5000 grant for SBWay.

12.127 CORRESPONDENCE

None

12.128 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 5th 2012 at 7.30 in the Community Room.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.45pm

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

Hitchins

1. Jack Gilbury raised the question of responsibility of dwellings in Old Road (which back onto the A379) for cutting their hedges. Cllr Hitchins agreed to talk to Feoffee Trust.
2. Sue Pavier volunteered to join the Working Group to prepare the village Traffic Management report.

Clerk/Searle

Hitchins/Wills

3. Danny Sullivan asked if a 'link' could be established from our web site to the SHDC Planning website.
4. Danny Sullivan asked about progress on the Brixton 'mileposts'. Cllr Wills and Hitchins to look at the proposed rocks and report back in September.
5. Steven Cane reported on the success of the village composting scheme. In just 3 months, 7 tonnes of green waste had been collected from village sources. This should yield £279 for parish funds. Forms to be completed and sent to the Clerk. Thanks expressed to Alan Powell for all his hard work in making the scheme so successful. The Environment Agency has recently inspected the sites and given us a 'clean bill of health'.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

July 7th 2012

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