

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 3RD 2010 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 | 3 |
| | County Councillor | 0 |
| | District Councillor | 1 |
| | Police | 0 |

ACTION

In the absence of Cllr Cane, Cllr Hitchins took the Chair for the meeting.

Prior to the Council Meeting there was an Open Forum at which members of the public were invited to raise questions. Notes from this forum are given after the Minutes of the Council Meeting.

9.106 APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs Hart, Cane and the Police

9.107 POLICE MATTERS Report emailed:

Jl/10/120. Between Friday 2nd February 2010 and Monday 8th February 2010, a metal gully cover was stolen from a road drain near the area adjacent to West Sherford Farm. This was one of a series of similar thefts in the area.

Two suspects have been arrested for other matters in Plymouth and this has also been put to them.

Both are due in Magistrates court on Wednesday 3rd March 2010.

9.108 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hart sent his apologies

9.109 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cane sent his apologies.

Cllr Squire reported:

- Shared services with West Devon may in future include "Waste & Street scene" departments following review
- Local Government review. No new information.
- LDF. There is now a 6 week consultation period for further comments.
- Cost to SHDC to use the Princes Foundation for LDF was £161,000
- Councillors allowances frozen for next year

9.110 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pecuniary interest: Cllr Searle; Parish website.

9.111 MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3rd PARISH MEETING

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

9.112 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

7.1 Brixton/Yealmpton footpath. Cllr Hitchins advised that a meeting of the Working Group (JWG) had been held in February. In order to achieve progress they are now seeking a meeting with Devon Councillors, John Hart and William Mumford

7.2 Parish Plan. Cllr Hitchins advised that 762 questionnaires had been circulated. 162 returned to date with a closing date of March 6th. Thanks for the positive response. Forms going to DCC at Exeter for statistical analysis.

7.3 Emergency Planning. Cllr Wills reported that 2 meetings had taken place. Cllr Robbins from Yealmpton had attended on Feb 22nd and was relaxed about working together where necessary. A review of the working party membership was taking place to ensure that all relevant organisations were included. An article will shortly be put in the Brixton Magazine to invite helpers to come forward for nursing, catering, transport etc.

Clerk The Clerk was asked to invite Peter Dale, the SHDC emergency planning officer, to talk to Council on this subject in April or May.

7.4 Friends of Brixton Play Spaces. Cllr Hitchins advised that there was no request for Parish funding at this time as other sources were available. On March 4th, the Friends are meeting an architect along with representatives from the School and the Feoffee Trust.

7.5 Councillors' reports.

Clerk a) Cllr Tapper asked about the unlit road sign adjacent to the Fish & Chip shop. The Clerk to make enquiries.

Squire b) Cllr Martin complained that FAB, the company who were washing out refuse bins, was leaving the mouldy food etc in the gutter outside the houses. This represents a health risk. He had received 9 complaints today. Cllr Squire agreed to talk to SHDC officers on the subject and would advise the Clerk of the outcome.

Clerk c) Cllr Foweraker enquired about DAPC training courses for "understanding planning issues". It was agreed that Cllrs Wills, Foweraker and Martin would attend the course near Exeter on March 23rd. Clerk to arrange.

d) Cllr Searle complained about the state of the road surface at Stamps Hill. The Clerk reminded Councillors that DCC have major road problems after last winter and will not be attending to other than A roads for some time.

**Tapper
Clerk** e) Cllr Hitchins discussed the mapping of 'potholes' in the village for sending to DCC. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a suitable map to Cllr Tapper to start this exercise of plotting potholes. The subject would be carried forward to the May agenda.

9.113 PLANNING MATTERS

a). Apple Loft. Application for new machinery store. Approved by the Planning committee subject to covenant restraints. Confirmed by Council

b) 8 Brixton Lodge Gardens. Application for the removal of high conifer hedge to be replaced with 2 metre high panel fence. Approved by Council

c) Venn Farm composting. DCC has written to the Clerk advising that they wish to change the access route to use Chittleburn Lane instead of Sherford Road. After a long discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Tapper "that Council still required site access from Elburton along Sherford Lane as previously stated." Voted unanimously.

Clerk

9.114 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The tabled expenditure of £894.37 for the month was approved.

9.115 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email from John Hart. Please will BPC contact DCC Highways direct if they wish to pursue "narrow road" signage for road passed Otter Nurseries. The Clerk was asked to action this.
2. Letter from Phil Fuller at Hilltop Cottages seeking support for a speed limit along the lane passed the cottages. The Clerk advised that there is a County wide review of speed limits and until DCC approach us, there is no action that we can take in support.
3. Devon & Cornwall Constabulary have invited the Chair and Vice Chair to a "drop in" session at Totnes Police Station on March 26th from 4 to 7 pm.
4. DAPC has sent a questionnaire (to be returned by the end of March) regarding the Stokenham pilot for devolvement of District and County services to local parish "clusters". Council was disturbed at how little information was available regarding the results of the Pilot scheme and the costs and benefits of extending this to South Hams parishes. In order that our concerns were registered, the Clerk was asked to complete the form and register our concerns at the way this important issue was being handled by both SHDC and DAPC. Cllr Squire was of the opinion that no funds would be devolved with the responsibility- to be clarified.

Clerk

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

9.116 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly Meeting of Brixton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, April 7th at 7.30 p.m. in the Brixton Community Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.10 pm

Clerk

Squire

OPEN FORUM NOTES

Q1. Council was asked about the response to the Parish Plan questionnaire.

A1. The response has been higher than expected. Full details will be given on Agenda item 7.2

C2. Mr Pope thanked the Clerk for the 'dog fouling' notices. He plans to put them on the telephone box where the problem is occurring.