

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2013 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 11  
 County Councillor 0  
 District Councillor 1  
 Police 1

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Calvert, Jessop, Cane and Hart

**2. POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Andy Potter gave his report as below:  
 October 5<sup>th</sup>. Non crime domestic JI/13/865

The problem of trespass and damage at South Barton Farm was discussed. PCSO Potter advised that any criminal damage (ie cutting chains, stealing padlocks etc) should be reported on 'phone 101 to the police.

**3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Hart did not submit a report

**4. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Squire reported that:

- SHDC has a 'transformation plan' for 2015 which will reduce back-office staff by 25%. More staff visibility, shorter meetings and more computerisation will ensue.
- More homes needed in the District.
- Electoral review adopted by SHDC and from 2015 there will be 31 councillors (reduced from 40)
- The issue of parishioners using Chelson Meadow recycling centre is yet to be resolved.

**5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None**

**6. MINUTES OF PARISH MEETINGS**

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 were proposed by Cllr Wills as an accurate record. Seconded by Cllr Gray and agreed by those present on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**7. LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS**

**7.1 Footpath leaflet.** The text has been brought up-to-date. Copyright issue now resolved as we have our own 'user' number from Ordnance Survey. When draft is ready, Cllr Hitchins will obtain 3 printers' quotes.

**Hitchins**

**Hitchins** It was proposed by Cllr Wills, seconded by Cllr Martin “that footpath leaflets should be available free of charge within the village”. Approved with 5 votes with 1 abstention. Cllr Hitchins to advise the retailers accordingly.

**7.2 TAP funding.** There is about £30k available for our local ‘cluster’. The following ideas were adopted for further discussion. A) Continue to support the Dementia project. B) Extension of SB Way through to Kitley Farm shop C) Employ a contractor to clear up all the outstanding drainage and lengthsman work so that the local resource will keep up-to-date from 2015 onwards. D) Train up parishioners to do Chapter 8 work.

**Hitchins** **7.3 Silverbridge Way.** The Information Board is with the designer for mods. An application to the Composters Group has been made for funding for the board and 2 magnifier boards. 2 new signs will be erected if DCC approve.

The Clerk advised that the path is being very well used. 6000 people have gone over the bridge in the 4 months of July, August, September and October.

**7.4 Traffic group.** A meeting was held on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> to review progress. A Red Lion Hill pedestrian crossing is under consideration. The county Road Safety Officer is to carry out an A379 traffic speed and volume check before concluding the solution for the pedestrian crossing. A “30 mph” sign has been put in the tarmac surface on Stamps Hill. The accident in the dip by Silver Stream on the A379 has been reported to DCC.

**Cane** **7.5 Dog Control orders.** Carry forward to December meeting

**7.6 Post Office situation.** Cllr Hitchins reported that council had met with Colin Pound of the Post office. The outcome is:

- The Post Office is committed to keep a Post Office in the village (Government Policy)
- It is **not** an option to restore the previous service
- The Post Office is searching for a solution
- An advert for the vacancy should be on the Post Office website by now
- A notice with the Post Office logo will be displayed in the Post Office giving the revised hours as from beginning of November i.e. Tuesday 9.30-1.00, Thursday 9.30- 1.00 and Saturday 9.30 -12.00. The current post offices services will be available during those times.

Glynis Jeffries is putting a formal announcement in Brixton Magazine. The future of the shop is in question so please will all parishioners use the shop or it may be lost.

**Hitchins** **7.7 Web site.** It was agreed that Graham Searle should be paid a fixed sum on a 50/50% basis with the Feoffee Trust to host, maintain and update the site. Payments to be made April and October.

**All Cllrs** **7.8 Lane clearance.** After a long discussion about the merits of clearing Hobby Lane and Coombe Lane for walkers, it was agreed that cllrs would walk the lanes on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9.15 am. prior to a decision on expenditure.

**Wills** **7.9 Councillors’ reports.**

- Cllr Wills advised that the “Brixton Rocks” road stones will be erected at the parish boundaries this year. Location photos have been taken and approved by DCC Highways.
  - Cllr Gray commented that Silverbridge Way needs strimming.
  - Cllr Oates commented on the fly tipping problem. Will all parishioners make a note of any fly tipping and advise the police on telephone “101”
  - Cllr Wills enquired about the Christmas tree for The Green. Cllr Cane to be asked to organise.
- Hitchins**

- Cllr Hitchins reported that the “Play Trail” had been formally opened last Saturday with 20 supporters. Designating cast badges are to be located around the trail.
- Cllr Hitchins reported that £1300 had been raised for the Dementia Group with the sale of raffle tickets and a supper held in Plymouth.

### **PLANNING MATTERS**

8.1 Application 07/2347/13/F. New dwelling in Huntleigh Grange garden. No objections

8.2 Application 07/2340/13/F. 7 Cross Park 2 storey side extension. No objections

8.3 Application 07/2333/13/F. 12 Hilltop cottages. Replace 45 cat pens with 33 new ones. No objections.

### **9.FINANCIAL MATTERS**

9.1 The tabled expenditure of £907.12 was approved after proposal by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Martin.

### **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Letter received from N&N Harbour Authority re canoe licence charges was read out.
- b) Letter from Village Store re map charges.
- c) SHDC Super cluster meeting. Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm
- d) SHDC Planning Training on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 till 1 pm to be attended by Cllrs Martin and Wills
- e) Luscombe Maye agent re walkers ignoring countryside code
- f) NHS consultation on Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm in Ivybridge Methodist church.
- g) Police Commissioner open public meeting Nov 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. in the Guildhall, Plymouth
- h) “Celebration of Christmas “ concert Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec in Yealmpton Community Centre at 7.15 pm. in aid of Dementia Villages fund.

### **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next General Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in the Community Room.

**The meeting was declared closed at 9.32 pm**

### **OPEN FORUM**

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

1. Mr Nick McMahon is the leader of the newly formed Sherford Project Implementation Team. He outlined the present situation for Sherford as follows:
  - a) The team made up of staff from DCC, PCC and SHDC is to assist the developer in the implementation of the scheme. They will be based in Follaton House with a move to site in 2014.
  - b) Councils’ consent was given for a “Sustainable Community” and not a

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housing estate and this has to be achieved. 5,500 homes are to be built along with facilities for health, education, worship and recreation.

- c) Government has given a loan of £32million to the developer (Redtree) to 'kick start' the project and enable the infrastructure to be built before housing. (Roads, Stanbrook Cross, Deep Lane junction and Main Street)
  - d) The S106 agreement has been agreed but signatures still required.
  - e) Only the Main Street design has full planning consent. Consent for all the houses etc must seek separate planning permissions.
  - f) A Community Trust has to be set up with Brixton Parish Council. When the specified number of houses has been built, a Sherford Town Council will be created and Sherford will become autonomous and split off from Brixton parish.
  - g) Before building starts, it is required to: 1. Carry out skills training for youth 2. Specify all highways 3. Set up Community Trust 4. Set out the plans for a temporary Primary School 5. Create football pitches and the swimming pool 6. Plan the Community Park 7. Set up a 'Review Panel' 8. Define the locations for the Affordable Housing quota.
  - h) It is unlikely that any building will start before 2015.
  - i) Liaising with Brixton Parish Council and its parishioners must start in 2014.
  - j) Phase I is now for up to 700 homes to be built on the western edge of the new town (adjacent to Plymouth) but mainly on Brixton parish land. Further phases will inevitably be subject to market demands.
2. Cllr Hitchins reiterated that this development covers a large % of the parish land and that there was huge interest within both the Council and parishioners. Concern was expressed as to how BPC would cope with all the necessary involvement. Some items would possibly be 'out of our comfort zone' and help and training may be needed. Liaison with the Parish Council is now critical and must be to a higher standard than hitherto.
  3. Cllr Hitchins invited Mr MacMahon to our February meeting to give an update. It will need a separate business meeting with councillors to talk in detail about setting up governance and the Trust, to decide how best to handle the multitude of detail planning applications, to consider health and social care provision, to discuss traffic concerns, to understand education provision, etc.
  4. Cllr Hitchins thanked Mr MacMahon for coming, before his appointment, to give all a better understanding of the current position.
  5. Jack Gilbury asked that the hedge by Sunnyside Cottage be cut back.

**Clerk**

M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

November 8<sup>th</sup> 2013

