

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7th 2009 AT 7.30pm**

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

Also attending:	Members of the public	10
	County Councillor	0
	District Councillor	1
	Police	0

ACTION

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.

9.050 APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs Lang, Aylett, Martin, Hart, the Clerk and the Police

9.051 POLICE MATTERS

The police report was not received in time for the meeting but is appended to the minutes.

9.052 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report was received from Cllr Hart. Apologies sent.

9.053 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Squire reported:

- a) Road Sweeping. It had become apparent that some of the mechanical sweepers had been unable to treat certain areas because of parking. He said that there was the prospect of temporary parking orders in order for the sweepers to carry out their task.
- b) Legal Section. They now had a Locum who was working mainly on Sherford. Costs so far for this were £33K. So far the developers have made no contribution to this but were due to be approached by SHDC Scrutiny Group in this respect.
- c) SHDC Budget. There was a shortfall of £900K.
- d) Safeguarding Children. A meeting had acknowledged the Devon and Cornwall had seen over the past year 12 deaths similar to the Baby P case. It is known that drug abuse, domestic violence and learning disabilities are factors. In this county, 308 are subjected to domestic violence over a year on average. Unintentional deaths - caused by road accidents – are largely in socially deprived areas. SHDC were discussing whether all people with

child contact would need a CRB check.

- e) Langage Power Station. At a meeting attended by Cllr. Squire, South West Water had expressed concerns that the Power Station was using too much water in the summer.
- f) There are no permanent tenants for the Science Park at Langage.

Cllr. Hitchins then asked about the parking orders. Cllr. Squire said that temporary parking notices would be published in advance.

Cllr. Cane reported on the following points:

- a) He asked if anyone had nominations for the SHDC's Sporting Heroes scheme for coaches or young players. The name of Jack Hardman (young local bowls player) was put forward.
- b) The South Devon Local Action Group has been formed with the capacity to offer funding for such schemes as village halls, allotments, energy saving, sports facilities etc. Councils applying would be expected to match the amount granted. This amount could range from £2.5K to £15K with the actual funding coming from SW Renaissance (part of DEFRA).

Hitchins

9.54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cane; Planning and Cllr Searle; Parish website.

9.055 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2nd PARISH MEETING

Cllr Hitchins proposed and Cllr Searle seconded the approval of the minutes of the September 2nd minutes. Duly approved.

9.056 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

1. Brixton/Yealmpton Footpath

Cllr. Hitchins stated that Yealmpton Parish Council had voted to support the majority decision in the recent ballot (in favour of the A379 option) and that Brixton needed to have a proposal to do the same. The Joint Working Group could then proceed from this basis.

Cllr Wills proposed and Cllr Tapper seconded the motion "that Brixton Parish Council supports the outcome of the recent ballot in favour of the A379 multi use route between Brixton and Yealmpton". This was carried.

Cllr Hitchins then asked for the draft proposal of the JWG new Terms of Reference (TOR) to be accepted. This had been circulated to all Councillors. Acceptance of the new TOR was proposed by Cllr. Wills; seconded Cllr. Tapper and carried.

JWG to proceed

2. Sherford. Cllr Wills reported that:

1. Meeting with SHDC attended by Cllrs Squire, Hitchins, Wills and the Clerk called because of lack of communication between Brixton Council & SHDC over the last year concerning the Sherford Development. It was also stated by SHDC that the Sherford Steering Committee had broken off relations with the developer and SHDC over the last 12 months.

2. Access to the Development site would be along Vinery Lane & the Hard Road leading from the quarry. This would be prior to the completion of the road leading to the Haye Road / Stanborough Cross Junction. All heavy machinery would be

brought onto the site via the Deep Lane Junction.

3. During the first year of development, only 5 houses would be completed. This is due to the fact that it has been decided that the infrastructure for Phase 1 would be completed prior to commencement of any major building of dwellings.

4. It was suggested that a Sherford Sub Committee be set up at the commencement of Development. Possibly Gary Streeter MP could be involved. This should be sooner rather than later. A possible name for this Sub Committee could well be "The Sherford Liaison Committee" which could show that we are trying to work together.

5. During the building of the first 100 houses, Brixton Parish Council will be expected to act as a Caretaker Council.

6. The **106 Agreement**

a. Cost of setting up Development Council for Sherford; £50K to be allocated by the Developer. It was felt that it was unrealistic for a Council of our size and resources to be responsible alone for setting up a Community Development Team with all the work that could entail. We will need the help and expertise of SHDC. It must be remembered that a Development on this scale has not taken place in Devon for many years. Possibly a role model such as Poundbury in Dorset will have to be consulted in the future.

b. Cycle Ways & Foot Ways to be set up. Improved links to the Elburton area and improvements to the cycle Route at the Station Area. A link to the Community Park & the Sherford built up area. Cost to be born by the Developer.

c. Signs of Transport System still requested by Developer; possibly from a Transport adviser guided by The National Travel Plan.

d. Cottage Hospital & Medical Centre to be provided by Developer. We were advised that this would be beneficial to the village of Brixton.

e. Youth Club facilities to be provided.

f. Open Park spaces to be provided.

g. Sports Facilities etc (Football pitches, Swimming Pool & Athletic Track).

h. Apprenticeships & Training Schemes are to be provided.

Finally, it was discussed at great length that there were no direct benefits for Brixton village out of all this in spite of most of the development taking place in our Parish. We were told in no uncertain terms by the SHDC officers "That this was never on the cards."

3. Parish Plan

Cllr. Hitchins reported that progress was unfortunately slow. An initial draft of 100 questions had been prepared. This was now being trimmed to a more appropriate level. The questionnaire is to be ready in November. Help would be needed in its distribution.

7.4 Parish Assets

Adoption of land at Coflete. Cllr. Cane thought that the adoption of the land by BPC was not viable. This was agreed and thus rejected by the Parish Council.

7.5 Councillors' Reports.

a. Cllr. Foweraker said that John Hart had requested a list of things to be done in our area. He suggested the adequate provision of cats' eyes along Steer Point Road up to the speed restriction. It was suggested that the Clerk write to DCC on this matter but Cllr. Squire said that it was against County policy to take such action in areas such as the one stated.

b. Cllr. Cane thought the general condition of drains in the area was appalling and that *all* needed attention.

Hitchins

Clerk to advise
SHDC

Clerk to write
to DCC

c. Cllr Hitchins had the following to report:

Marine & Coastal Access Bill: A letter for Coastal Access Consultation was in circulation with a closing date of 1st December 2009. Cllr Hitchins suggested that it be an agenda item for next time. She also suggested that all local Parish Councils be contacted about a possible meeting on this subject.

Clerk

Clerk to write to Yealmpton, Wembury, Newton & Noss to suggest this.

Clerk

The address and website for responses from the public to the consultation documents to be published on the Brixton Village website

Searle

Viridor at Lee Mill: A Parish Council meeting at Yealmpton had been attended at which this was discussed. Cllr. Searle was asked to add links to the Parish Web Site about this matter.

Searle

Plymouth Fringe: A meeting had been attended at which it was stated that development on the Plymouth's fringes had proceeded on a piecemeal basis. A report will be forthcoming.

Affordable Housing: A poster circulated to the Parish Council to be published in the Parish Magazine.

Hitchins

d. Cllr. Searle indicated that the matter of the appointment of the Parish Clerk had been raised in Open Forum. As Cllr. Cane had said that matter could be voted on, this should be an agenda item for November.

Clerk

e. Cllr Cane requested that the Clerk write to Plymouth CC and ask for the Sustrans route to be cleaned up at the Elburton end.

Clerk

9.057 PLANNING MATTERS

In the absence of Cllr Martin, the following was noted:

1. Both the Rosemount Cottage extension and 3, Tapps Lane extension had been approved by the Planning Committee
2. Littlebrook, Wollaton. Application to replace plastic roof with tiles was discussed and approved by Council.

9.058 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Acceptance for the tabled expenditure of £881.62 for the month was explained by Cllr Searle and approved.

9.059 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from BT re red kiosks was put in the circulation file and will be an agenda item in November
2. SHDC Budget Consultation meeting. Cllr Hitchins agreed to attend
3. Marine & Coastal Access River Yealm – already a November agenda item
4. There would be no AONB committee candidates from Brixton
5. SHDC Parish Cluster Group meeting. Cllr Tapper to attend.
6. SHDC Development Control meeting. Cllr Hitchins to attend.

Clerk

Hitchins

Clerk

Tapper

Hitchins

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

9.060 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly Meeting of Brixton Parish Council is on Wednesday, November 4th at 7.30 p.m. in the Brixton Community Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.45 pm

OPEN FORUM NOTES

Q: Who was the new Tree Warden

A: Cllr. Tapper who would be liaising with Mike Trower.

Q: Could the Mill Lane overgrown areas be dealt with as a matter of some urgency?

A: Cllr. Cane agreed to attend to the matter.

Q: Why is a contractor still parking inappropriately on certain grassed areas?

A: Cllr. Cane had already spoken to the contractor who seemed, despite advice, to be non-cooperative over this matter.

Q: Are the Police attending the Parish Council Meeting.

A: They had not communicated their intentions.

Q: Can the matter of extremely dangerous and thoughtless riding by young motor-cyclists in Lodge Lane be attended to? Can the matter of speeding by such motor-cyclists in Cherry Tree Drive also be brought to the attention of the Police?

A: The Clerk will write to the Police on these matters.

Q: The road sign name at the bottom of Lodge Lane has come off; can the matter be dealt with?

A: The Clerk will write to Devon County Council on this matter.

Q: What is the current state of play on the 106 agreement for Sherford?

A: Cllr. Wills will raise the matter in his report in the meeting.

Q: The Parish Council has not appointed its new Parish Clerk properly. He was introduced at the AGM. His appointment is not official until this is done. When will this happen?

A: The matter will be raised during the Parish Council meeting.

Q: Can links be established over the subject of the Marine & Coastal Access Bill for the Parish Web site?

A; Yes. Links to be sent to Cllr Searle. This matter to be on the November agenda.

BRIXTON CRIME REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

1. Overnight 10th September 2009 the windscreen of a silver Audi parked and unattended in Venn Drive was shattered.
2. On Thursday 10th September 2009, four males from the Manchester area were arrested in Brixton, on suspicion of Possession of Heroin with intent to supply. This offence is currently being investigated by Plymouth CID.
3. On Saturday 19th September 2009 an unknown male made off without offering payment, from a garage forecourt in Brixton, having bought fuel to the value of £31.70.
4. On Monday 21st Sept 2009 a male made off without offering payment, from a garage in Brixton, having bought fuel to the value of £40. CCTV at the garage has been examined & two males from Plymouth have been arrested for this offence.
5. On Monday 28th September 2009 a local man was arrested and subsequently charged to court, for the offence of 'Being concerned in the production of cannabis'.
6. There have been 3 domestic related incidents. Details are not disclosed due to Force Policy.

If anyone has any information relating to the above offences, please contact your local Police on 08452 777 444. If you wish to remain anonymous you can call 'Crimestoppers' on 0800 555 111.