

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 AT 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Hitchins \*  
 Cllr Wills \* Cllr Murch \*  
 Cllr Martin @ Cllr Cane \*  
 Cllr Gray \* Cllr Jessop \*  
 Cllr Oates \*  
 \* Denotes attendance @ Denotes absence

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

**12.129 APOLOGIES**

Apologies from Cllr Martin.

**Clerk** The chairman advised that Cllr White had resigned from Council and asked for a letter of thanks to be sent.

**12.130 POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Andy Potter reported the following incidents for July & August:

July. Brixton area [ 8 offences 1 non crime domestic]

2<sup>nd</sup> common assault, dealt with by way of restorative justice [JI/12/560]

Overnight 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> criminal damage, childs scooter damaged [JI/12/570]

Between 7<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> theft of two catalytic converters [JI/12/585]

7<sup>th</sup> harassment offence, enquiries ongoing [J12/588]

11<sup>th</sup> unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle [JI/12/599]

26<sup>th</sup> fraud offence, internet scam [JI/12/647]

26<sup>th</sup> non crime domestic [JI/12/648]

29<sup>th</sup> drink / drive offence [JI/12/654]

29<sup>th</sup> complaint re dog out of control, enquiries ongoing [JI/12/656]

July. Staddiscombe area

23<sup>rd</sup> non crime domestic [JI/12/640]

August. Brixton area

8<sup>th</sup> Common assault, no further action taken [JI/12/683]

18<sup>th</sup> non crime domestic [JI/12/715]

August. Staddiscombe area

8<sup>th</sup> shoplifting, dealt with by way of restorative justice [JI/12/685]

26<sup>th</sup> non crime domestic [JI/12/766]

**Potter** Andy Potter offered to talk to the parents of the children risking their lives on Red Lion Hill. Names please.

**Clerk** Cllr Hitchins asked what could be done to stop large vehicles going down Coombe Lane (following Sat Nav guidance). It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Gary Streeter to raise the issue.

**12.131 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Hart reported:

- That he had refused to allow a large damaged container vessel to come into

Devon “territorial waters”.

- That he would be making a long ‘county tour’ and may miss our meetings
- That £60,000 has been allocated to improve drainage on Red Lion hill. The road will be closed during these works.
- That the Winstone Lane water problem is still under investigation with the EA. A meeting will be held next week.
- That the Sherford ‘106 agreement’ has not yet been signed by all parties.

Cllr Cane advised that the new school head teacher is worried about children going to Sherford.

Cllr Hart advised that the first primary school to be built will be within Plymouth City boundaries. It is unlikely to be available until 2014/2015.

### **12.132 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Cane reported that:

- Development Control are increasing their headcount with at least 4 temporary staff as cut backs have affected the service level too badly
- The Kingsbridge AONB wind turbine approval has been rescinded
- Landlords with multi tenancies in 3 story dwellings require a licence. This to be advertised in the Brixton Magazine.

Cllr Squire reported that :

- The population in the South Hams has increased by 1.5% since 2001.
- The Scrutiny Committee will handle all Code of Conduct complaints
- The Super Cluster meeting on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> will consider possible boundary changes to even up the number of parishioners per district councillor
- Welfare reform. Changes will apply from April 2013
- Of the £1.4 million invested in Icelandic Bank, £34,000 may be lost.
- Budget work for next year shows a financial gap of nearly £400,000

### **12.133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. Cllr Cane declared a personal interest in agenda items 7.1 and 7.2
2. 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.

### **12.134 MINUTES OF PARISH MEETINGS**

Cllr Oates asked for a clarification of minute 12.124 – 7.8 regarding web site records. The minute was modified to read ‘posted on both the SHDC and Brixton Village websites’. Minutes of the monthly meeting on July 4<sup>th</sup> were proposed as amended by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Cane. Unanimously approved.

### **12.135 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS**

#### **7.1 Sherford.**

Cllr Hitchins advised that over 200 people took advantage of visiting the exhibition held by Redtree in the Community Room on September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3.30 to 7.30pm. Redtree advised that they hoped to start building late in 2013.

#### **7.2 Silver Bridge Way.**

Cllr Gray advised that the JWG had not met during the summer. It is hoped that the contractor will start work soon,

#### **7.3 Dementia Friendly Villages project.**

Cllr Hitchins advised the advert for the Coordinator (for 2 years) will be released

**Clerk** on Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. We have been invited to a Plymouth dementia event on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> when we will be able to 'show case' the Brixton initiative. It was suggested that Brixton also be made a "cold calling" free zone. To be added to October agenda.

**Wills** **7.4 Lamp post gilding.** It was proposed by Cllr Cane and seconded by Cllr Jessop "to proceed with the gilding on the Victorian lamp standard for the £183 quoted". Passed with 6 votes with 1 abstention.

**7.5 TAP fund.** Cllr Hitchins advised that the Cluster meeting had approved the £5,000 for the Dementia project for Yealm riparian villages. The Silver Bridge Way application will be carried forward to the next Cluster meeting.

**Hitchin/Gray** **7.6 Parish Plan - Traffic Management group.**

The Chairman advised that the first meeting will be in Sept. Date TBA.

**7.7 Grass cutting.** The Clerk explained that the village looked 'untidy' at times because the SHDC grass areas are cut twice as frequently as the DCC grass. The proposal to pay for extra cuts of DCC grass was referred to the next meeting.

**Clerk** The Clerk was asked to get a suitable map of the areas concerned.

**7.8 Brixton Play Trail.** Cllr Hitchins spoke of the need to complete this project. It was agreed to meet at 7pm on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the end of Elliots Hill to review the plans.

**All Cllrs**

**7.9 Councillor vacancy.** The draft advert circulated by email was approved for the notice board and Brixton Magazine. Closing date is October 19<sup>th</sup> with interviews on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Clerk**

**7.10 Councillor reports:**

**Clerk**

- Cllr Oates asked about progress about reopening of Coombe Lane. The clerk advised that this is still with DCC to find an affordable solution

**Jessop**

- Cllr Jessop raised the question about erecting a Council notice board at Staddiscombe. This will be on October agenda for full discussion.

**Clerk**

- Cllr Wills was thanked for painting the telephone box by The Green
- Cllr Cane raised the question of regular cleaning of the 4 bus shelters. The Clerk was asked to write an article for Brixton Magazine to see if any parishioner wanted to do this work.

**Clerk**

- The 'hedge trimming' article for the Brixton magazine was approved with a minor change.

- Cllr Gray was advised that there are no bye-laws preventing the lighting of bonfires in the village.

- Cllr Hitchins advised that the composting scheme was working so well that more volunteers are required to sort waste on Saturday mornings from 10 to 12 noon.

- The Feoffee Trust has given grants to the school for lighting & plumbing, £5000 to the Silver Bridge Way project, a grant to the Dementia village project and to the local school leavers fund.

**12.136 PLANNING MATTERS**

**Martin**

1. Application 1190 for Sandaways. A site meeting is to be held to review the revised application.

Cllr Cane left the meeting room.

2. The new application for composting at Venn Farm was discussed. The papers to go to Cllr Martin for consideration.

Cllr Cane returned to the meeting.

**Hitchins**

3. Barratt application notices are posted in the village. Nothing received by Clerk yet. Special meeting to be called for benefit of parishioners.

**12.137 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) The tabled expenditure of £1250.59 for July was approved after proposal by

Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Cane. Approved.

b) The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission has approved our annual accounts for 2011/12.

#### **12.138 CORRESPONDENCE**

- A request received from Sally Axell for a seat in the bus shelter outside Elbridge. Derek Furzeland agreed to review and quote.
- We have received letters of thanks for our recent donations from CAB, CVS, Samaritans and Dementia Friendly Villages.
- The Supercluster meeting to discuss boundary changes is on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at Follaton House at 7.00 pm. Cllrs Hitchins and Wills will attend.
- Letters from Sustrans and cyclists had been circulated to all councillors as requested. The Chairman of Yealmpton Parish Council and Cllr Hitchins have agreed that a joint response on behalf of both Parish Councils will be made and submitted to Councillors as drafts for agreement.

**Hitchins/Wills**

#### **12.139 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 at 7.30 in the Community Room.

**The meeting was declared closed at 9.44pm**

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

1. The Chairman reported that Jack Gilbury is very poorly. Best wishes were sent from both councillors and parishioners.
2. Q. Philip Griffin and Derek Austin both raised concerns about the wind turbines planned for providing 50% of the energy needs for Sherford New Town. The 400 ft turbines will have a major visual impact as well as noise pollution. Why are solar panels not specified instead?  
A. These planned turbines will be the subject of separate planning applications in due course. That will be the time to put pressure on SHDC with our objections.
3. John Squire stated that Redtree hope to commence Sherford in late 2013
4. Improvements to Red Lion Hill will be carried out by DCC Highways with funds from the 106 agreement. No plans have yet been published. As this road is now on the DCC Primary Gritting route, improvements may be required.
5. John Hart advised that the first 300/500 Sherford dwellings will be within Plymouth City Council boundary including the first Primary School. Redtree will then construct the new 'High Street' through to Deep Lane junction.
6. Ian Sherriff raised concern that the GP Commissioners do not appear to be aware of the plans for Sherford.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

September 7<sup>th</sup> 2012