

Draft Minutes of the Brixton Parish Council Meeting 28th October 2015
Brixton Community Room, 7.00pm

In attendance: Cllr Liz Hitchins, Cllr Michael Wills, Cllr Ian Calvert, Cllr Brenda Huxtable, Cllr Patrick Loxdale, Cllr Gay Murch, Cllr Roger Wakeham, Cllr Helen Williams, District Cllr Daniel Brown, District Cllr Basil Cane, Cllr Ian Bramble

Members of the public in attendance: 9

Open Forum (these notes do not form part of the official minutes)

Chairman welcomed Cllr Bramble Chairman of South Hams District Council (SHDC)

Cllr Bramble

Cllr Bramble congratulated Cllr Hitchins on her award from Devon Community Foundation for Volunteer of the Year for Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm. He also extended congratulations from District Council. He commented on the Brixton website, thought it was one of the best websites he had seen, very comprehensive and particularly the welcome pack for new parishioners. Transformation programme has been established by SHDC reflecting austerity and cuts in public spending over the next few years. By 2020 all government grants will have ceased. The District Council will be self-funding. SHDC financial position is one of the strongest in the southern part of the country. SHDC has reorganised its Scrutiny Committee. Local authorities have been asked to submit applications this year for devolved authority SHDC is working in collaboration with Devon CC on devolved authority to Devon and Somerset. Local government will change dramatically during the next 10 years, it will be very different from what it is today.

Questions & answers presented to Cllr Bramble

In these dramatic changes is the role of parish councils being considered?

Parish Councils may well survive they are important consultees and may have a more influential role in devolved authority affairs. Neighbourhood Plans will be a key function. Value of Neighbourhood Plan provides a framework for discussion between Parish Council and District Council planning authorities. Beyond 2030 the process is unclear.

The time it takes for planning applications and are there any plans to speed this up?

During the last 18mths / 2 years huge resources have been placed on the transformation plan. Major priority was to get on a sound financial footing, which has impacted on other aspects of the council one of which is planning. This department has been short staffed, employed agency staff and contracted planning to neighbouring authorities which has slowed down planning over last 12 months. This is in the process of being solved and nearly back up to full strength in planning department and things will improve.

A recent planning application was received by BPC and neither BPC nor SHDC planners were allowed to go onto the land. Can owners of land stop planners going on to land?

It is legality; the Parish Council cannot enter property without the owner's permission.

We have been working on our Neighbourhood Plan since March 2015. Each Parish is going through this journey, so it would be helpful if SHDC would have the same template / process to follow?

Cllr Bramble will take this forward.

Icelandic Banks SHDC has virtually got all the money back.

Cllr Hitchins thanked Cllr Bramble for his time

Cllr Hitchins asked whether parishioners had replied with regard to the Post Office opening hours. General consensus was that the new hours seem to make sense.

Open Forum Closed

1. Welcome & Apologies:

Cllr Hitchins welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies: Kirstie Aldridge (Clerk), County Cllr John Hart

No apologies received from Ian Martin

2. Police Matters:

Report emailed by PC Andy Potter 24th October 2015 – not read out at the meeting

[Brixton Parish Council Police Report October 2015](#)

From 26th September to 23rd October

Brixton area

4/10 building materials stolen from isolated building site [piping and guttering] CR/069513/15

Between 1/5 and 14/10 **theft of a car, enquiries ongoing CR/073195/15**

Staddiscombe area

11/10, theft of a football, enquiries ongoing CR/071070/15

PCSO 30540 Andy Potter Ivybridge Police Station Tel no 101

Cllr Calvert reported that there is an alleged Irish van stealing dogs from peoples back gardens.

3. Report from County Councillor John Hart:

Report sent in advance – apologies accepted

Congratulations were extended to Cllr Hitchins for winning her award at Devon Community Foundation last Thursday evening for the Dementia Villages Project. At the moment he is very involved in the Devolution bid to Government, the deadline is mid-December to get the paperwork submitted to Government. He will shortly be doing a tour of Devon District and Parish Councils talking about the 2016 budget and the need to reduce spending by at least another £30 million. There will shortly be a consultation on future road maintenance. He is expecting TAP funding to continue, however it will be available to be used by parishes for ditching and drainage. The Sherford Development will affect many of the roads between Brixton and Deep Lane with traffic lights going in at Deep Lane soon.

Cllr Hitchins thanked everyone across the 5 parishes around the Yealm for their votes and support for the Volunteer of the Year Award.

4. Reports from District Councillors:

Cllr Daniel Brown

Cllr Brown congratulated Cllr Hitchins on her award. Council's transformation process has been pursued on the principle that we will have to be self-sufficient by 2020, this has now been vindicated, and we will be working efficiently to ensure that we can preserve our core statutory services to the community. The underlying principles of the Council have to be based around financial stability, so that we can keep on a sure footing to keep delivery services to the customer. Attending an affordable housing scheme meeting which will be a chance to learn a lot about what the scheme can provide for residents across the South Hams. It is the first genuinely aspirational scheme for affordable housing that I have seen, and certainly would like to pursue it further.

Cllr Basil Cane

The pavements in Brixton Village had been swept today, he complimented them. He explained about charges at Ivybridge car park used to charge for ½ hour now there will be no charge. Charge for 1 hour used to be 80p now it will be 50p for an hour. Charge for all day £2.00 Leonards Road – there will be a loss of £10k a year. This is trial to get people shopping in Ivybridge to help businesses.

At DMC Planning Committee recently a planning application to build 70 houses at Collaton Cross was passed. As a result of this a grant of 25k a year was given for number 94 bus for 3 to 4 years. 50% affordable homes.

Cllr Williams commented that the car park machine needs to be able to give change.

5. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Hitchins and Cllr Huxtable declared a personal interest in point 8.2

6. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meetings

Cllr Wills proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting on 30th September 2015 as an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Williams seconded. All others in attendance were unanimous.

Cllr Hitchins signed the minutes as Chair of the relevant meeting.

7. Matters Arising:

None

8. Local Issues and Councillor Reports

8.1 Post Office Update:

Consultation period ends 3rd November

All councillors were satisfied with the proposed revised hours Clerk will formally write to Post Office stating that Brixton Parish are in agreement with the proposed opening hours.

8.2 Canes Orchard Phase 2 Update:

Site visit is planned for Monday 9th November and subsequent Development Management Committee meeting 18th November at Follaton

8.3 Sherford Development Update:

Meeting scheduled 24th November 6.30pm

David Simpson is no longer working for the consortium. New representatives will be coming to January Parish Council meeting.

8.4 TAP Applications 2015/2016

Applications in by 1st week of December.

Clerk to clarify with Cllr Hart how the TAP funds can be used

8.5 Traffic Management Update, Including Chapter 8 Training

Cllr Hitchins updated from the September Traffic Management Meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Cllr Hart, Gary Streeter and Caravan Club and Camping and Caravanning Club to lobby the Department of Transport for signage to stop lorries using Sat Nav to access their destination via narrow lanes. Cllr Calvert agreed to cost appropriate signs

Chapter 8 Training

Roger Smith has attended Speed Sign Training along with Andy Cammock from Wembury Parish and is due to attend Chapter 8 training on 17th & 18th December. He will require safety equipment for the course and siting of the speed sign. There will also be a need for a step ladder to enable the safe fixing of the sign itself. Andy Cammock has noted that WPC will pay half for the step ladder, which can be shared. The estimated cost of the high vis safety clothing, boots, hard hat, jacket and trousers will be in the region of £150. Half the cost of the step ladder £40.

The sum of £200 to be made available for this purpose was proposed by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Wakeham. All others in attendance were unanimous.

Inconsiderate parking in Cross Park at both ends - in the turning bay and on the bay. Nick Colton will be looking into this and it has been reported to the Police.

Nick Colton was praised for all his efforts by Councillors

8.6 Neighbourhood Plan Report Update:

Cllr Hitchins reported that a 'Housing Needs Survey' had to be completed to support the Neighbourhood Plan. The group is meeting fortnightly and is currently working on a budget for the plan.

8.7 Brixton Parish Council Logo

Cllr Hitchins displayed the logos which had been received and a show of hands by everyone present decided on Logo B. This will now go on all Parish Council correspondence.

Cllr Hitchins thanked Jon Capel and Brenda Youngs for their contributions.

8.8 Sport & Recreation Development Plan:

Nothing to report

On agenda for the next meeting

8.9 Bus Stop Seats:

Following discussion on current specification, which was not thought suitable for older people, it was agreed that a revised specification should be drawn up.

Cllr Wakeham agreed to follow this up. Clerk to contact Cllr Wakeham and seek prices for revised specification.

8.10 Standing Orders

The adoption of the revised Standing Orders 2015 was proposed by Cllr Huxtable and seconded by Cllr Wills. All others in attendance were unanimous.

Cllr Hitchins signed the Standing Orders 2015

8.11 Councillors Report

Cllr Murch commented for planning applications to be paperless from SHDC. Cllr Hitchins read out an email from Sophie Hosking Executive Director SHDC advising that a new improved website with better planning search functions will be launched later this year, with eventual paper-free consultation with town and parish councils. Support and training will be offered during the period of transition.

Cllr Wakeham reported that the first 10 names have been passed to Rob Baker for Fire Safety visits. Mr Baker has agreed to come to give a talk at BPC meeting in December.

Cllr Wakeham reported that the end gates on Silverbridge Way have been wedged open on occasions and suggested "please close the gate" signs should be displayed on the gate. The gate at the Yealmpton end needs re hanging. Cllr Hitchins agreed to follow up with Yealmpton Parish Clerk.

Cllr Williams explained that she had attended the launch of the Devon Community Resilience Board which gave useful advice on planning ahead for extreme conditions. 2 additional defibrillators for Brixton have been applied for, as well as a case for the defibrillator at the Plymstock Albion Ruby Club to be mounted outside the building through the British Heart Foundation. The South Western Ambulance Service has to approve this application. If unsuccessful can possible contact Saltram Rotary Club and FEOFFEE Trust to request funding for these.

Cllr Williams is also attending River Authority Meeting on 5th November. Discussed Brixton Torr and the risk of flooding and it was noted that it would be helpful to have key phone numbers in Torr added to the Emergency Plan. Cllr Calvert agreed to contact Brad Herringshaw in Brixton Torr.

Cllr Williams has offered to attend a Devon Community Resilience Inaugural Event in Exeter on 10th November. This is a free event but travel costs need to be covered.

It was proposed by Cllr Wills to pay these expenses and seconded by Cllr Huxtable. All others in attendance were unanimous.

Cllr Wills reported that he and Cllr Williams had attended the IDALC AGM on 20th October followed by the bi-annual meeting. Subjects discussed included Neighbourhood Plans, Devon Resilience Forum, Housing Development, Assets and Planning.

Cllr Huxtable asked for follow up with Highways on the need for horse signs and 20 mph at Gorlefen and Hareston. Letter has been sent from the person who raised the issue. Clerk to follow up with Nick Colton, Local Highways Manager.

Cllr Calvert asked for an update on replacing white lines at the top of Fordebroke Lane and to Otter Nurseries. Clerk to follow up with Nick Colton.

The Love Brixton Face book page is being used more now

Cllr Hitchins reported that Tim Pollard, South Hams Locality Officer will be attending Live Wires at Venn Court on 5th November 10.30-12pm and will be available to residents on 11th November at the shop from 9.30 – 12pm. It is hoped that the shop can become a village hub for contact with the District Council.

Wreath for Remembrance Service. Cllr Williams proposed that a wreath from the Parish Council should be purchased for £25. Seconded by Cllr Calvert. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Wills abstained.

Annual inspection of seats. Cllr Wills proposed that the seat in Steer Point Road should be repaired. Seconded by Cllr Huxtable. It was agreed that all the seats will be inspected by Derek Fuzeland and report to the Parish Council.

Feoffee Trust - Cllr Hitchins reported that following a recent inspection of the horse chestnut trees in the park. The tree nearest to the church has been found to be unsafe. Felling and replanting is recommended. The Trustees are now informing the Tree Officer at SHDC for his advice.

Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm. Cllr Hitchins thanked everyone for their kind remarks and congratulations on receiving the Volunteer of the Year award.
 Saturday 31st October the project has a Pumpkin carving event at Riverford Farm Shop, Kitley and
 Friday 20th November a Fish Supper at the RWYC with sea shanties from the Tavy Tours.

9. Planning Matters

07/1950/15/VAR Oak Farm, Plympton, PL7 5AF

Brixton Parish Council made no comment as the applicant did not agree to allow the Parish Council access to the site.

07/2085/15/F 3 Tapps Lane, Brixton, Plymouth PL8 2BZ

Unanimously support this application

07/2002/15/F 1 Cherry Tree Drive, Brixton, Plymouth PL8 2DD

Support. Cllr Brown feedback was that SHDC didn't receive the BPC comment within the timeframe.

07/2086/15/F 25 The Crescent, Brixton, PL8 2AP

Support the application.

10. Financial Matters:

October 2015

Receipts:	Amount	Fund
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TOTAL:	£0.00	
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Payments:	Amount	Fund
G Searle (2 nd Instalment of Website Maintenance	£125.00	General
Clerk Expenses	£23.40	General
Clerk Office	£20.00	General
Helen Williams Fee & Expenses - Training Course	£100.50	General
TOTAL:	£268.90	

Statement balance

Current Account:	21st October	£22,815.84
Deposit Account:	21st October	£24,183.69
TOTAL:		£46,999.53

Current Balance: 21st October 2015

Gentle Exercise	£0.00
P3	£332.50
Composters	£0.00
Sherford Reserve	£14,858.69
Silverbridge Way	£552.00

10.1

No Clerk wages are included in this financial statement due to the fact that no payslip was received by SHDC in time.

Cllr Wakeham proposed to accept the financial statement for October 2015.
Cllr Loxdale seconded. Unanimous agreement by all others in attendance by show of hands.

11. Correspondence for Discussion

11.1 Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic and Parking – Deep Lane to Hareston Cross along ZC186 and Gentian Hill to Hareston Cross, Brixton

Cllr Hitchins explained the traffic order

11.2 Devon Community Resilience Forum Event – 10th November 2015

Agreed under Councillors Report

11.3 Development Management Consultation Clarification

Discussed under Councillors Report

11.4 Temporary Prohibition – Old Road

Roger Wakeham agreed to deliver the Temporary Traffic Order to residents in Old Road.

Clerk to clarify access to houses and pedestrian access during this time.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Brixton Parish Council meeting, Wednesday 25th November 2015 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 9.07 pm

Kirstie Aldridge, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council