

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 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 5  
 County Councillor 1  
 District Councillor 1  
 Police 1

**9.154 APOLOGIES**

None. The Clerk explained that the reason for all future absences must be given and will be entered into the attendance book by the Clerk.

**9.155 POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Sid Lawrence reported:

J1/10/685. On the 28th July a male person was arrested for drink driving and having no insurance outside of the Lawns residential home, he has been charged to court.

J1/10/723. Relates to a domestic incident. Non disclosure of information.

J1/10/760. Relates to a domestic incident. Non disclosure of information.

J1/10/773. Relates to a domestic incident. Non disclosure of information.

J1/10/781. On the 31st Aug 10, at approximately 1315hrs a caravan was entered at Venn Farm caravan park. A total of £745 worth of equipment was stolen including TV equipment, luggage cases, cards and £220 in cash. Enquiries are continuing.

In addition to the above crimes we have conducted a Partners and Community Action Day in the area on the 12 August, this basically involved several officers canvassing local residents on any concerns they had.

A total of 97 people were surveyed.

The main issues were 1. Traffic 2. ASB 3. Facilities for the young.

77% (of 291 votes cast ) had no issues

15% had issues with traffic

3% had issues with ASB

2% had issues with youth facilities

90% of people surveyed felt very safe in their homes

9% felt fairly safe and one person felt a bit unsafe.

Following complaints received from local residents regarding the speed of vehicles using Red Lion Hill local officers conducted a speed monitoring exercise on Tuesday 24th Aug 10 for one hour between 1300 and 1400. No vehicles were recorded over the speed limit the average speed was 25mph, some 32 vehicles passed through the check. Further checks will be conducted in the future.

Plympton traffic police conducted speed checks between 1300 and 1400 on the A379 in Brixton on the 14th Aug 10, no motorists were found to be over the limit.

## **9.156 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Hart reported:

- That the “Tough Choices” team will be visiting market towns this autumn to find out what savings/cuts are most acceptable to the public.
- That 3 options have been proposed for the A379 path over Silverstream
- That he is prepared to help Play Park funding with £1000
- That the RDA will be scrapped and replaced with a Local Enterprise partnership covering a bigger area.
- That £70million savings will have to be made in 2011/12 in addition to the £6million extra to be saved between now and April 2012
- That Residential Homes will be sold on to the private sector which supply “bed weeks” at less than half the cost of the existing DCC homes
- That there is £600million debt within DCC. £80m has been repaid saving £1m interest
- That staff vacancies are not being filled. 400 people leave DCC employment every year.
- That sick pay has been reduced by 50% to private sector levels
- That only 1 school has definitely opted to become an Academy.
- That the future of the local Safety Camera Partnership is still under review

## **9.157 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Cane reported:

- That Richard Sheard has been appointed the new CEO of SHDC and West Devon
- That SHDC are still running a Council Tax rebate scheme for those on low incomes
- That the Local Coastal Action Group is providing £15000 to Brixton play parks

Cllr Squire reported:

- That there will be a local referendum on Council Tax increases if SHDC exceeds the government set increases
- That there is a scheme called “Superhub” to bring high speed broadband to those rural communities not served by broadband
- That a “discovery centre” is to be built at Langage for 7-14 year old children to learn about electricity generation
- That the SHDC “tenant initiative” to get tenants to ‘downsize’ and free up bigger houses for bigger families is now showing good results. There is an incentive offered

## **9.158 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Pecuniary interest: Cllr Searle; Parish website.

Cllr Cane will not take part in any planning discussions or voting

## **9.159 MINUTES OF THE JULY 7<sup>th</sup> PARISH MEETING**

Proposed as accurate by Cllr Aylett, seconded by Cllr Lang. Unanimously approved.

## **9.160 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS**

**7.1 Brixton/Yealmpton footpath.** Cllr Hart indicated that progress has been made regarding the crossing of the Silverstream valley. The meeting with all interested parties is awaited

**7.2 Village Welcome pack.** Cllr Hitchins presented a draft of the items to be included. Cllrs were delegated to provide information to the Clerk for collation.

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### **7.3 Brixton Play Spaces.**

Councillors were asked to consider the request for £5000 as immediate matched funding towards the Village Play Trail following the presentation made in the Open Forum by Sarah Macpherson. After a detailed discussion about the options for funding this amount, Cllr Searle proposed and Cllr Wills seconded that "BPC should contribute £3,000 as matched funding so that the project could start without further delay". This was passed by an 8 to 1 majority. The remaining £2,000 will be made up of the £1,000 contribution from County Councillor John Hart, and £500 each from the 'community funds' of District Councillors Basil Cane and John Squire. It is expected that Councillor John Hart will make a further contribution later this year. This unbudgeted expenditure will come from Council reserves and will be kept under review as part of the budget planning for the Council .

### **7.4 Councillors' reports.**

a) Cllr Searle advised that the School role now stands at 64. The school hall is being redecorated with financial support from the Feoffee Trust.

b) Cllr Hitchins advised that if any parking obstruction were seen in the village then the number to ring is 08452 777 444.

c) Cllr Hitchins expressed concern about the amount of dog poo that is being left by dog owners. Will the dog owning community please be more public spirited and clean up after their dogs. The Clerk to source reminder notices.

d) The notice board Perspex has become very discoloured. Derek to replace.

e) Cllr Hitchins reminded Cllrs that the Devon Emergency Plan 'road show' is on 23/9/10

f) Cllr Hitchins advise that the History of Brixton over the last 50 years is still being researched. Funding may be required for the document preparation

g) Cllr Tapper advised that Mr Bill Maddick has died. The funeral is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

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### **9.161 PLANNING MATTERS**

Cllr Martin advised that the subcommittee had no objections to the following

1. South Park, Brixton
2. Little Brook, Brixton
3. Butlas Farm, Plympton
4. 62 Staddiscombe Road, Plymouth
5. Torr Hill Farm, Spriddlestone
6. Rose Cottage, Elliotts Hill

There were no new planning applications for consideration.

### **9.162 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) The tabled expenditure of £984.34 for the month was approved.
- b) Last year's accounts have been approved by the Audit Commission

### **9.163 CORRESPONDENCE**

- The mobile Library service schedule will change in Jan 2011. The stop in Brixton will be for 45 minutes at Venn Court.
- Work on the Bridge at the A38 Deep Lane Junction will start on September 13<sup>th</sup> and will take about 3 months. Diversions will be signed.

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

### **9.164 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly Meeting of Brixton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at

7.30 p.m. in the Brixton Community Hall.

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

**Notes from the OPEN FORUM held at 7.30pm.**

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

1. Sarah MacPherson, the Chair of the Brixton Play Spaces team, updated those present about the proposed improvements to the Play Areas within the village. It is critical to get the projects started before promised funds are withdrawn by the government. The total cost of the scheme will be in excess of £100k. SHDC will contribute £10k, TOR Homes £14k with another £5k applied for, South Devon Local Action Group £3k, South Devon Community Facilities Fund (SDCFF) £15k. Applications for a further £55k have been applied made. Council were asked to consider approval of £5k to 'match fund' the SDCFF. The Chairman stated that this was an agenda item, 7.3.

It is planned for an Autumn implementation subject to funding availability.

Maintenance and insurance will be the responsibility of the land owner of the play area.

2. Mr Gilbury expressed concern that there is a 7.5 ton restriction notice missing on Sherford Road.

Cllr Basil Cane agreed to investigate.

3. Mr Gilbury again expressed concern at the danger of cars parking on Red Lion Hill and obstructing the entrance to the old Bellows Park.

PCSO Sid Lawrence advised that as this was a wide splayed entrance, the Police considered that this parking was not causing obstruction.

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M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010