

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 5th 2013 AT 9.11 pm**

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			10
	County Councillor			0
	District Councillor			0
	Police			0

This meeting followed the Annual Parish meeting as was for consideration of important items only. Open Forum issues taken in Annual Parish meeting.

Part A.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs Hart, Cane and the Police

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PARISH MEETINGS

Minutes of the AGM on May 2nd 2012 were proposed by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Gray as an accurate record. Approved by those present.

4. LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

4.1 Silverbridge Way. The Clerk advised that the contractor was making amazing progress in path construction aided by this super weather. It is expected that the path will be finished by June 14th.

Clerk **4.2 Torr Hill Farm pathway agreement.** Cllr Oates advised that no further benefits were to be obtained and that the DCC proposal should be accepted.

Calvert **4.3 Facebook progress.** Cllr Calvert stated that he was delighted with the interest in our Facebook page. Clearly this is the way to improve communication within the village because it is 'instant'. It was agreed to post the agendas and minutes on Facebook as well as on our website.

Hitchins/Clerk **4.4 Annual newsletter.** It was agreed that BPC should produce a newsletter covering Council and village matters for 2012/13. This needs to be done quickly as it is already getting low in parishioners memories. The Chairman and clerk to bring ideas and copy to the July meeting.

4.5 Councillors' reports.

- Cllr Gray raised the issue of the outcome of the planning committee site visit for the school play centre. She read the following written statement:

Statement regarding Planning application 07/0820/13/F

I would like to make a statement regarding the planning committee meeting which took place on the evening of the 3rd May 2013. It has been brought to my attention, by parishioners present at the meeting, that the vote taken was not accurately represented and passed forward to South Hams District Council. We voted to support the application with the condition that this was with supervised use only both in and out of school hours. This condition was not passed forward. Our response reads as full support. I consider this to be a serious failing of the council. We voted and agreed on one decision however, a different decision was given to SHDC. I need to know what happened. I am concerned that this has brought the council into disrepute. Looking to the future, we need to establish clear procedures to prevent this happening again.

Hitchins/Clerk

After some prolonged and heated discussion, it was agreed that a Policy and Procedure document relating to planning applications would be drawn up by Cllr Hitchins and the Clerk. The Clerk to advise SHDC about this accuracy issue.

Clerk

- Cllr Martin raised questions about lack of transparency etc. The Chairman asked to take this to a Part B meeting ‘in camera’.
- Cllr Jessop advised that the Parish notice board had been erected at Staddiscombe.
- Cllr Jessop reported that the gypsy encampment had been closed down.
- Cllr Jessop advised that all the composting leaflets have now been circulated to Staddiscombe residents.
- Cllr Murch reiterated the need for BPC to get action to make the pedestrian crossing safe for all users.
- Cllr Murch advised that the Composters are funding the school raised bed vegetable garden project. More projects required please.
- The Composters have kindly offered to sponsor the maintenance of the ‘village green’. A vote was taken in favour of this and the Chairman thanked Composters for their generous offer.
- Mr Nick Taylor (Rugby Club) had asked for clarification of availability of S106 funds for their clubhouse extension. SHDC has yet to announce the value of recreation funds from the Barratt development.

Clerk

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Applications 07/1072/13/O. Outline application for agricultural dwelling at South Barton Farm. The site meeting had agreed to make “no objection” to this application. However, Council are concerned that the agricultural ‘tie’ will be enforced. Clerk has advised SHDC of this concern.

5.2 Application 07/1092/13/F. Change of land use to private gypsy and traveller caravan site consisting of 4 pitches. A site visit was held on June 4th. The Clerk has written to SHDC asking for clarification of a number of issues prior to a decision being taken.

6.FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 The tabled expenditure of £1724.91 was approved after proposal by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Martin.

Clerk

6.2 A copy of the Annual Accounts had been circulated by the Clerk. Cllr Wills proposed and Cllr Martin seconded that they be approved by Council. Carried unanimously.

6.3 A copy of the Annual Governance statement had been circulated to councillors. Cllr Wills proposed and Cllr Martin seconded that it be approved.

Carried unanimously.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday, July 1st 2013 at 7.30 in the Community Room.

This will be preceded at 7 pm by a ‘raising awareness’ session on Dementia for all councillors and any residents who wish to attend.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.19 pm

Part B. Closed discussion.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

June 7th 2013