

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 AT 7.30pm**

<b>Present:</b>	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	

<b>Also attending:</b>	Members of the public	10
	District Councillor	1
	Police	0

**9.188 APOLOGIES**

Apologies from Cllrs Hart, Cllr Martin and the Police.

**9.189 POLICE MATTERS**

The email report was read out by the Clerk.

Jl/10/1043: A domestic incident occurred. Force dictates non-disclosure of information.

**Community.** A) As well as our normal patrols Police have continued to work with a vulnerable adult in the area. B) There has been an increase of alleged builders touting for business in and around Brixton. Police have been working with Trading Standards to target the individuals involved.

**9.190 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Précis of email report read by the Clerk:

- Running a “Tough choices” meeting in Newton Abbot this evening – need to reduce spending by £70m in 2011/12
- DCC staff reduced by 1000 due to natural turnover and non recruitment
- Awaiting final Government funding settlement information in early December

**9.191 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Cane reported:

- That the local lost dog sanctuary has been closed. In future owners will have to travel to Kingskerwell and pay £150 to retrieve their lost pet.
- That SHDC are the best district, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, for recycling in Devon.
- Snow code. You call clear your own pavement etc without fear of legal retribution. A notice advising the situation has been posted on the parish notice board and village web site.
- That the new DCC/SHDC newsletter is asking for ideas to reduce costs in 2011/12 and beyond. Responses by Dec 12<sup>th</sup> please.
- That South Hams needs more affordable homes. To buy an average South Hams home, a family income of £54,000 is required.

Cllr Squire reported:

- That SHDC has the least affordable homes in the South West
- That 16 out of 17 local beaches meet the new ‘cleanliness’ standards
- That SHDC and West Devon have a new project for the “Next Generation of Broadband”. Is it to be fibre optic cables, radio or satellite?
- SHDC Planning Dept have lost 6 appeals and won 8 from July to October 2010.
- Brixton has 770 houses with just 9 second homes.

**Parishioners  
Cllrs**

### **9.192 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Pecuniary interest: Cllr Searle; Parish website.

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

### **9.193 MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> PARISH MEETING**

Proposed as accurate by Cllr Hitchins, seconded by Cllr Wills. Unanimously approved.

### **9.194 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS**

**JWG  
Lang**

**7.1 Brixton/Yealmpton footpath.** The expected meeting of the JWG with DCC, EA and Kitley will take place on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Parish Room, Yealmpton. Cllr Lang to check if she is available to attend in lieu of Cllr Aylett

**7.2 Village Welcome pack.** Information regarding the Neighbourhood watch scheme was given to the Clerk.

**Hitchins**

**7.3 Memory Cafe update.** Cllr Hitchins advised that Yealmpton, Wembury and N&N were all supportive of the principle. A meeting is to be set up with all interested parties including the Rotary Club of Saltram.

**7.4 SHDC village cleaning update.** The Clerk advised that the changes to the current road cleaning would not now start until Spring 2011. BPC will then be able to set priorities for the village.

**7.5 Parish Council elections May 5<sup>th</sup> 2011.** Confirmed that this is the correct date.

**7.6 Councillors' reports.**

**Clerk**

- Cllr Searle advised that there are still not enough applicants for the Elize Heal Education Trust grants. Grants are small to cover expenditure such as text books.
- Cllr Searle advised that schools can apply for Woodland Trust tree planting grants
- Cllr Searle was pleased that Steve Cox is back in school.
- Cllr Searle advised that the School carol service is at 10.45 am on Tuesday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Cllr Searle reported that Brixton Caring coffee mornings at Venn Court were really meeting the social needs of those attending. (Thursdays from 10.30 am)
- Cllr Hitchins commented that the recent SHDC/DCC magazine was the best yet. Clerk to write to congratulate.
- Cllr Hitchins stated that the Emergency Planning work is still progressing. Whilst this bad weather persists, be good neighbours and watch out for your vulnerable neighbours.
- Cllr Hitchins proposed and Cllr Tapper seconded the approved motion to purchase a Christmas tree for the Village Green. Cllr Tapper also to sort out the lighting issue.
- The Clerk confirmed to Cllr Lang that all parish path maintenance was the responsibility of DCC. Cllr Tapper is our liaison councillor.

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### **9.195 PLANNING MATTERS**

Council discussed the following applications earlier considered by the subcommittee:

- a) 2420. Application by Plymouth Albion Oaks RFC for the creation of an extended and refurbished clubhouse.

This was agreed with a "recommendation for approval".

No new applications were presented for consideration.

### **9.196 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) The tabled expenditure of £759.90 for the month was approved.

- b) Precept for 2011/12 to be approved at Jan meeting. Business meeting on Dec 29<sup>th</sup> at Venn Court.

**All Cllrs**

### **9.197 CORRESPONDENCE**

Hart

All Cllrs

All Cllrs

Cllrs and public

All Cllrs

Clerk

- The LDF issues with SHDC were discussed during “Open Forum”
- Speed limits on Wembury Road. DCC have responded to say that the speed limit review in Devon is complete. Wembury Road does not meet the criteria for extending the 30mph limit. Cllr Hart is still investigating options for parishioners’ safety.
- There will be Parish Cluster meeting at Ivybridge on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. Cllrs were encouraged to attend.
- There will be an SHDC budget presentation on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> at Follaton House at 6.30pm. There will be input from the Police, Fire and Ambulance services. Cllrs encouraged to attend.
- Letter of thanks from Cllr Baverstock following his visit in November.
- Councillors were encouraged to take part in the BT ‘Race to Infinity’ to raise the awareness to BT that the telephone exchange at Yealmpton needs a broadband upgrade. (see [www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/home](http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/home))
- There will be a Community Workshop held by DCC and SHDC on December 8<sup>th</sup> at The Watermark, Ivybridge from 6.30 to 9.00 pm. to examine both cost cutting and delivery of public services. Cllrs encouraged to attend.
- The Clerk advised that a new Journal of Local Planning has been launched. It was agreed to pay £25 per year to get a copy shared with YPC. This journal is expected to enable us not to miss any key legislation changes to the planning regime over the next few years.
- The Clerk has received communication indicating that the government will change legislation to allow Parish Councils to pay accounts by other methods than paper cheques. The Standards Board is to be axed in the Localism Bill. Councillor offences will be considered as criminal offences.

### **9.198 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly Meeting of Brixton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the Brixton Community Hall.

**The meeting was declared closed at 8.52 pm**

#### **OPEN FORUM held at 7.30pm.**

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

1. Ian Dodimead from Plymstock Albion Oaks RFC introduced himself and apologised on behalf of the Club for not talking to BPC about their planned major upgrade of club facilities. He advised Council that the Club membership starts with the Under 7s playing tag rugby which continues with each age group until the age of 12 when contact rugby is played. The councillors involved in the site planning meeting had no queries as they were content with the application.
2. Jim Eccles from Cherry Tree Drive expressed concern that Midas Homes had made a late submission to SHDC for the inclusion of a site behind CTD in the LDF plans and asked that Council keep residents better informed. The Clerk explained that the due process allowed such late inputs and that neither the Ward Cllr (John Squire) or BPC were aware of this input prior to the Inspectors visit. A strong letter had been sent to the CEO of SHDC by the Clerk criticizing both the Council and its staff. John Squire assured the meeting that if the Inspector positively considered any alternative to that approved by SHDC, then a short public consultation would take place prior to the Inspector’s final report (which will be final).