

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 4th DECEMBER 2013 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Murch, Cllr Wills, Cllr Hitchins, Cllr Jessop, Cllr Calvert, Cllr Cane & Cllr Oates

ALSO ATTENDED BY: PCSO, 3 members of the Public, Cllr John Squire

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AGENDA:

1. **APOLOGIES**: M J Stickland, Clerk. John Hart, County Councillor and Cllrs Gray and Martin
2. **POLICE MATTERS**: Brixton Parish Council Police Report November 2013

Staddiscombe area

1st, criminal damage, garden gate damaged [JI/13/934]

14th criminal damage, ground floor window of house broken [JI/13/961]

14th shoplifting, enquiries ongoing [JI/13/967]

Brixton area

Overnight 14th / 15th burglary ,pair of quad bikes and trailer stolen from farm building , enquiries ongoing [JI/13/971]

20th non crime domestic [JI/13/984]

Overnight 30th / 1st Nov assault, enquiries ongoing [JI/13/1016]

Overnight 30th / 1st Nov theft of car, vehicle later recovered near to Brixton, enquiries ongoing

Suggestion made to remind all parishioners that taking note or photos of suspicious observations can often be incredibly helpful.

3. **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN HART** – Absent – no report.

4. **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS** - BASIL CANE and JOHN SQUIRE

Development Control is now achieving a turnaround of 86% of applications within 13 weeks and has now risen from the bottom of the table to the top.

Sherford outline planning has now been passed and the 106 agreement finally signed. More detailed planning will be the next challenge to the development.

Four ‘eco-friendly and value for money’ homes have been built on some waste ground at Thurlestone.

The future savings expected to be made by the ‘Transformation within SHDC’ will cost in the region of £700,000 to implement, however this is expected to be far outweighed by the savings.

Chelson Meadow tip is confirmed as ‘out of bounds’ to South Hams dwellers. It has been raised several times now and Plymouth City Council has stated that unless payment is received in the order of approximately £70,000 then we are not allowed to utilise it. **Action: Cllr Hitchins to collaborate with Wembury Parish Council to contact Devon County Council to investigate the cost of Brixton and Wembury using Ivybridge tip to see if any changes can be made.**

SHDC budget planning will begin on Dec 12th and will be formally presented on Feb 13th 2014.

There is a Town and Parish Planning meeting next week. **Action: Cllrs Wills & Martin to attend.**

5. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - none declared.

6. **TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 6TH 2013.**

Proposed by Cllr Wills, seconded by Cllr Oates. Passed with abstentions from Cllrs Jessop & Calvert.

7. **LOCAL ISSUES AND PROGRESS REPORTS:**

7.1 Footpath leaflet - Cllr Hitchins has arranged to meet with printers next week. Once the redraft is complete she will then procure quotes and bring back to next meeting.

7.2 Silverbridge Way Information board - The second draft has been sent to the Silverbridge project group for a final decision. The Composters have agreed to fund the board and 2 magnifying posts. Silverbridge path will be strimmed between now and Christmas. The intention to raise a sign to indicate the whereabouts of the path has raised an issue. The path is classed as a permissive path, not a public right of way. Unfortunately this means we are unable to attach any signs to Devon County structures and will have to find somewhere else to attach it.

7.3 Dog control orders - We are still waiting for more information in order to clarify matters.
Action: Cllr Cane to follow this up.

7.4 Lane Clearance - The Parish Council are in principle in agreement to keep as many lanes as possible open to walkers and bikers. **Action: Cllr Cane will assess whether the lanes need mechanical help in order to be kept clear.**

It was also raised that now that the Sherford S106 agreement has been signed should there not be some more money forthcoming to put towards the Sustrans- Brixton to Elburton route ?

Action: Clerk to write to PCC to enquire further.

7.5 Cllrs reports:

- Cllr Oates informed us that the fallen tree on Path number 26 has been cleared almost entirely. The steps at Gorlofen to be looked at due to height of steps and possible need for a handrail of some sort. Cllr Oates also suggested that some of the P3 monies be utilised to help fund the Pathways leaflet and the strimming of Silverbridge Way. He also suggested that a regular trim be performed on SBW in order to keep it tidy and well managed. This to be planned in advance and not on an ad hoc basis.
- Cllr Cane raised the issue of the Sherford Fund and the future of it. This will be brought to the next BPC meeting agenda with the intention of opening discussion within the whole of the Parish, with the intention of a full consultation to be held at a future date. Cllr Cane also raised the question of the Telephone Box, but it was felt that it is still valuable as a public phone box and we have decided to leave things as they are.

- Cllr Calvert raised the issue of the follow up to the pedestrian crossing dangers. Cllr Hitchins was able to tell us that there are counts and speed checks actually in place at the present time. This has been arranged by the Traffic Group and things are moving along, albeit slowly. Cllr Calvert also questioned whether there was any more information on the erection of 'Horse' signs along some of the Parish Lanes. The answer from Nick Colton of DCC has been a negative and that the lanes in our Parish are the same as any other lanes and needs no extra signage. Cllr Calvert also asked for clarification on the recent River Yealm letter. Cllr Oates was able to explain that The River Yealm Authority had thanked us for our letter but was intending to carry on as planned.
- Cllr Murch informed us that Composting has raised an incredible £2845.08 so far with another weigh-in due soon. A few 'spends' are planned i.e the SBW signage and a couple of donations to villagers. Cllr Murch also reminded us of the closing dates for Catson Green. The last normal open date is 6th Dec and then open Jan 4th for the recycling of Christmas trees and then re-opening properly on 15th Feb 2014. Fordbrook will be closed from 7th Dec to 15 Feb.
Many, many thanks to all the volunteers.
- Cllr Wills let us know that the Village Christmas tree has been donated by Otter Nurseries, with thanks to Cllr Calvert for his help with this. Also that the Brixton Rocks are expected to be in place in the very near future !!
- Cllr Hitchins let us know that agreement has been reached between the BPC, the Feoffee Trust and Graham Searle on his future payment arrangement. Cllr Hitchins has also reminded us that the Town and Parish funds are about to be opened for applications again. The idea of employing a lengths man jointly with Yealmpton and Wembury was raised again. **Action: Clerk to contact these Parishes to enquire if they are still interested.** Cllr Hitchins will also put in an application for funds for an extension to the SBW. The landowner has agreed in principle to the extension of the SBW however he is looking at widening the original pavement.
- Cllr Hitchins raised awareness of Rough Sleeping in the South Hams and has a helpline number if anyone is affected by this issue.
- Cllr Hitchins reminded Cllrs that there is a Dementia Friendly fundraising event on Dec 14 at 7.30 in Yealmpton Community Hall. Everyone welcome.

8. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

Planning applications to respond to:

07/2579/13/F. Anchorage, Brixton. Extend porch at side of house. Supported.

07/2753/13/O. South Barton Farm, Brixton. Outline application for agricultural dwelling.

(Resubmission of 1072/13/O). Council recommend "rejection" due to the size of the building and its revised position which makes it too visible. A meeting with local residents to be held on Dec 14th at 9am on site.

07/2769/13/F. Erection of lean-to greenhouse at South Barn, South Barton. Meeting to be attended on 14th Dec by Cllrs Oates, Wills & Jessop.

07/2679/13/F and 07/2681/13/LB for lean-to conservatory at Pentwyn, Spriddlestone. Meeting to be arranged.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

9.1 Agreement for expenditure proposed by Cllr Jessop and seconded by Cllr Wills. All in favour.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE** - none.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2014
AT 7.30PM. (Note: this is the second Monday of the month)

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

OPEN FORUM.

(These notes do not form part of the meeting minutes)

Derek asked about the Welcome Pack and there being none available in the Post Office. We will replenish the Post Office supplies but in the meantime there are some available in the pub and the church.

A member of the public also raised the issue of the untidiness of SBW. He was reassured that it will be trimmed before Xmas.