

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9th 2013 AT 7.30pm**

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 2
 County Councillor 1
 District Councillor 0
 Police 1

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs Martin, Jessop and Squire

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Andy Potter presented the following report for December:

Staddiscombe

5th shoplifting JI/12 /1150
 12th theft JI/12/1166
 15th shoplifting JI/12/1173
 Overnight 13th/ 14th theft of a farm gate JI/12/1185
 24th shoplifting JI/12/1200
 30th shoplifting JI/12/1214

Brixton

13th dog bite reported JI/12/1169

Regarding thefts/break ins early in Jan, PCSO Potter advised that this was just one evening with probably a ‘travelling’ gang causing the problem.

3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hart reported that:

- DCC is still clearing blocked roads post flooding problems. It will be some time before the council gets back to its pre Oct 2012 position.
- 6 road bridges have been washed away
- Government has offered £9.2 million for pre Dec flooding problems
- Primary school. DCC Chairman has visited school and reports positive progress. Ofsted report imminent. Government financial formula expected to be modified to provide fairer treatment of schools with less than 50 children.(There are 50 of these in rural Devon)
- Council tax. DCC hoping to go for nil increase in order to get government ‘bonus’ of +1%.
- Winstone Lane. Will review the work done as not to original plan
- Lengthsmen. Planning to make proposal shortly about creating more local men shared between villages.
- Grass cutting. DCC will provide 4 cuts between May and October for highway grass. SHDC has opted out of providing this service.

4. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cane reported that :

- Flytipping. Be warned that ‘cowboys’ are offering to remove domestic rubbish for cash payment and then just flytipping it. Always ask to see their ‘waste carriers’ license before paying anything.
- Council tax for 2nd homes is to be raised from 90% to 100%. This will raise £390k but SHDC only benefit from 10% of this sum.
- Budget deficit of £400k. Various savings options under consideration.
- Sherford. SHDC leader was invited to London to discuss earliest start date

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 5.1 Cllr Cane declared a personal interest in all Planning Matters as he is a member of the SHDC Development Committee. He will not take part in any discussion or voting on planning issues.
- 5.2 Cllr Cane declared a pecuniary interest in items 7.5 and 7.2
- 5.3 Cllr Wills declared a personal interest in item 7.8

6. MINUTES OF PARISH MEETINGS

Minutes of the monthly meeting on December 5th were proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Wills as an accurate record. Approved. Thanks to Cllr Jessop for producing the minutes in the absence of the Clerk.

7. LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

- 7.1 **Dog Control orders.** The Clerk summarised the items discussed at the SHDC meeting in December. SHDC will produce a draft document in February. A formal consultation will follow in March/April.

Councillor Cane left the meeting room.

7.2 Venn Farm development. A meeting to finalise the S106 agreement will be held on Jan 15th at SHDC. Affordable houses now increased to six. Old walls to be retained. ££81k available to be shared between education, sport & recreation and green space maintenance in perpetuity. Steven Cane supports the creation of a public right of way through the site – to be followed up by Cllr Oates.

7.5 Composting. No update

Councillor Cane returned to the meeting.

7.3 Carrolsland notice board. Cllr Jessop has advised that a site has been approved by the management team. Consultation with residents in progress.

7.4 Victorian light plaque. Cllrs Hitchins advised that that a suitable manufacturer had been located. Material sample approved by Council. This to be used for plaques for the Light and the Olympic torch route. Location to be agreed by Cllrs Hitchins and Wills.

7.6 Sherford filming. It was agreed to get the ‘4 seasons of Sherford’ to be filmed by Neil Tugwell. A total footage of 10 minutes would be for historical purposes of which 3.5 minutes would be available for local advertising use.

7.7 Bus Shelter cleaning. It was agreed that Mr Doidge would clean the shelters 4 times per year at a cost of £20 per clean.

Cllr Wills agreed to speak to Christian Mayhew about supplying a ‘seating bar’ in the shelter adjacent to Eldridge.

7.8 Community ‘right to bid’. The Clerk reported that the relevant forms for Tuscanys had been acknowledged by SHDC. Their review decision will be sent

Oates

Hitchins/Wills

Calvert

Cane

Wills

by February 27th

7.9 Councillors reports.

- Cllr Cane advised that Chelson Meadow is no longer available for SHDC residents for rubbish disposal. All must go to Ivybridge.
- Cllr Oates agreed to put up more 'dog fouling' notices
- Cllr Calvert apologized for any offence from a recent Facebook page. The possibility of creating a Brixton Facebook page was discussed and Cllr Calvert agreed to put forward his proposals.
- Thanks to Maxine Jewell, Doug Pannell and Shaun Duff for their help with the village Christmas tree
- Cllr Hitchins reported that the 'Dementia Friendly Villages' movement has raised £38,000. They are employing a project coordinator for 2 years from Nov 2012 on a part time basis. She will visit all Parish Councils and all businesses to raise awareness for those with dementia and their carers.
- It was agreed that a Parish newsletter should be produced this year in May/June for circulation to all households
- The subject of a part time Parish Lengthsman to be on Feb agenda

Oates

Calvert

Clerk
Clerk

8. PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 07/2899/12/F for 6 Court View, Brixton for 2 storey side extension. The planning subcommittee had carried out a site survey and recommend 'no objection'. Proposed by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Murch. Approved.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

9.1 The tabled expenditure of £1185.28 was approved after proposal by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Calvert. Approved.

9.2 Precept approval for 2013/14. Cllr Wills proposed a parish precept of £15,000 for next financial year. This was seconded by Cllr Cane and unanimously approved.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 6th 2013 at 7.30 in the Community Room.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.32pm

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

No issues raised by those members of the public in attendance.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

January 10th 2013