

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY JULY 3rd 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	11
	County Councillor	0
	District Councillor	1
	Police	1

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Hart and Martin

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Andy Potter read reports for May & June as follows:

May - Brixton

8th theft of small amount of money [JI/13/340]

26th / 28th theft, outboard engine stolen Steer Point area [JI/13/411]

Staddiscombe

12th non crime domestic [JI/13/352]

24th theft of fuel from garage forecourt [JI/13/385]

24th non crime domestic [JI/13/387]

June - Brixton

4th non crime domestic [JI/13/434]

26th nuisance phone call [JI/13/505]

Staddiscombe

4th public order offence dealt with by way of restorative justice [JI/13/434]

13th non crime domestic [JI/13/466]

Andy Potter advised that he could supply 'no cold calling' stickers and would bring a supply for Cllr Hitchins.

The danger of the pedestrian crossing is to be discussed with DCC and BPC on July 10th.

3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hart did not send a report.

4. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Squire reported that:

- Boundary Commission decision awaited on new ward boundaries.
- Affordable Housing allocation is now 100% to local residents
- Pay rise of 1% offered to staff of SHDC
- The future of Follaton House is being discussed in order to reduce running costs. West Devon is included in the available options.
- In 2011/12, 3240 planning applications were processed.

Cllr Cane reported that:

- SHDC would ‘match’ fund Teignbridge with £15k for “Visit S Devon” tourism
- SHDC grants of £2 to 5k are available for Young Entrepreneurs age 16 to 30 years

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Hitchins declared an interest in #9.1 in relation to donation to Dementia Friendly Villages.

6. MINUTES OF PARISH MEETINGS

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on June 5th 2013 were proposed by Cllr Wills as an accurate record. Seconded by Cllr Gray and agreed unanimously.

Minutes of the monthly council meeting on June 5th were proposed by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Jessop as an accurate record. Approved unanimously.

7. LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

Gray/Hitchins

7.1 Silverbridge Way. The path is now open with a lot of positive feedback already. Formal opening on July 20th at 10.30am by polar explorer Antony Jinman. Refreshments will be available afterwards at Riverford afterwards.

Potter

7.2 Cold Calling prevention. After some discussion as to how this could be achieved, it was agreed that Andy Potter will provide a quantity of window stickers which will be available in the Post Office, Pub, Church and Chip shop.

Hitchins

7.3 Hemerdon Mine consultation. Cllr Hitchins will attend the information meeting at Sparkwell village hall on July 16 (2 -7 pm) and report back.

Hitchins/Clerk

7.4 Newsletter. The subject list for this year’s newsletter was discussed and reduced in quantity of items. Cllr Hitchins agreed to make a start on the newsletter with the Clerk.

Gray/Clerk

7.6 Welcome Pack revisions. Cllr Gray advised that changes are still being carried out. The clerk was asked to print 40 copies when complete.

Hitchins

7.7 Parish Action plans. Council read through the plans and concluded that many of the major items had been achieved in a busy year. Cllr Hitchins to update the list.

7.8 Councillors’ reports.

Jessop/Oates

- Cllr Cane reported that he had met with Nick Colton of DCC Highways to discuss the lowering of pavements to enable mobility scooters to cross roads in the village. A price of £1800 for 3 has been quoted.
- Cllr Jessop reported a problem of a closed ‘kissing gate’ on FP 27. She agreed to follow up with Cllr Oates
- Cllr Hitchins advised that the Dementia Group will be present at the St Barts flower show next week end and that they were holding a BBQ at Riverford on Sat July 13th between 11am and 3 pm .
- Cllr Gray stated that the Local Dance Club show was on July 13th.
- Cllr Hitchins advised that they had been invited by Cllr Robbins to attend an ‘emergency planning workshop’ in the Methodist Church at 6.30 pm on July 10th.

All Cllrs

Clerk

PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 Applications 07/1092/13/F for change of land use for private gypsy and traveller site at Ridge Road Plympton. Information requested from SHDC has not been received. Clerk to chase Dean Kinsella.

Hitchins

8.2 Application 07/1460/13/O Outline planning for single dwelling in the garden of The Coach House, Lodge Lane. Site meeting on July 6th.

8.3 Policy and procedure for applications. The draft document was discussed, modified and finally approved after proposal by Cllr Jessop and seconded by Cllr Gray. Cllr Hitchins to update and issue.

9.FINANCIAL MATTERS

9.1 The tabled expenditure of £24,223.26 was approved after proposal by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Gray. The Clerk explained that all costs for SBW were covered by grants and previous council commitments.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next General Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday, September 5th 2013 at 7.30 in the Community Room.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.15 pm

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

1. Mr Nick Murch, Operations Manager for South West Water (Mid West) gave us a 15 minute presentation on the Brixton Sewage Processing plant.

In Devon there are 600 plants, 900 pumping stations and 16,000 kms of sewage piping. The Brixton plant caters for about 1000 residents.

Simply, the process screens out solids above 6mm, then settling tanks allow for the next size solids to drop to the bottom of the tanks. These solids are taken away by tanker every week. A second percolation filter filters prior to the final settling tanks. Residual water is treated by Ultra Violet purification prior to discharge in to the River Yealm.

The Brixton plant has been upgraded this year to reduce the chance of storm overspill which did occur during the huge rainfalls of 2012.

Mr Murch asked residents not to put the following items into the sewage system: sanitary towels, tampons, condoms, disposable nappies, facial & baby cleaning wipes, plastic bags, mop heads, bandages & plasters, cotton buds, incontinence pads, syringes and razor blades.

2. Mr Foley was pleased that his letter re Chittleburn had been published in the Brixton Magazine. He expressed concern that he (and BPC) had received no planning response from Dean Kinsella, SHDC and asked Cllr Cane if he would chase Mr Kinsella and Mr Doxford for an answer to all outstanding queries.

Mr Foley questioned the reference to a 'part B' (in camera) meeting. This had been held after the last council meeting to sort out the details of the BPC planning application procedures.

Mr Foley asked about planning rules applicable to AONB. Council stated that whilst we cannot be planning specialists, we take an individual view of all applications and AONB is clearly one consideration. We contact SHDC if we need detail advice.

Mr Foley thanked Council for doing a good job for the parish and its residents

3. Mr Danny Sullivan thanked Council for the completion of Silverbridge Way.
4. Mr Jack Gilbey raised a question about the ownership of the bank to the east of Red Lion Hill where the post box is located. This bank needs clearing. The Clerk agreed to investigate.
5. Mr Gilbey asked if it would be possible to locate a few seats/benches on Silverbridge Way. This is under consideration already.

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