

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 6th 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	9
	County Councillor	0
	District Councillor	0
	Police	1

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs Squire and Jessop

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Andy Potter presented his February report as follows:

Between 7th and 10th burglary at stables on the outskirts of Brixton, horse rug and electric fencing stolen [JI/13/100 refers]

Overnight 25th / 26th unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle, moped taken from outside an address, found following morning near address [JI/13/144 refers]

Between 0800 and 1700 on 27th shed burgled in the Chittleburn Hill area [JI/13/150 refers]

3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hart absent and no report received.

4. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Squire sent his apologies.

Cllr Cane reported that:

- SHDC rate increase of 3.5% approved. This equates to £4.83 per year for a Band D property.
- 2014/15 will require further savings of £720,000
- Government want Sherford development to start and is offering grants to developer for an early start to building.
- SHDC has received £45k from Westminster for improvement of tourism and fishing sectors.
- Home bonuses. SHDC receive payment equivalent to 6 years council tax for all new houses built in the district. Some of this is being spent on affordable homes and upgrading homes for disabled tenants.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

5.1 Cllr Cane declared a personal interest in all Planning Matters (Agenda item 8) 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 item 7.2

5.3 Cllrs Hitchins and Martin declared a personal interest in item 7.2

5.4 Cllr Oates declared that he had written to SW Water about retaining water purity in the Yealm on item 7.2

6. MINUTES OF PARISH MEETINGS

An amendment to 7.11 to include “the seat in Mill Lane to be added to the list of Council seats to be maintained by BPC”. Minutes of the monthly meeting on February 6th were proposed, as amended, by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Cane as an accurate record. Approved.

7. LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

7.1 Community assets. A letter has been received from SHDC advising that Tuscany’s does not meet the necessary parameters for inclusion in “land of community value” under the Localism Act 2011.

7.2 Venn Farm development. SHDC Development committee gave Conditional Approval for the development at Venn Farm on February 12th. Clerk to speak to SHDC re housing applicant list for this site.

7.3 Devon Engagement strategy. The consultation document has been circulated to all councillors. It was agreed that each would make their own submission to DCC.

7.4 Victorian light plaque. Cllrs Hitchins advised she was in discussion with the supplier.

7.5 Traffic group report. 1 new volunteer for group which will meet in April.

7.6 Fire Authority consultation. Clerk to email papers for discussion on April agenda.

7.7 Sherford filming. It was agreed that Cllrs Cane and Calvert will put together a ‘wish list’ for Neil Tugwell and to mark photo locations on a parish map. Clerk to supply map.

7.8 Facebook proposal. Cllr Calvert advised that he had created a new Facebook page called “Love Brixton Devon”. This can be accessed by all. It was agreed to put a link to the parish website for ease of access to minutes etc. Cllr Calvert will monitor for next 4 weeks before a decision as to who can post items on the site. April agenda item.

7.9 Councillor Training. Clerk confirmed that Cllrs Calvert and Jessop have been booked on the new councillor training course at South Brent on July 9th.

7.10 SHDC affordable homes allocation consultation. Cllrs generally in agreement with proposals. Clerk to respond with one change to remove ambiguity.

7.11 Councillors’ reports.

- Dog fouling continues to be a problem in the village. Notices have been posted.
- Bus stop bench not yet constructed. Cllr Wills to chase up.
- Telephone box light now working
- 2 stones for “parish markers” have been identified. A price of £700 has been obtained for “moving stones, dressing, carving, locating on concrete pad”. Cllr Gray proposed and Cllr Murch seconded that this project be approved. Passed with 2 abstentions. This completes the village Jubilee Year commemorations. Cllr Wills to proceed with work.
- SW Water consultation papers received. Cllr Oates to prepare response.
- Thanks to all volunteers for their sterling work in manning the ‘recycling’ at Catson Green every Saturday.
- Cllr Oates to put article in Brixton Mag re Yealm Harbour Authority AGM

All Cllrs
Al Cllrs

- Yealm Estuary Management forum to meet in the spring.
- Concern raised about the state of the verges on the approach to Otter Nursery.
- Location required for the seat offered by Tuscany's
- New location required for Cofflete Lodge waste bin
- Tor Homes will fund a seat in the 'play trail' area at the junction of Steer Point Road and Elliots Hill
- Welcome Pack to be updated by end of April
- Dementia Friendly villages. Cllr Hitchins stated that the launch at Otter Nursery on Feb 22nd had been excellent. Information and photos available on www.dementiayealm.org.

Gray

PLANNING MATTERS

Martin

8.1 Applications 07/0397/13 and 07/0391/13 both for Wiverton House will be reviewed on site on 8th March at 9.30 am.

Cllr Cane declared an interest in item 8.2 and left the meeting room.

Clerk
Oates/Jessop

8.2 DCC Highways proposed closure letter re unsurfaced county road at Torr Hill Farm. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would ask for an extension to the closing date for submissions and that Cllrs Oates and Jessop would talk with the landowner to achieve a better outcome for the village.

Cllr Cane returned.

9.FINANCIAL MATTERS

Clerk

9.1 The tabled expenditure of £1793.58 was approved after proposal by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Cane. Approved. The Clerk was asked to split out the balance of the composting fund in future statements.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Wills/Murch

10.1 Ivybridge D&ALC meeting on March 13th. To be attended by Cllrs Wills & Murch

Wills

10.2 The Clerk read out the letter of thanks from the leader of the Yealm Guides.

10.3 SHDC Planning Workshop on March 27th. Cllr Wills to attend.

Clerk

10.4 DCC has responded to our request for grass cutting monies if we wish to take over responsibility for highway grass within the urban area. DCC will give BPC £1150 for the 4 cuts per annum.
The Clerk was asked to get 2 quotes for this work.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 3rd 2013 at 7.30 in the Community Room.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.50 pm

OPEN FORUM

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

1. Neil Tugwell explained that he was prepared to create a film archive for BPC for the area to be taken over by Sherford new town. It was agreed that BPC would create a “wish list” to include seasons, locations, stills, videos, aerial shots (if available), footpaths, crops, cattle & sheep etc. See minute 7.7 above.

2. David Foley introduced the concept of the newly formed Chittleburn Residents Association following a survey of 25 properties and businesses in that area. Residents did not feel ‘represented’ as they felt themselves to be outside the Brixton village.
The Chairman explained that the village facilities and information about the makeup of the Parish Council and its activities are available in the same way to all parishioners. Chittleburn residents are able to attend each and every Council meeting and to speak in the Open Forum at the start of each meeting. Information to all is both on the notice board in the main street and on the village web site.
Regarding a query about funding, Cllr Hitchins advised that the only funding for BPC is from the Parish precept. All this information is given on the annual Council Tax Bill from SHDC sent to all householders.

Cllr Hitchins advised that the 2012 Parish Plan will be reviewed in 2013.

Mr Foley then talked about his desire to build five affordable houses on his field at Chittleburn Cross. This proposal would include a parking bay for Rodgers car transporters, an emergency entry into the Care Home and a footpath/cycle track on the A379 edge of his land. He advised that he was talking to Strategic Planners at SHDC about this application.

Cllr Hitchins reminded the meeting that this site was outside of the currently approved “Local Development framework” for Brixton. Mr Foley wanted his site to become an “exception “site.

Mr Foley agreed to bring his pre application proposal to the BPC meeting On April 3rd. A 10 minute slot would be allocated at the start of the Open Forum so that he can outline his thoughts to the whole Council.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Parish Council does not form any part of the pre application service provided by SHDC. When the formal planning application is made, SHDC circulate the details to several different bodies for their observations. BPC is just one of these consultees. However, developers may come to Open Forums to keep BPC advised on their plans.