

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2nd 2011 AT 7.30pm**

Present:	Cllr Hitchins	*	Cllr White	*
	Cllr Wills	*	Cllr Murch	@
	Cllr Martin	*	Cllr Cane	*
	Cllr Gray	*	Cllr Lang	@
	Cllr Oates	@		
	* Denotes attendance		@ Denotes absence	

Also attending:	Members of the public	8
	County Councillor	0
	District Councillor	1
	Police	0

11.060 APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs Hart, Lang, Oates, Murch and the Police

11.061 POLICE MATTERS

The emailed report was read out by the Clerk as follows:

- 1 x criminal damage JI/11/817 refers - paint found on garden wall
- 3 x non crime domestics – Police called to family disputes/ arguments
- 2 x burglaries JI/878, 882 refer
- 2 x attempt burglaries JI/11/884, 885 refer

The above burglaries were at a block of four garages, access was gained to two, and property was stolen from within. Due to the type of property stolen a van/transit type vehicle would have been used. The offences occurred between 6.30 and 9.00 pm on Wed 18 October .At about 8.20 pm the same evening a house holder disturbed two males loitering near his garage in the Crescent Road area , probably connected to the garage breaks. Police attended, the area was searched with a negative result.

It is often assumed these offences take place in the dead of night, we know these did not. If any suspicious activity is ever seen in your localities please phone the Police. If an offence is actually taking place phone 999 or if it is a general suspicious activity phone 101.

11.062 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hart sent no report on this occasion.

11.063 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Squire reported:

- Sherford. SHDC site meeting is now to be on Nov 30th and will be an ‘informal’ meeting for Planning Councillors only. BPC and public are not invited.
- Sherford. SHDC full council will vote on Nov 3rd regarding the vote on Sherford application in Dec. Will it be all council or just the Planning Committee?
- Follaton House refurbishment program is proceeding well
- DCC will rent some Follaton House offices after refurbishment

Cllr Cane reported:

- Devon Renaissance has been working in the interest of local businesses for many years and has brought in £4million of funding for training, IT and growth funding.

11.064 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cane expressed a personal interest in the composting item (7.8) and reiterated that he will not take part or voting in any planning related matters. He has a personal interest in the Sherford development as he owns adjacent land and rents one field.

Cllr Martin declared family connections with the possible caterers for item 7.6

11.065 MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5th PARISH MEETING

Proposed as accurate by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Gray. Approved by the four councillors present at that meeting.

11.066 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

7.1 Sherford 106 agreement. Council is required to make any submissions to SHDC. This item had been discussed in Open Forum and the following points were to be raised in the Clerk's letter:

- The earlier (2009) approval specified building commencement by 2010. As this condition had not been achieved, the approval has lapsed. Therefore a new application is required to cover all the significant changes.
- Affordable Housing provision at 15% is unacceptable. Hold Redtree to the previously negotiated 35%
- Traffic management. Changes to services will impact badly on Brixton and Red Lion Hill in particular. Check use of £75k allocated.
- Renewable energy using wind turbines has been diluted and not binding.
- Parish Council now to have access to only £10k funding instead of £65k over a longer time period
- BPC concerned that Cllr Cane not allowed to vote even though he has no financial interest in the development.
- Schooling. No secondary school to be started until the start of the 1300th house. This is too late as children unlikely to change after starting at Ivybridge.
- Sewage. Unclear as to what long term plan will be for major sewage. Critical to keep away from the Yealm.
- General complaint about the very poor communication and consultation on this key event for SHDC.

7.2 Review of Parliamentary constituencies. An open discussion had been held in Open Forum. The proposal is to reduce the South West by 2 constituencies. This will affect Wembury & Brixton which may move into a new larger Plymouth Sutton constituency. Council asked the Clerk to write with two options: a) support Cllr Hart proposal of moving Wembury and Brixton into the Tavistock constituency or b) move Brixton into the Totnes constituency in order to retail the rurality of the village.

7.3 Silver Bridge Way. Cllr Gray advised that agreement between DCC and Kitley has finally been agreed. The terms of the agreement had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Gray proposed and Cllr White seconded that the draft be approved so that the Clerk can sign the agreement as the 'agent' for BPC. Approved by all except Cllr Cane abstaining.

7.4 Welcome Pack. A final draft will be circulated to councillors before

Christmas for a 2012 launch.

7.5 Active Village opportunities.

- A 'gentle exercise group' has already started at Venn Court. 5 classes so far with positive response from the 6/12 attendees.
- Jayne Wootton is the new coordinator and will meet Cllr Hitchins in Nov.

Hitchins

7.6 Children's Party. Following a presentation by Cllr Martin, a lengthy discussion resolved that this would be 'held over' and integrated with the Jubilee Celebrations in the village.

7.7 Jubilee Celebrations on June 2nd to 5th 2012

- A street party may be held in Old Road with live music
- The 'working party' to meet in November.

Hitchins/White Murch

Cllr Cane left the meeting

7.8 Local composting. The Clerk has finally heard from DCC who have only raised a few details points. These were discussed so that the Clerk can again speak with Iaian Stevens prior to a site meeting with DCC and SHDC. The Clerk was asked to find out how other parishes record the amount of compost used by the community.

Clerk

Clerk

Cllr Cane returned to meeting.

7.9 Youth Cafe options. Cllr Martin has spoken to the Scout leaders. At present the hut is not usable as there is a major problem with the floor. Concern was also raised about the security and suitability of this location for youth activities.

Cane

7.10 Christmas tree on the Green. It was agreed that Cllr Cane would approach Flete Gardens on our behalf.

7.11 Councillors' reports.

a) Cllr White again expressed concern at the blocking of Legion Lane by inconsiderate car drivers. Clerk agreed to chase DCC after original contact.

b) Cllr Cane asked for £30 to be allocated to Mr Davies for wallflowers for planting at The Green. Approved.

c) Cllr Hitchins advised that Mr Cox (head teacher) had retired at last half term. The school is now being run by the United Schools federation. Miss Drewitt will be in charge of the school and will adopt Mr Cox's teaching responsibilities. Cllrs Hitchins and Wills are arranging to meet the teaching staff on behalf of BPC.

Cane

Hitchins/Wills

11.067 PLANNING MATTERS

Application number 07/2679 for a new dwelling in the grounds of Huntleigh Lodge was received today. Cllr Martin will arrange a site visit as usual.

Martin

11.068 FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a) The tabled expenditure of £1232.17 for November was approved after proposal by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Wills.

11.069 CORRESPONDENCE

a) SHDC has advised a Parish Cluster meeting at Ermington at 7pm on Nov 16th. It was agreed that Cllrs Hitchins and Wills will attend on our behalf.

b) Weedbusters Ltd has written to offer their weed control services now that DCC is carrying out less spraying.

Hitchins/Wills

11.070 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly Meeting of Brixton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, December 7th at 7.30 p.m. in the Brixton Community Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.11 pm
OPEN FORUM (from 7.30 until 8.10pm)

(These notes do not form part of the minutes of the Council Meeting)

1. Proposed changes to Parliamentary Boundaries. The Chairman explained that the government were planning to reduce parliamentary seats from 550 to 500. This will require a reduction of two in the south west. Current proposal is to move the Wembury/Brixton ward in to an enlarged Plymouth Sutton constituency.
Cllr Squire expressed concern about getting closer to Plymouth as this is seen as the 'thin end of the wedge' prior to being engulfed by PCC at some future time.
Cllr Martin asked if the number of dwellings proposed at Sherford had been taken into account. This was considered unlikely as the town has not yet been given full planning permission. There are also 1500 dwellings planned for Billacombe quarry site.
Cllr Wills considered that we would be better joining the Totnes grouping rather than the Tavistock grouping recommended in Cllr Hart's letter.
Parishioners had no further comments to make.
2. Sherford 106 discussion. SHDC has gone out for a 6 week consultation on the new 106 proposals to be attached to the outline planning given in 2009. Cllr Cane explained his frustration at the edict from SHDC that he is not allowed to vote on this plan even though he has no pecuniary or private interest. He is allowed to make representations before leaving the room at voting time. BPC feel that this is totally unfair and adversely affects our representation on such a key matter for the village.
The issues raised in this discussion are summarised in the Minutes (above) in paragraph 7.1
3. Mr Gilbery advised that the ivy on Mr McBean property required cutting as it was now only 4' from the pavement. The Clerk was asked to write accordingly.

M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

November 4th 2011