

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2010 AT 7.30pm**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Cane (Chair)	*	Cllr Searle	*
	Cllr Hitchins (Vice Chair)	*	Cllr Tapper	@
	Cllr Martin	@	Cllr Wills	*
	Cllr Lang	*	Cllr Aylett	*
	Cllr Foweraker	*		
	* Denotes attendance		@ Denotes absence	

<b>Also attending:</b>	Members of the public	3
	County Councillor	0
	District Councillor	1
	Police	0

**9.165 APOLOGIES**

Apologies from Cllrs Hart, Martin, Tapper and the Police.

**9.166 POLICE MATTERS**

This email report was read out by the Clerk.

Jl/10/804: On 07<sup>th</sup> September a Domestic incident occurred. Force dictates non disclosure of information.

Jl/10/820: On 13<sup>th</sup> September a woman was subjected to a minor assault. A suspect has been identified and is currently being dealt with.

Jl/10/841: On 19<sup>th</sup> September a Domestic incident occurred. Force dictates non disclosure of information.

Jl/10/886: On 05<sup>th</sup> October a Domestic incident occurred. Force dictates non disclosure of information.

There is also a theft of large plant equipment from an address in Brixton. There is no crime number as yet but it will be passed on when available.

Police in the community have been working to try to resolve incidents of Anti Social behaviour. We have also been monitoring the area after thefts from the campsite to try to locate and offenders. Speed checks have also been carried out on the A379 with nearly all motorists abiding by the speed limit. We have also been monitoring activity just after pub closing time as we have received reports of drunken anti social behaviour and low level damage.

**9.167 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

No report available

**9.168 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Squire reported:

- That the Sherford development cannot start until the 106 agreement has been ratified. Redtree is to carry the legal costs for SHDC and themselves.
- SHDC budget. The outcome of the government statement on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> is awaited. The expected 30% cut will mean a reduction of central funds of £440,000

Cllr Cane reported:

- That hoax phone calls have been made from persons pretending to work for SHDC and offering council tax refunds. Bank account details have been requested for the repayments to be paid into their accounts. Beware.
- That SHDC may be forced into holding a referendum for a mayor
- That in future the Leader of Council will be for 4 year tenure with an Executive team of up to 8 councillors. Each Executive will have the authority to spend up to £10k each

### **9.169 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Pecuniary interest: Cllr Searle; Parish website.

Cllr Cane will not take part in any planning discussions or voting

### **9.170 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> PARISH MEETING**

Proposed as accurate by Cllr Searle, seconded by Cllr Lang. Unanimously approved.

### **9.171 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS**

**7.1 Brixton/Yealmpton footpath.** Cllr Mumford (DCC) has advised the Clerk that DCC and EA have met with the landowner and had a very productive meeting. The meeting with Parish Councils is imminent.

**7.2 Village Welcome pack.** The Clerk reported that about 50% of the required information has been received and collated. Cllr Hitchins advised that the rest should be available within a few weeks. The Clerk asked about how new residents were to be identified. Cllrs to consider.

**7.3 Parish Plan.** Cllr Hitchins advised that she is still trawling through the 'comments' on the questionnaires. Cllr Searle offered to assist in this work.

**7.4 Building a Big Society.** Cllr Hitchins stated that she believes that Council should support the principle of this government initiative. It was suggested that a local forum of all organisations serving the Parish should be held 3 or 4 times a year to ensure full information flow across the whole community. After discussion, the general view of councillors was in agreement with the principle.

**7.5 Speeding at Carrolsland.** A letter has been received expressing concern at the speed of traffic along Wembury Road adjacent to the playing fields. Is it possible to extend the 30mph limit beyond the playing fields?

The Clerk stated that all speed limits in Devon were under review. This may have changed with the new government. The Clerk was asked to send a copy of the letter to Cllr Hart and Police.

#### **7.4 Councillors' reports.**

a) Cllr Searle advised that the lady who lives at Brook Cottage has complained that drains need better cleaning. It was understood that these drains have recently been cleaned out. Inevitably leaf build up is a nuisance for the next few weeks

b) Cllr Searle enquired why our Post Office does not issue driving licenses. It was agreed that this was a government decision based on post office turnover

c) Cllr Searle advised that the Primary School headmaster, Steve Cox, is returning to the school on a full time basis after half term.

d) Cllr Foweraker agreed to speak to the Stores owner about a cone which keeps appearing in the parking area outside the village store.

e) Cllr Foweraker agreed to talk to Cllr Tapper about the state of the public footpath between Tuscany's and Cherry Tree Drive.

f) Cllr Foweraker expressed concern that mud is being carried into Cherry Tree Drive from the adjacent public right of way. It was agreed that no responsibility could be apportioned

g) Cllr Hitchins suggested that Council appoint a film company to record the Sherford countryside area prior to its decimation as a building development site. Monies from our Sherford reserve could be used. It was agreed that Cllrs Lang and Hitchin would draft a brief

**Hitchins**

article for the Brixton magazine to see if there was anyone who lived in the Parish who would be interested in making this film before making contact with any other film maker.

**Tapper**

h) It was agreed that we should have a Christmas tree on the Green again this year. Cllr Tapper to organise and consider better lighting solutions.

**Hitchins**

i) Cllr Hitchins advised that Yealmpton were supportive of the Dementia cafe scheme. Visits yet to be made to Wembury and N&Noss.

**Hitchins**

j) Cllr Hitchins advised that the programme for our Emergency Plan would be slowed following a training session at South Brent.

**Clerk**

k) Cllr Cane read a letter from the General Stores expressing concern that Council were supporting the Ivybridge Ring'n Ride initiative. For the viability of the Store, it is important that parishioners maximise their use of the store. After some discussion, the Clerk was asked to reply to the letter. Council do understand the importance of the shops for the benefit of the community.

### **9.172 PLANNING MATTERS**

In the absence of Cllr Martin, Cllr Wills advised that the 2 outstanding applications would be considered before the date for responses to SHDC. They are

- a) 2088. 3 Meadow Drive. Two storey extension
- b) 2139. West Pitten House. Single storey extension.

### **9.173 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Clerk**

- a) The tabled expenditure of £965.98 for the month was approved.
- b) It was agreed that the grant to the 1<sup>st</sup> Brixton & Yealmpton Scouts be paid in November

### **9.174 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Clerk**

- The letter from Feoffee Trust supporting the A379 pathway was read out. The Clerk was asked to respond with up-to-date information.

**All Cllrs**

- SHDC have advised that their Budget Consultation meeting will be on 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm at Follaton House. Councillors were encouraged to attend.

**Clerk**

- SHDC is asking whether the Serpells business at Blackpool has been trading for 10 years. Council confirmed that this was the case. Clerk to inform SHDC

**All Cllrs**

The correspondence file was given to the Vice Chairman for reading and circulation. The Clerk requested that the files be returned to him every month as some papers need to be filed.

### **9.175 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly Meeting of Brixton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the Brixton Community Hall.

**The meeting was declared closed at 8.50 pm**

### **OPEN FORUM held at 7.30pm.**

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

No issues were raised by those attending.

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