

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3rd 2012 AT 7.30pm

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

Also attending: Members of the public 4
County Councillor 0
District Councillor 1
Police 0

12.140 APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs Hart, Murch and the Police

12.141 POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk read the report from the police:

Jl/12/806: On 5th September a vehicle made off without making payment. Enquires ongoing.

Jl/12/897: Between 14th September and 29th September a garden ornament was stolen. Enquires ongoing.

Jl/12/899: On 28th September a person unknown damaged a garage door. Enquires ongoing.

12.142 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No report received from Cllr Hart.

12.143 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Cane reported that:

- SHDC has agreed in principle to reducing number of District Councillors from 40 to 30. Still subject to Boundary Commission review in 2013.
- Planning application fees will rise by 15% in April 2013
- Cuts required for 2013/14 to save £400,000
- Experiment in Modbury to reduce parking fees to see if this improves local trade
- Ivybridge Paper Mill to close within 12 months
- Remember Police Commissioner elections in November

Cllr Squire reported that :

- The Government grants will continue to reduce every year for the foreseeable future
- Average Band D rates in SHDC are £1529 pa compared to £1601 in West Devon.
- Demand still exceeding supply for Council housing. SHDC recommending going to the private rental sector for quickest results.

12.144 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Cllr Cane declared a personal interest in agenda items 7.1, 7.2, 8.1, 8.2
2. Cllr Martin declared a personal interest in agenda items 8.1 and 8.2
3. Cllr Hitchins declared a personal interest in agenda items 8.1 and 8.2
4. All councillors registered a personal interest in agenda item 8.1 & 8.2 as residents of Brixton
5. 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.

12.145 MINUTES OF PARISH MEETINGS

Minutes of the monthly meeting on September 5th were proposed by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Cane. Approved with one abstention (councillor absent from meeting).

12.146 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

- Clerk** **7.1 Sherford.** The Clerk advised Council that the relevant health authorities that would be dealing with Health and Wellbeing for the new town had not yet been created under the government reorganisation of the Health Service. It was agreed to review in 6 months.
- Clerk** **7.2 Silver Bridge Way.** Cllr Gray advised that it is expected that the contractor will start work soon – date awaited. Awaiting funding reply from Trusthouse Foundation. Feoffee Trust has contributed an additional £5000. Letter of sincere thanks to be sent. Silverbridge Way is confirmed as only two words.
- Jessop** **7.3 Carrolsland notice board.** Cllr Jessop reported that the Management Company has no objection to a board being erected. It is expected that a Residents Association will shortly be formed. A request for a board will be made to Council shortly.
- Hitchins/Wills** **7.4 Emergency Planning.** It was agreed that Cllrs Hitchins and Wills will reopen discussions with Cllr Robbins at Yealmpton.
- Gray** **7.5 “Cold calling free” village.** Cllr Gray had been looking into the implications of this idea and we must ask “do we have a real problem in the village?” Cllr Gray agreed to write a draft note for Nov meeting for village circulation.
- Hitchins** **7.6 Parish Plan - Traffic Management group.** The Chairman advised that no meeting has yet occurred. Plan to have a meeting in October.
- Clerk** **7.7 Grass cutting.** The Clerk went through the village map and explained which grass areas were cut by whom and when. After a detailed discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would discuss a small amount of additional cutting with SHDC.
- Hitchins** **7.8 Brixton Play Trail.** Cllrs attending the site meeting felt that the proposed principles were sound for the 2 play trail areas. Slow growing trees and wild flowers to be planted along with installation of low cost blocks of wood for child activity. The ‘Play trail’ group to proceed to detail proposals and maintenance costs.
- All Cllrs Clerk** **7.9 Councillor vacancy.** The Clerk reported that there have not been any applications yet. Councillors were asked to each speak to potential candidates. Clerk to issue ‘job specification’ to councillors.
- Clerk** **7.10 Councillor reports:**
- The Clerk reported a useful site visit with DCC Highways and Cllr Oates to Coombe Lane, Winstone Lane and Mill Lane where work is required. This clearance work is to be put in hand by DCC. The Clerk has written to

our MP about the rural 'satnav' problem. This will be referred to the Minister of Transport.

**Martin
Clerk
Oates**

- Cllr Martin complained about the location of the dog bin on Red Lion Hill. Alternative site to be recommended.
- Tapps Lane. No through Road sign has been requested from DCC
- Cllr Oates to write article for magazine re Winstone Lane plans
- Cllr Oates advised that it was necessary for a councillor to be proposed to represent Brixton on the Yealm Harbour Committee. Cllr Cane proposed and Cllr Wills seconded that Cllr Oates be nominated for 3 years from May 2102. Approved unanimously. Clerk to write accordingly.

Clerk

- Cllr Jessop raised the issue of the mess left after matches at the Staddiscombe Playing fields. Whilst in our Parish, they are 'let' to Plymouth City Council. Clerk was asked to write to PCC advising the problem.

Clerk

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- 'Road closed' sign at bottom of Red Lion Hill (RLH) is a danger for traffic coming from the west and wishing to turn up RLH. Clerk to speak to DCC Highways.

Hitchins

- Plaque for Victorian lamp refurbishment. This requires permission from the Church as it will be on their property. Cllr Hitchins to contact the church Advisory Board re conditions and approvals.

Clerk

- Cllr Martin reported that parts of Silverstream highway are subsiding. Clerk to advise DCC.

**Clerk
Hitchins/Oates**

- Cllr Martin advised that, due to ill health, Jack Gilbury was resigning from all P3 pathway and Neighbourhood Watch activities. Council thanked him for his years of service and enthusiasm in both these areas. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to be delivered by hand.

Oates

- Mr Lowden had asked if a grit bin could be located on Steer Point Road. It was agreed that Cllr Oates would speak to him about salting options and also that this route would be salted by Steven Cane in the event of bad weather.

Clerk

- Cllr Hitchins spoke about the complaint about poor road visibility caused by plants when exiting from Brixton Lodge Gardens. Clerk to speak to DCC

Cane

- The weeds in Elliots Hill to be removed. Cllr Cane to organize.
- The Feoffee Trust has supported the Youth Music Theatre and Silverbridge Way and still has funds available for distribution.
- 3 people have been interviewed for the Dementia Friendly Villages coordinator role

12.147 PLANNING MATTERS

Cllr Cane left the meeting and did not return.

Clerk

1. Venn Farm composting application. It was agreed that Council could not comment on this application because of a pecuniary interest because of its 'Green Composting' scheme. Clerk to advise DCC accordingly.

Clerk

2. Barratt application 07/2022/12 for 27 dwellings at Venn Farm. All councillors declared an interest as parishioners. Cllr Wills put forward the findings of the Council site meeting held on Sept 30th. Cllr Hitchins presented a summary of findings from the village consultation. Cllr Wills proposed and Cllr Jessop seconded that these findings be submitted to SHDC as prerequisites for Council approval for the application. Voting was 4 in favour with abstentions from Cllrs

Hitchins and Martin and Cllr Cane absent.

Clerk

The 106 agreement was discussed and Council felt strongly that the village was not benefitting adequately from funds available. The Clerk agreed to speak to Malcolm Elliot at SHDC with a view to setting up a meeting between SHDC and BPC.

12.148 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) The tabled expenditure of £1141.78 for September was approved after proposal by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Gray. Approved.

b) DCC has approved an additional £2500 grant for Silverbridge Way. To be paid on contract completion.

12.149 CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk

- It was agreed that the Clerk would scan and circulate minutes of 2 meetings
- Thanks received from the Samaritans for grant money received
- Notification of road closure applied for South West Water. Await approval
- SHDC Peer Challenge. No councillors are available to attend this review.
- Letter from Mr Hall. Content noted. Clerk to reply.

12.150 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 7th 2012 at 7.30 in the Community Room.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.23pm

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

No points raised by the public

M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

October 4th 2012