

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2013 at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Gray, Cllr Murch, Cllr Martin, Cllr Wills, Cllr Hitchins, Cllr Jessop, Cllr Calvert, Cllr Cane, Cllr Oates

ALSO ATTENDING 1 member of press, 1 PCSO, 10 members of the Public, District Cllr John Squire

1. APOLOGIES: Mike Stickland Clerk. County Councillor John Hart,

2. POLICE MATTERS: Brixton Parish Council Police Report September 2013

9th - making off without payment, car drove off garage forecourt without paying for fuel JI/13/779

Early hours of 29th - robbery , taxi driver dropped three males he had picked up from Plymouth at the roundabout near Venn Court he was assaulted and had money stolen ,enquires are ongoing JI/13/841
PCSO 30540 Andy Potter, Ivybridge Police Station Tel no 101

3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN HART – No report available

4. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS BASIL CANE and JOHN SQUIRE -

- The Transformation Programme for South Hams District Council is planning on saving approx 3 ½ million. Job cuts and redundancies appear inevitable.
- An Enforcement Team has been reconstructed and is currently working through a backlog. It has been agreed that all findings will be passed to the relevant parishes.
- Planning efficiency for the South Hams is near the bottom of the table with Plymouth near the top. There has been some controversy regarding the decisions on major developments in the South Hams which have been passed against advice.
- Cllr Cane asked the Chairman to open communication with the South Hams planners to see how much the Sherford planning process has cost so far as the multidisciplinary team of the three partner authorities is now in place to progress the development.

5. COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTEREST - none declared.

6. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4TH 2013.

- Proposed by Cllr Cane 2nd by Cllr Gray – 7 in favour with 2 abstentions Cllrs Hitchins & Martin.

7. LOCAL ISSUES AND PROGRESS REPORTS

7.1 Footpath leaflet - to be updated / rewritten and quotes for printing sought. Cllrs Oates & Jessop (Leaflet) Cllr Hitchins
(Quotes)

7.2 TAP Funding - Funding ideas are being sought for funding applications evidencing Parish Councils working together. Wembury PC has already been in contact with Brixton PC about an application to fund a lengthsman. Cllr Hitchins to follow up with Chairman of Yealmpton & Wembury Parish Councils and to find out from Sparkwell Parish Council how the funding from TAP last year was used for a lengthsman . Projects funded by TAP last year cannot be considered this year.

7.3 Silverbridge Way

(i) Information Board - designers are working on the information board which will be placed on the bridge. Brixton Composters have agreed to consider an application for funding the information board. Cllrs Hitchins, Gray and Murch to follow up with the Silverbridge Project Group.

(ii) Signage from Brixton Village to Silverbridge Way from the main road in the village to be followed up by Cllrs Oates and Jessop

7.4 Traffic Group update - Next meeting 17 Oct 2013 @ 2.30 pm Nick Colton Devon Highways and Andy Potter PCSO will be attending

7.5 Bottle Bank - No ideas further ideas for location at present.

7.6 St. Mary's School Consultation - A letter had been received for the Chairman of the School Governors outlining plans for the School to federate with 3 other schools. - This is expected to further benefit the school and consultations will take place until Nov 11th. Council unanimously agreed to support this proposal proposed Cllr Cane seconded by Cllr Wills. A letter of support to be sent to the Clerk of the Governors.

7.7 Councillor Reports -

- Cllr Gray - Is designing the slips which will be left at neighbouring homes by Parish Councillors completing a site visit for a planning application to let the residents know that the Parish Council has tried to canvass their views.
- Cllr Murch - Composting doing incredibly well with some initial applications to access the funds being considered from Silverbridge Way, Brixton walks leaflets, and Miriam and Millie expected trips to Tanzania. Cllr Calvert also suggested Venn Court residents apply to the Composters for funding towards their shed / greenhouse.
- Cllr Wills – Read a letter from Highways regarding the inappropriate parking which often blocks Legion Lane. Highways have stated that they will be painting a box within three months. This is in response to a strong letter from a resident.
- Cllr Oates - the Yealm Harbour Authority plans to start charging Kayaks, Canoes and Paddles Boarders £10 per year. It was agreed that a letter to be sent to the Harbour Authority asking for clarification about the introduction of these charges. Cllr Oates will draft a letter for the Clerk to send on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Cllr Cane - Hedges on the main road becoming overgrown. Clerk to send letter to Feoffee Trust to ask that they be tidied.

Drains - Lodge Lane drain outlet located but needs blasting, but currently there are no funds to do this. Bus stop flooding, Highways have advised 'that it has been like that since the Americans raised the road'. South Barton flooding due to site development. All three flooding areas for follow up with Nick Colton by the Traffic Management Group.

- Cllr Calvert - Fordbrooke Lane has become a rat run and some horse riders and walkers are at real risk of serious injury to be followed up by the Traffic Management Group.
- Cllr Hitchins - Ivybridge & District Association of Local Councils (IDAPC). Brixton Parish Council is currently not a member of this Association, it was agreed that the Parish Council should rejoin this Association for the annual fee of £8.00.

Brixton Play Trail will be opened on 2nd November joining Messy Church at 12noon with refreshments with the walk starting at 12.30 to The School, Brixstix, Feoffee Park and finishing at Kitley View for cupcakes and juice.

Brixton Website - The Chairman of the Feoffee Trust and the Parish Council had reviewed the website with Graham Searle and had thanked him for his work of managing the site for the

community. It had also been agreed that Grahams expenses needed to be reviewed and this is being negotiated with the Feoffee Trust who suggested an increase in the hourly rate this was discussed and an annual fee was suggested by the Parish Council. Cllr Hitchins to discuss further with the Feoffee Trust and Graham Searle

Active villages - funding no longer available.

Report from the Feoffee Trust - grants made to school leavers from Brixton School of £50 each.
Costs for the

Victorian lamp post payment still to be finalised.

Flooding by the Sentry Box to be referred to the Traffic Management Group.

Dog bin on Red Lion Hill- BPC to write to Devon & Cornwall Housing to ask them to arrange for the hedge to be cut
back by the post box.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 MOVING SHERFORD FORWARD – An email had been received from SHDC advising that the Sherford Implementation team has been appointed. It was agreed that the Parish Council need to understand the role of this group and have working relationship with this team and that Nick McMahon (Project Implementation Officer- Team Leader) should be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council Clerk to send invite.

8.2 No other new planning matters.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

- a) 9.1 The tabled expenditure of £740.05 plus £29.99 for the month was approved. Proposed Cllr Wills - 2nd -Cllr Martin and unanimously agreed
- b) 9.2 It was noted that BPC bank is now Lloyds Bank.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Post Office advising the Parish Council that a temporary sub postmaster has been appointed until a more definite answer could be found. A further letter to be sent by the Clerk asking for the Parish Council to be kept up top date of progress on this matter
- A letter of thanks for a donation from the Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm had been received for the grant of £100.00.
- Dog Control Orders were introduced by South Hams District Council on the 1st October 2013. Details will posted on the website and notice board and in the Brixton Magazine, Full details can be found on SHDC website

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly Meeting of Brixton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, November 6th at 7.30 p.m. in the Brixton Community Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30 pm

OPEN FORUM

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

- Liz Hitchins raised that raffle tickets are still on sale and can be bought at the end of the meeting for the Dementia Friendly Parishes around the Yealm Project.
- Peter Thompson raised the point of extra participation from the attending parishioners; he wanted clarification and confirmation that this would still go ahead. It was explained that any participation would be at the discretion of the Chairman.
- Mike Matthews of Venn Court wants to have more contact and participation with the Parish Council. He was thanked for his interest and invited to as many meetings as he can attend and to speak in the Open Forum.
- Ron Benthorpe of Venn Court asked for support negotiating with Devon and Cornwall Housing regarding the rules at Venn Court. He was advised that this was a matter between the tenants and the Housing Association. Some of the residents are very active and would like somewhere to store and pursue hobbies, ie gardening. They were advised to attend the Community Association meeting next week in relation to activities in the village and also to apply to Brixton Composters for help with some of the costs.
- Matthew Musgrave brought up the matter of flooding in an access lane by the Sentry Box due to a possible collapsed drain which runs under his land. Mr Musgrave has spoken to the Highways agency who had explained that the land is his and therefore responsibility must lie with him. However no action has been taken as yet to determine the cause of the flooding. Although the drain runs through his property his view was that it is public water and not from his property and to leave it in disrepair will undermine a stone wall.
- Mr Gilbery asked that a formal letter be sent to Devon and Cornwall housing regarding the overhanging bushes near the dog waste bin.
- Amy McSweeny, Reporter from the South Hams & Ivybridge Gazette introduced herself.