

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> 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	10
County Councillor	0
District Councillor	1
Police	0

**The Vice Chairman opened the meeting in the absence of Cllr Hitchins.**

**11.049 APOLOGIES**

Apologies from Cllrs Hitchins, Hart, Martin and Murch and the Police

**11.050 POLICE MATTERS**

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

- 1 x theft of a motor cycle
- 1 x damage to a car
- 1 x burglary [unoccupied house in isolated rural location]
- 1 x non crime domestic
- 1 x drink driver caught in early hours along the A379

**11.051 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Hart sent no report on this occasion.

**11.052 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Squire reported:

- The government are considering weekly waste collections. A straw poll from all present indicated 90% satisfaction with the existing SHDC routine.
- Tesco at Lee Mill pays SHDC the highest rent per sq ft of all their stores
- Electoral register. Reminders are going to non responders
- Ward boundary will be reviewed in September 2012
- Sherford. Full Council will debate on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> as to whether Full Council (and not just the Planning Committee) should vote on the revised application on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Sherford. SHDC site meeting planned for Nov 30<sup>th</sup> (am) followed by member briefing in pm. Clerk to ask if Council and public may attend

Clerk

Cllr Cane reported:

- Follaton House repair work has commenced
- Villages in Bloom. Should Brixton enter in the near future ?
- Langage Fund now has £20,000 for local park improvements
- Parliamentary Boundary review. This is likely to 'drag' Brixton politically nearer to Plymouth. (see 7.7 below)
- SHDC has £50million of assets. They expect to recover 85% of the money

invested in Iceland. (60% recovered to date)

### **11.053 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Cane expressed a personal interest in the composting item(7.5), Barratt Homes (7.8) and reiterated that he will not take part or voting in any planning related matters.

### **11.054 MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> PARISH MEETING**

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

### **11.055 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS**

**7.1 Silver Bridge Way.** Cllr Gray advised that agreement between DCC and Kitley is still awaited. The term of the agreement is the problem. Next JWG meeting on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm.

Gray/Oates

**7.2 Welcome Pack.** Cllr Gray presented the revised document for approval. Actions: Await Liz Hitchins for the revised intro; history section to be enlarged; information re yacht moorings at Newton Ferrers to be added.

#### **7.3 Active Village opportunities.**

Hitchins  
Clerk

- A 'gentle exercise group' has already started at Venn Court.
- Jayne Wootton is the new coordinator and wants to meet us
- Alex Robinson would like First Aid training as a ballet organiser.

Clerk

#### **7.4 Jubilee Celebrations** on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 2012

- A street party may be held in Old Road with live music

Cllr Cane left the meeting

Clerk

**7.5 Local composting.** The Clerk is in discussion with SHDC and DCC about this scheme. Steven Cane gave the meeting a few more details on the proposed scheme: Fortnightly collection at campsite; bulk up into a 6 ton trailer for weight assessment; 12 week composting cycle; compost returned in bulk for villager collection at ,say, £1/bag; no labour charge – this is a 'goodwill' project. Thanks again expressed to Steven for his generosity.

Clerk

**7.8 Barratt Homes.** The Clerk reported that Council had met with the developer as part of their remit to consult. Barratt has been asked by SHDC to work on a plan for the whole site and 50 houses as specified in the Local Plan. The Venn Farm East Action Group also met the developer. Barratt will be holding a full village consultation when the overall plan has been completed. It was agreed to hold a discussion at the start of the Open Forum next month.

Cllr Cane returned to meeting.

Martin

**7.6 Youth Cafe options.** Meeting with Scout leaders not yet organised

Clerk

**7.7 Review of Parliamentary constituencies.** The proposals are to reduce the SW by 2 constituencies. This will affect Wembury & Brixton which may move into a new Plymouth Sutton constituency. Council was not pleased that the village may be forced closer to 'city' regimes. Council would be happier to be taken into the Totnes area.

### **7.9 Councillors' reports.**

a) Cllr Cane advised that the garage sign overhanging the pavement will be moved towards the back of the pavement.

**Clerk**

b) Cllr White expressed concern at the blocking of Legion Lane by inconsiderate car drivers. Clerk agreed to contact DCC re signage.

**Clerk**

c) Cllr Martin sent a note complaining about FAB Cleaning who offer a wheelie bin cleaning service. They are dumping 'rubbish' in the street. Clerk to speak to SHDC.

d) Complaints have been received about blue and clear waste sacks going into the same wagon. The Clerk assured the meeting that this is acceptable practice as they are separated at the sorting centre.

### **11.056 PLANNING MATTERS**

a) The Clerk advised the appeal by the owner of 3 Meadow Close has been rejected by the Government Inspector.

**Clerk**

b) Application number 07/2337 for a conservatory at No2 Sunderland & Spencer Cottages was discussed. . Cllr Wills proposed and Cllr White seconded the approval of this application. Approved by all.

### **11.057 FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

a) The tabled expenditure of £1294.45 for September was approved after proposal by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Gray.

b) Approval of £500 towards the costs of Silver Bridge Way. Proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr White. Agreed unanimously.

### **11.058 CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Letter received from DCC confirming that the road from Red Lion Hill to Deep Lane was now on their 'primary gritting route' for next winter.

The grit bin on Red Lion Hill will be moved into Cross Park as requested

b) SHDC road cleaning and litter picking is now done on alternate Thursdays (next Oct 13<sup>th</sup>) with the mechanical road sweeper visiting monthly on a Thursday. 2 men spend 3.5 hours each per visit and share 1 van. Any problems to be reported to the Clerk please.

**All Cllrs**

### **11.059 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly Meeting of Brixton Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7.30 p.m. in the Brixton Community Hall.

**The meeting was declared closed at 9.35 pm**

M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

October 12<sup>th</sup> 2011

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