

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, BRIXTON ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5TH 2012
AT 7.30PM

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

NOT PRESENT: Cllr Cane. Mike Stickland, Clerk to the Parish Council on holiday.

ALSO ATTENDING:

Members of the public	14
County Councillor	1
District Councillor	1
Police	2
Speaker in open forum	1

1. Apologies - none received

2. Police Matters- Brixton Parish Council Police Report Nov 2012

Brixton area

12th, a shoplifting, offender arrested and charged to court

21st theft of a mobile phone

Staddiscombe area

14th, theft of petrol, drive off from garage forecourt

13th theft of petrol, drive off from garage forecourt

22nd non crime domestic

27th theft of petrol, drive off from garage forecourt enquiries ongoing

29th theft of petrol, drive off from garage forecourt enquiries ongoing

3. Report from County Councillor John Hart –

- Winston Lane, water on road - work will begin next week.(10th December)
- 17th December – St. Mary’s School is having a Fair Trade Fair, to be attended by the Chairman of the County Council in full regalia, a great opportunity to put the school on the map with plenty of photo opportunities.
- Devon County Council target budgets go in next week but Government deadlines not yet known.

4. Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Squire reported

- Home extension planning changes - the District Council is concerned about proposed changes to the planning laws regarding home extensions. These laws could be relaxed, and the Council will be following this very closely.
- Grass cutting - the County Council without consultation have decided to reduce the yearly grass cutting from 6 times a year to 4. The District Council and County Council are in discussions and the District Council has withdrawn all grass cutting until the County Council agrees to return the cuts to 6 a year.
- Council Tax support - from April 2013, some support will be reduced to some

residents in the area, which could cause hardship and in turn could have a knock on effect with more help needed from the CAB.

5: Declarations of interest - none declared.

6: Minutes of last meeting: - An amendment is required to point 4 Cllr Cane spoke first, then Cllr Squire. Cllr Wills proposed that the minutes of the last meeting should be accepted with the above amendment seconded by Cllr Gray. Unanimously approved.

7. Local Issues and Progress Reports

7.1 Neighbourhood Planning and Community Assets – Cllr Wills registered a personal interest in this agenda item. The Council discussed whether Tuscany's should be registered as a community asset. Cllr Martin proposed that Tuscany's should be registered as a community asset, seconded by Cllr Oates - 8 in favour 1 abstention (Cllr Wills).

A meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Planning has been arranged for 25th February at 7pm in Yealmpton Community Room by Yealmpton Parish Council. Brixton Parish Council has been invited to attend.

7.2 Silverbridge Way - Cllr Gray reported that work will commence as soon as the weather improves.

7.3 Carrollsland notice board – A site meeting has been held with the Residents Association and Torr Homes will be contacted to agree on a preferred location. Cllr Calvert suggested approaching the Co-op for a donation to the notice board. Cllr Jessop to follow up,

7.4 Emergency Planning - Cllr Hitchins and Cllr Wills will be meeting with the Yealmpton Emergency Planning Group and will report back to meeting in February.

7.5 Composting - The composting group had reviewed the feedback from the last Parish Council meeting and had provided a written response which had been circulated to the Parish Councillors. Concerns were raised on ensuring that the money raised was used only for individuals and groups from Brixton Parish and that there was a clear audit trail for the management of the funds by the Parish Council. Cllr. Wills proposed that proposals made by the Brixton Composters should be accepted providing that the audit trail was clearly managed by the Parish Council and with an annual review (December 2013), seconded by Cllr Jessop with 6 in favour and 2 abstentions

7.6 Brixton Play Trail – Friends of Brixton Play Spaces next meet in January this item to be brought forward to the Parish Council meeting in February.

7.7 Councillors reports

Cllr Martin - Tree growing over Coombe Lane. Cllr Oates agreed to e-mail Nick Colton, Devon Highways, to arrange for this to be assessed and cut. The grassy bank along the main road just up from Otter Nurseries is being churned up by the vehicles being parked on it. Cllr Oates to approach the owner to see what can be done.

Silverwood Play Space signs has been vandalised and the damage needs to be addressed, there have also been dogs in the park. Cllr Hitchins will follow this up. The road in Kitley view is dipping very badly and has yet to be addressed by Highways, who have been told previously of this issue. Highways to be followed up.

Cllr Calvert - Sherford filming - currently under discussion Cllr Calvert will report back to the January meeting.

Cllr Wills - Christmas tree on the Green. Cllr Martin proposed that a Christmas tree should be provided by the Parish Council and located on the Green seconded by Cllr

Wills and unanimously agreed. Cllr Calvert offered to obtain one for the village.
Cllr Gray – the new Welcome Pack is out in the Pub, Post Office and Church. Cllr Gray agreed to put an article about the Welcome Pack in the Parish Magazine.
Cllr Hitchins - the work to Winston Lane can only go ahead with half the cost being met by the Parish Council at this stage. This was discussed. Cllr Wills proposed that the Parish Council should make a financial contribution to this work, seconded by Cllr Oates and unanimously agreed.
Brixton St. Mary's School is looking to federate with two other schools for the benefit of the children attending the school. Letters of support are needed. Cllr Wills proposed that Brixton Parish Council supports this proposal for the School seconded by Cllr Jessop and unanimously agreed.
Cleaning bus shelters - to be brought to January meeting as Cllr Cane not available to update the Council on progress.
Cllr Wills reported that the Victorian light is now finished. A plaque will be installed on the wall to record the history of the light.

8. Planning

1. A planning application for a wooden cabin at Orchard Cottage had been investigated by Cllr Martin. This planning application has since been withdrawn.
 2. Barrett Homes / Venn farm –
Cllrs Hitchins, Martin and Oates all declared a personal interest in this agenda item.
 - The notes of the meeting held on the 27th November between Brixton Parish Council and Barratt David Wilson Homes to discuss the terms of the Section 106 agreement had been circulated to members of the Council. Cllr Gray proposed that the notes of the meeting should be approved seconded by Cllr Wills and unanimously agreed.
 - Matters arising from the meeting of the 27th November
- (i) Number of Affordable Homes
After some discussion on the number of Affordable Homes Cllr Gray proposed that the number of Affordable Homes should be 6 with least 1 x 3 bed roomed house and 2 x 2 bed roomed houses in the £190-230K price range. 5 in favour
3 abstentions
- (ii) Open Space -
Following discussion about the open space being adopted by the Parish Council it was agreed to ask the developer for a site meeting before decision was made.
- (iii) Possible creation of pedestrian link to north of the site to join existing rights of way.
Cllr Oates agreed to have an initial discussion with the landowner. Cllr Oates and Jessop will then canvass the residents affected by this possible change.

9 Financial Matters

The tabled expenditure of £932.59 for November was approved after proposal by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Martin

10. Correspondence. - None

11. Date of next meeting

The next General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 9th January 2013** at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room at St. Mary's School. **Please note the change of date.**

The meeting was declared closed at 9.40 p.m.

Open forum discussion

Presentation by Mark Shurrock from Shire Oak Energy for a Photovoltaic area at Spriddlestone - a full public consultation will be held on this proposal.

Brixton Composters announced that the planning permission had been granted in full for the Catson Green Site for opening at weekends and weekdays. They wish to work closely with the Parish Council for the benefit of the community.

The temporary road signs in the village have still not been removed and are now causing problems. Cllr Hart will get the signs removed.

Concern was raised about the maintenance of some of the drains in the village; some of the areas are now suffering from recurrent flooding. Cllr Hart agreed to follow this up with the Highways Agency. The Parish Council was asked to consider the employment of a Parish lengths man to keep the drains etc clear

Concern was raised about visibility when exiting from Chittleburn Hill on to the main road due to the overgrown hedge. Cllr Hart agreed to ask the Highways Agency to inspect the visibility from this junction.