

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE  
COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 AT 7.30pm**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Hitchins	*	Cllr Calvert	*
	Cllr Wills	*	Cllr Murch	*
	Cllr Martin	*	Cllr Cane	*
	Cllr Gray	*	Cllr Jessop	@
	Cllr Oates	*		
	* Denotes attendance		@ Denotes absence	
 <b>Also attending:</b>				
	Members of the public			15
	County Councillor			1
	District Councillor			0
	Police			0

**1. APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Jessop, Squires and the Police

**2. POLICE MATTERS**

The Clerk read the report from PCSO Andy Potter as below:

Brixton area

Between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> theft of fuel from two lorries parked up in the Chittleburn Hill area [JI/14/19]

Between 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> burglary non dwelling , isolated building on outskirts of Brixton broken into, no property taken [JI/14/25]

Staddiscombe area

28<sup>th</sup> theft of fuel , drive off from garage forecourt [JI/14/76]

**3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Hart reported:

- Dawlish rail track repair may take 6 months. Planning to run coaches from Plymouth and Torquay to Exeter meantime.
- Budgets. In 2009/10 government gave £600m, in 2013/14 £500m and in 2017/18 it will be £400m. Cuts are inevitable and all are up for consultation. No hope of returning roads to normal in the foreseeable future. £10m of reserves used in 2012 for road repairs before current problems.
- Elderly population growing at 7% per year
- Broadband ‘roll out’ for Brixton likely to be 2017. JH will check re Yealmpton Exchange upgrade.
- Speeding fines go to the Treasury. Car Parking fees go to SHDC. On street parking fines, after costs, should be spent on highway work.

**4. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Cane reported that:

- SHDC budget still has a discrepancy of £582k to be resolved by mid Feb
- SHDC rates may increase by 1.9% (=5p per week on a Band D property)
- New Dog Warden is appealing for more cooperation from parishioners in reporting offenders.
- Council support grant down by 13.5% next year

**Hart**

## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

## **6. MINUTES OF PARISH MEETINGS**

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on January 8th 2014 were proposed by Cllr Wills as an accurate record after amendment & seconded by Cllr Oates and agreed with one abstention.

Amendments noted were: A) Amendments to be minuted. B) Site meeting reports to be seen by site group C) Planning decision information to include ref number, site and works D) Minutes to show expenditure details.

## **7. LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS**

**7.1 Silverbridge Way.** The Information Board design still awaits comment from a member of the working group.

**7.2 Traffic Management Group.** Summary of Jan 30<sup>th</sup> meeting notes:

- Traffic speeds on A379. Survey shows 85% within speed limit.
- Sherford road plans to be established by BPC
- Pedestrian crossing. Safety audit awaited. Plans to block off 5metres of the adjacent parking lay-by proposed.
- Mini roundabout safety. Waiting safety audit. Reduction in hedge height on SW corner would assist visibility
- Flooding. Most drains now cleared. Highway resurfacing to be done by bus stop on north of A379 to 'realign' for better drainage.
- "Horse crossing" signs needed on road past Otter Nurseries at £200 each.
- "Community Speed watch" to be deferred until other changes made.
- Brixton rocks installation. Traffic control unless lorry can get off road.
- A379 safety report over Silver Stream still awaited
- Consider 40mph limit to Yealmpton at a later date.

**Council then agreed:**

- Cllrs Gay and Oates to visit affected homeowners re 'cheese blocks'
- Cllr Wills to talk to stone installers
- Clerk to set up meeting with D&CHomes re hedge height reduction
- Clerk to discuss Horse signs with DCC

**7.3 Dog warden appeal.** Dog warden to be invited to a later meeting. Worst areas in the parish are the Recreation Ground at Staddiscombe and Feoffee Park. Parishioners need to inform on offending dog owners.

**7.4 Road naming at Canes Orchard.** After debate, it was agreed that the main road should be called Orchard Road and the short cul-de-sac, Orchard Close

**7.5 Parish Housing surgery.** Clerk to resend email for councillors' response

**7.6 Future use of Sherford 'reserve' funds.** The working group met on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> and concluded unanimously that the 'Sherford Fund' should remain 'ring fenced' for any Sherford actions necessary up to the completion of the new town. Cllr Hitchins proposed and Cllr Wills seconded the motion that "Council should hold this money for future use for Sherford projects". Carried unanimously.

**7.7 Councillors' reports.**

- Cllr Murch advised that the Composting Group has raised over £4000. So far, expenditure has been approved for the Information Board and Magi Posts on SBW and support for a Tanzanian project on water uses.
- Cllr Calvert advised that the project to film Sherford over the 4 seasons was proceeding well and should be complete in 2 months. A hard drive will be required for storing this video for posterity.

Gay/Oates  
Wills  
Clerk  
Clerk

Clerk

Clerk  
Clerk

Calvert

Clerk/Colton

- Cllr Calvert requested that 2 highway signs ‘Beware Horses’ be erected on the road from Staddiscombe to Otter Nurseries.
- Cllr Wills congratulated the ‘Brixton Play Trail’ group for the new bench bedecked with owls at the top of Elliott’s Hill.

All Cllrs

- Cllr Hitchins explained that the Opening Ceremony for the Play Trail improvements would be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30 am. Three silver birch trees had been planted this week alongside the new bench and ‘logs’ inset into the grass.
- Cllr Gray expressed her concern at the poor broadband speed in the village. This apparently is unlikely to improve in the foreseeable future.

Clerk

- Cllr Hitchins referred to the Post Office consultation. This is open to local consultation until February 18<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk was asked to write on behalf of BPC requesting reinstatement of the original opening hours.

Calvert/Clerk

- Cllr Hitchins referred to the two consultations that DCC are currently holding into Day Services and Youth Services. Information to be posted on the web and Facebook.

Clerk

- Cllr Hitchins referred to the earlier Sherford discussion in Open Forum. It was agreed that Redtree be invited to talk to the Brixton community on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Parish Annual Meeting (not a Council meeting). Mr McMahon to be invited too.

All Cllrs

- The AGM of the Dementia Group will be on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> in the Knighton Room at Wembury Memorial Hall.

### **8. PLANNING MATTERS**

8.1 07/3049/13/VAR. Gorlofen Farm. Removal of condition 4 of approval 07/1207/04/F. Cllr Wills spoke about his site meeting and subsequent report. He proposed acceptance of his report which supported the application. This was seconded by Cllr Martin and approved.

Clerk

8.2 The following applications have been given conditional approval by 07/1626/13/F. Pool Barn, Gorlofen Farm. Application for full residential use of property.

07/2769/13/F. South Barn, South Barton. Application for erection of a lean-to greenhouse.

All Cllrs

8.3 The agreed process for handling new applications is not being adhered to. Site meetings to be on the fixed days agreed so that a quorum will be available.

### **9. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

9.1 The tabled expenditure of £5412.85 was approved after proposal by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Cane. This was made up of the following items:

Society of Local Clerks subscription	116.00
Clerk’s salary (net) for February 2014	482.05
Clerk expenses	38.50
Stamps	2.30
Gentle exercise classes (refundable by users)	218.00
Yealmpton Council – SBW balancing sum	4,553.00

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk/Calvert

- a. Information letter from Ivybridge and District Community Transport Association. To be posted on Facebook , Web and magazine.

### **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next General Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

at 7.30 in the Community Room.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30 in the Community Room.

**The meeting was declared closed at 10.04 pm**

**OPEN FORUM**

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

- Clerk**
1. Mr Gilbury asked if “No Horses” signs could be posted on Silverbridge Way
- Clerk**
2. Ann Barry for Brixton Torr raised concern at the arrival of travellers down on the old orchard at Cofflete Bridge. She expressed concern at the unsuitability of the road for the horse boxes and other large vehicles which are causing damage to the poor road surface. She also expressed concern about contravention to environmental considerations including sanitation. A weight limit was requested. Ownership of this orchard area was questioned and the Clerk believes it to belong to SHDC.
- Clerk**
3. Mrs Davis thanked Council for finally getting a white line painted across the bottom of Legion Lane.
- Clerk**
4. Steven Cane asked that the A379 hedge be cut back on the north side of Chittleburn Hill.
  5. Steven Cane spoke of the success of Brixton Composters raising over £4,000 so far. As a result, the site will now be open from 9.30 am to 2.45 pm from Monday to Friday. Saturday morning from 10 to 12 noon will still be manned by volunteers.
- Clerk**
6. Mr Manning from Spriddlestone complained about the state of the lanes with regard to debris, blocked drains and excess water coming off the fields. Please get the roads swept. He also expressed concern at the speed of traffic in the lanes. As this is a 60mph limit, perhaps we need some ‘Drive Carefully’ signs to alert motorists to the narrow lanes. Can the traffic priority be changed at Brixton Torr entry?
- Clerk**
7. Mr Trower commented that the pavement between Silverbridge Way and Yealmpton was dangerously narrow. The Clerk advised that he was getting a quote for the widening of this pavement.
8. Mr Nick McMahon, the Sherford Implementation Group leader spoke to the meeting about the project.
    - A team of 5 has been set up to help the delivery of this huge project
    - Planning Permission finally issued in November 2013 + S106 legals
    - Redtree has announced that 3 house builders have been appointed namely, Bovis Homes, Linden and Taylor Wimpey.
    - Advanced highway work should start in October 2014
    - House construction should start in May 2015
    - Advanced planting in spring 2014 in ‘wild life corridor’
    - The consortium has to apply for detail planning permission for all

sites. Pre applications expected in May 2014. There will be consultation then Reserve Matters application

- They are keen to work with local groups. A Community Trust has to be set up and later a new Town Council will be appointed.

**Questions and Answers followed:**

**Q1. What will advanced highway works consist of?** A1. Hay Lane link to the building site. Rebuild the roundabout at Stanborough Cross. Create a signalled junction at Deep Lane to the south of the A38. Sherford Road traffic calming.

**Q2. Which route will construction traffic take and are there restricted access hours?** A2. From the A38 Deep Lane junction as per terms in Planning Permission. Access hours not yet sorted. Consultation needed.

**Q3. Can BPC be involved in pre application process and will you be setting up a formal consultation group with BPC?** A3. Yes

**Q4. What is involved in the wild life corridor planting?** A4. Hedgerows for bat life are to be reinforced.

**Q5. When are you going to set up the Community trust for the Community Park?** A2. Before house building starts.

**Q6. Is the land to be farmed between now and development?** A6. Do not know yet but developer/owner needs to put forward a 10 year plan for this. Building land has been ‘transferred’ to the 3 builders.

**Q7. Who will be on the Community Land Trust?** A7. SHDC, DCC, Landowner, Brixton PC, Plymouth City. (95% of land is in Brixton parish)

**Q8. The Community Park is 500 acres. Who is to pay for its upkeep?** A8. Trust will run it from income from all house owners and from its own income from land rental etc.

**Q9. Are you forming a ‘liaison group’ with Brixton, Elburton, Plympton and Plymstock?** A9. Yes

**Q10. Please will you provide us with a timed/dated schedule for the major works, phases of building, school building, etc** A10. Yes

**Q11. When will the Town Council be formed?** A11. Proposal to be in place before house building starts.

**Q12. Where does the water go from these 1200 acres and the natural water courses and what about sewage disposal?** A12. Discussions ongoing with SWW as there are some options including Marsh Mills plant.

The Chairman thanked Mr McMahon for this contribution. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a list of queries to the Implementation Group for considered answers and information.

Clerk

M J Stickland, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2014