

Draft Minutes of the Brixton Parish Council Meeting 26th November 2014
Brixton Community Room, 7.00pm

In attendance: Cllr Liz Hitchins (Chair), Cllr Michael Wills (Vice Chair), Cllr Sarah Gray, Cllr Gay Murch, Cllr Martyn Oates, Cllr Ian Martin
County Councillor Richard Hosking

Members of Parish in attendance: 16

Open Forum (these notes do not form part of the official minutes)

Bunty Salisbury: It is important that the information regarding phase 2 of Canes Orchard is on the website. It was confirmed that this is on the website, facebook and the notice board. Postal notification had been received by some.

Geoff Anning: Road sweeping is needed in the Spriddlestone area as leaves are becoming a real problem.

Cllr Hitchins:

- 1) Please pass on contributions for themes or topics that could be used for road and street names in Sherford.

Sherford: Redtree are holding an exhibition on Wednesday 17th December, 2.30-6.30pm in Brixton Community Room.

- 2) A Traffic Control Notice has been received regarding the commencement of works on the drain by the bus stop in the village – 1st to 5th December, Temporary Lights.
- 3) Highways Consultation: Highways have put up a consultation document asking for feedback on proposed cuts. Parish Council will make a response but anyone is free to do so. Clerk will put link on facebook.

It was noted that parishioners can use salt and grit in the Parish Bins for public pavements etc.

The **Clerk** is to confirm who cuts which verges in the Parish.

The Gully is blocked at the bottom of Steer Point Road and there is flooding.

- 4) Dementia Friendly Parishes: A Winter Celebration is being held in Modbury on the afternoon of 9th January for isolated and lonely older people. If you know of anyone who may wish to attend please let Cllr Hitchins know and she will obtain a ticket.

Communication regarding the Parish Council site meeting for the planning application for the Brixton Caravan and Camping Site: Apologies were given that not all residents of adjoining properties had been notified. This notification was discretionary and intended to be beneficial.

Residents expressed dissatisfaction with the current way in which the site is being run; an unauthorised entrance exists causing mud and disturbance, site is occupied beyond planning conditions, complaints have not been recorded or acted upon by SHDC. Concern that the landowner is both a Parish and District Councillor. Concern that a Parish Council Report had not been published on the SHDC website. Cllr Wills (Chair of the Site visit regarding the current planning application for this site) confirmed that the response had been sent and received, read out the recommendation and statement forwarded to SHDC from the Parish Council. Residents thanked the Parish Council for the response.

It was noted that the road gate on the Yealmpton side of Silverbridge Way needs to be locked when not in use. **Clerk** to raise this with Yealmpton Parish Council.

Open Forum Closed

1. Welcome & Apologies:

Cllr Hitchins welcomed all to the meeting and noted that County Councillor Richard Hosking was attending in his capacity as the Parish Representative for Steer Point Quarry.

Apologies had been received from Devon County Councillor John Hart, PCSO Andy Potter, Cllr Calvert, Cllr Cane, and Cllr Jessop.

2. Police Matters:

Brixton area October:

11th theft of a purse, enquiries ongoing CR/114301/14

Overnight 17th / 18th criminal damage to motor vehicle, car parked on A379 had door mirror damaged CR/115516/14

Staddiscombe area:

8th minor assault, dealt with by way of restorative justice [apology made] CR/113125/14

19th Shoplifting, offender arrested and charged to court CR/115960/14

PCSO 30540 Andy Potter

3. Report from County Councillor John Hart:

There has been very good unofficial news about the Primary school from its latest Ofsted inspection. The County Council has to reduce the County Budget by £50million for February 2015 and currently consultation is through the Tough Choices meetings and target budgets will be set in 2 weeks. The budgets for the Youth Service, Day Care, Residential Homes, Children's Centres have all been revised and all other discretionary budget lines are being reviewed for further savings as another £34, million reduction has to be made in 2016

The drain at the bus stop will be fixed shortly and have asked for an update on the Cheese blocks.

The TAP fund will hopefully remain for another year in order to keep Parishes working together for the benefit of the Residents. TAP fund money will be only part of the fund for a project and Parishes are expected to put funding in as well.

4. Reports from District Councillors:

District Cllr Squire

Offices at SHDC Headquarters will be closed from 24/12/2014 3.30pm – 03/01/2015 9.30am
Frontline staff will not be affected.

Sherford Update: Land transactions have been completed and land has been transferred to three developers. There is a large number of planning conditions in Section 106 that need to be met before development can commence. Autumn 2015 is the anticipated date for 1st occupation.

Office furniture is available to purchase from SHDC as the offices are being refurbished. Enquire re prices if interested.

Rough Sleepers: If anyone is aware of any rough sleepers in the area please let the Clerk know. SHDC need to submit an estimate of how many there are in the District.

Bank Account: SHDC bank account now held with Lloyds Bank producing savings of £13,000.00 for SHDC.

The Executive Leaders Forward Plan is only for 4 months in this instance as 2015 is an election year.

5. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Hitchins declared a personal interest in Item 8.2 and Item 9.1, and a financial interest in Item 10.1.

Cllr Martin declared a personal interest in item 8.2 and Item 9.1.

Cllr Oates declared an interest in Item 8.1 as he is a tenant of landowner.

6. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meetings

Cllr Wills proposed to agree the minutes of the meeting on 29th October 2014

Cllr Gray seconded

The proposal was agreed by all members present

7. Matters Arising:

Canes Orchard Meeting: until a date has been set for the next road works no date can be set for this meeting. Cllr Hitchins will arrange.

TAP Funding: Wembury have confirmed the cost of the car park feasibility study as £1000.00.

Wembury Clerk will draw up Highways proposal.

Yealmpton have requested support for highway weed killer spraying and leaves to be cleared regularly in autumn months on the A379.

Modbury have approached regarding a defibrillator.

Clerk will come to next meeting with all proposals to rank in order. **ACTION: Clerk**

Quotes for Bus Shelter Seats: Further quotes to be sought **ACTION: Clerk**

Emergency Plan: Cllr Hitchins is to set up an initial meeting. Some interest has been expressed. If anyone else would like to join please contact Clerk.

ACTION: Cllr Hitchins

P3 Stiles: Cllr Oates needs a database of Landowners. Peter Guy may be able to provide. Cllr Oates to follow up. **ACTION: Cllr**

Oates

8. Local Issues and Councillor Reports

8.1 Steer Point Quarry: This is currently in the same position as noted in the previous meeting. Legal advice has been sought on the situation and further professional advice is being taken to make a case for a judicial review. The need for openness and transparency is recognised but at the moment details cannot be revealed. Cllr Gray queried how long it normally took for a decision notice to be issued following a planning decision. **County Cllr Hosking will find out and report back.**

Currently £4275.00 has been spent. An additional £3500.00 is to be spent on professional advice.

Potentially approximately a further £10,000.00 could be spent on a judicial review.

The Clerk noted that it was important that all Parishioners were aware of the decision to spend the Sherford Reserve Fund on Steer Point Quarry. To be placed on the agenda for the next meeting **ACTION: Clerk**

In the previous meeting it had been agreed that £2,000.00 could be spent on professional advice. The actual cost will be £3,500.00.

Cllr Hitchins proposed to authorise the additional expenditure.

Cllr Martin seconded.

Cllr Oates abstained.

All other members present were in agreement.

8.2 Canes Orchard Phase 2: D2 have confirmed that there will be an exhibition of Phase 2 of the proposed residential development of land at Venn Farm, Brixton (Canes Orchard) by Barratt David Wilson Homes; Wednesday 3rd December 2014 commencing at 2:00pm until 7:00pm at the Community Room at St Mary's School, Elliots Hill, Brixton.

8.3 Newsletter: Cllr Hitchins confirmed that there would not be a newsletter this year but there would be one next year and this can be budgeted for in the precept.

8.4 Sherford Development: An exhibition is taking place on 17th December 2.30pm-6.30pm, Brixton Community Room, Brixton. The developers are starting discussions with SHDC.

Clerk is to request copies of the design code for BPC members.

ACTION: Clerk

8.5 Neighbourhood Planning: Cllr Hitchins introduced this item as it has been on the agenda for the Parish Council for some time. It is a difficult balance for the Parish Council in deciding whether to have a neighbourhood plan or not considering the work involved. Some members of the Steer Point Quarry Parish Working Group members have stated that they would be willing to take a Neighbourhood Plan forwards. All Parishioners are welcome to become involved please contact the Clerk to express interest. As stressed by District Cllr Squire, the community needs to be fully involved for this plan to be effective.

Cllr Oates reminded the meeting that this is a plan that a community puts forward of what they do want to happen and not what they don't. SHDC have a plan and the parameters are not always adhered to.

County Cllr Hosking: Local plans throughout the whole of the South of the country are currently being overridden due to the 5 yr land plan. If Community Infrastructure Levy comes in then it could be advantageous for a Parish to have a plan as it could mean greater financial benefit from any development.

Cllr Murch noted that there are large costs involved and procedures and legislation can change.

Cllr Wills proposed that the process was started of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Gray seconded.

Cllr Oates abstained from voting.

Cllr Wills, Cllr Hitchins, Cllr Martin, Cllr Gray voted in favour of the proposal

Cllr Murch voted against the proposal.

It was agreed that the process would start.

8.6 Highways Consultation: the proposals put forward by DCC were discussed and the Parish Council decided their responses. The Clerk is to fill in the web form and send off.

The Clerk is to clarify the gritting route and procedure with Steven Cane.

The Clerk is to check when the schedule of works (drains) will be online.

ACTION: Clerk

8.7 Electoral Review of Devon: The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Devon County Council. Views are being sought on future division boundaries. The aim is to deliver electoral equality for voters across the county. The consultation will close on January 15th.

Find out more at: www.lgbce.org.uk

Email your views to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

8.8 Traffic Management Group Report:

The possibility of a 40mph speed limit between Brixton and Yealmpton is to be put on the agenda for the December meeting.

The Cheese blocks should be put in place when the drainage works take place on 1st-5th December.

Lodge Lane – Nick Colton has said that he will put this drain on the multiclean list.

Speed through the village. No problems had been reported from statistics. Clerk to email County Cllr Hart to confirm that the Parish would like to have the portable flashing speed signs.

ACTION: Clerk

The matter of the Road Warden is to be put on the agenda for December.

Cllr Reports

Cllr Oates: Questioned if the Parish Council had an Environmental Policy and how this could be taken into consideration in decisions.

No further reports.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 Planning Applications and Decisions:

Applications:

07/2599/14/F

Mr & Mrs N Staddon

Land adj to Wembury Road, Polston Park, Plymstock

Change of use of agricultural building for storage and repair/maintenance of agricultural and commercial vehicles. Erection of extension to accommodate parking of associated vehicles.

Cllr Martin Read the report of the site visit. Recommendation to Support application.

07/2752/14/VAR

Mr B Cane

Brixton Caravan and Camping Site, Steer Point Rd, Brixton

Variation of conditions – to allow all year occupation; lengthen times of stay on site to 6 months and to allow all year use to include on-site warden/security.

Cllr Wills read the report from the site visit. Recommendation to refuse application with objections listed.

Cllr Gray proposed that BPC would like SHDC to investigate the enforcement of current conditions and look into why previous reports of breaches had not been investigated.

Cllr Oates seconded the proposal.

Cllr Hitchins & Cllr Martin abstained from voting.

All other members present were in agreement.

Decisions:

07/1959/14/F

Mr A Benbow

11, The Crescent, Brixton

Change of roof pitch to insert dormer

Permission granted with conditions

07/2108/14/F

Mr D Pearce

4 Hareston Cottages, Yealmpton

Demolition of Existing store/garage. Erection of new garage.

Permission granted with conditions

10. Financial Matters:

10.1 Financial Statement for November 2014

INCOME

Total

£ 00.00

EXPENDITURE

Physiotherapy, Sarah Macpherson	84.00
Physiotherapy, Sine Rickard	84.00
Clerk's salary	450.00
Office rental	20.00
Clerk, Mileage	5.40
Tax Code Overpayment	405.00

C Hopkins, Planning & Environmental Consultant	450.00
Mark Westmoreland Smith Legal Advice SPQ	1200.00
Graham Searle Web Page & Maintenance (2 of 2 P/A)	125.00
Doidge's Cleaning (bus shelters)	20.00
E Hitchins Expenses	81.88
Total:	£2925.28

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 25th NOVEMBER 2014

Current a/c General	11719.65
P3 funds	234.00
Composters funds	1,083.30
Gentle Exercise funds	267.00
SBW funds	32.30
Sherford Reserve fund	27,875.00
Deposit a/c General	8,095.95
Total	£49307.20

Cllr Wills proposed to accept the financial statement for November.

Cllr Gray seconded.

Cllr Hitchins abstained.

All other members present voted in agreement.

11. Correspondence for Discussion

11.1 Ivybridge Ring and Ride Support Grant Thanks- David Bishop had written to thank BPC for the £100.00 grant that they had given.

The Clerk is to check payment of all support grants for the year. **ACTION: Clerk**

11.2 Fraud Prevention: DC Parkinson has offered to give a brief talk regarding telephone, postal and email scams and how to prevent them. It was agreed that he would be invited to Open Forum of the January meeting and this should be well publicised in the parish.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th December at 7pm, Brixton Community Room.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30pm

OPEN FORUM (these notes do not form part of the official minutes)

When traffic control is in place on A379 in village, a warning sign should be put in place prior to the corner of the post office as cars come quickly and cannot see.

Clerk is to contact Kitley Estate regarding Trees that need cutting back behind Meadow Drive.

Meadow Drive is block paved and requires weed spraying.

There is concern re liability if work in the Parish is carried out by individuals and not official contractors.

Could 2 Councillors please look at the conditions of the roads around Spriddlestone. Cllr Calvert to be contacted when he returns. **(Clerk)**

Clerk is to clarify Parish Council position on fly tipping on private land.

Clare Parkinson, Clerk to Brixton Parish Council