

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7th 2012 AT 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllr Hitchins	*	Cllr Calvert	*
Cllr Wills	*	Cllr Murch	*
Cllr Martin	@	Cllr Cane	*
Cllr Gray	*	Cllr Jessop	*
Cllr Oates	*		

* Denotes attendance @ Denotes absence

Also attending:

Members of the public	4
County Councillor	0
District Councillor	1
Police	1

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs Hart and Martin

2. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Andy Potter presented the following report for October:

Brixton - No reported crime

Staddiscombe

7th shop lifting, theft of a bar of chocolate [JI/12/926]

12th theft of fuel from garage forecourt [JI/12/956]

19th theft of fuel from garage forecourt [JI/12/1007]

3. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The Clerk précised the emailed report from Cllr Hart:

- DCC has refused the planning application for the incinerator plant at New England Quarry.
- Parliamentary boundary review. Wembury & Brixton recommended to go into Tavistock constituency and not Plymouth.
- Fast Broadband. Contract due to be signed with BT
- Budgets. Further savings of £10/15 million required next year.
- Change to Benefits in Welfare reform may cost DCC £3m next year.

4. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Squire reported that:

- As from 1/4/13, new council tax benefit scheme will mean that all will have to make a contribution
- Business Rate revaluation deferred until 2017
- SHDC is in the 'top 10' for second homes.
- SHDC will implement dog control measure. Consultation soon.
- SHDC developing new web site for January 2013.

Cllr Squire reported that :

- SHDC Leader has been asked to go to London as the government want to

speed up the start of the Sherford development.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 5.1 Cllr Cane declared a personal interest in all Planning Matters as he is a member of the SHDC Development Committee. He will not take part in any discussion or voting on planning issues.
- 5.2 Cllr Cane declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.5

6. MINUTES OF PARISH MEETINGS

Minutes of the monthly meeting on September 5th were proposed by Cllr Wills as accurate and seconded by Cllr Jessop. Approved with two abstentions (councillors absent from meeting).

7. LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

7.1 **Neighbourhood Planning.** Cllr Hitchins introduced the subject of a register of 'assets of community interest' to be maintained by SHDC. Cllr Wills declared an interest in British Legion properties.

Clerk The Clerk was asked to write to British Legion HQ to ask about the future of Tuscany buildings. It was agreed to accept the Yealmpton PC invitation to attend a meeting in Feb/March re Neighbourhood Planning.

7.2 **Silver Bridge Way.** It is expected that the contractor will start work this week when traffic control approved by DCC.

Jessop 7.3 **Carrolsland notice board.** After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Jessop and seconded by Cllr Wills that "an aluminium board be purchased at a cost of £350 for erection in the 'piazza' area". Unanimously agreed. Cllr Jessop to handle this project.

Hitchins 7.4 **Emergency Planning.** Cllrs Hitchins advised that contact has been made with Cllr Robbins at Yealmpton.

7.5 **Composting.** Cllr Hitchins advised that a further 'weighing' has been taken and it is expected to be valued at £932 for BPC. This would bring the total fund value to £1300.

Hitchins Council then discussed at length the best way to spend this money within the parish, preferably for 'green' activities/issues. Cllr Hitchins will discuss views raised at a meeting of the Composters group next week.

Clerk 7.6 **Grass cutting.** The Clerk advised that SHDC are planning to improve the quality and frequency of cutting in 2013. It was agreed to pay SHDC a sum of £108 +vat for the cutting of 3 pieces of DCC land for an additional 12 cuts per year.

7.7 **Brixton Play Trail.** Carry forward to Dec agenda.

7.8 **Lane Cleaning.** A works order has been issued by DCC for the manual cleaning of lanes discussed. Work expected to be done in 2012.

7.9 Councillor reports:

Gray Clerk

- Council agreed to hold a council meeting at Carrolsland in June 2013.
- Welcome Pack. Cllr Gray circulated the current issue. It was agreed to put copies in the pub, shop and church. Neighbourhood Watch to be contacted. Clerk to print 20 copies and give to Cllr Gray.

Clerk Clerk to contact Graham Searle about website and various other electronic techniques available.

Cane

- The road gritting program was confirmed to be tied into the DCC emergency plan.

- Bus shelter cleaning. Cllr Cane agreed to organize the quarterly cleaning of

- the 4 shelters for £20 per quarter.
- Sherford. It was agreed that the plan to film “12 months of rural Sherford” be implemented. Cllr Calvert agreed to make contact with a local film maker to set up this programme.
 - Cllr Cane reported that a number of mothers’ of schoolchildren have expressed their delight at the improvements in the school under the direction of the new head teacher.
- Jessop/Calvert
- New councillor training. The next course for Cllrs Jessop & Calvert is on Jan 23rd in Exeter. It will be a full days training.
- Clerk
- Parliamentary Boundary review. It was agreed that Brixton has a preference to become part of the South Devon constituency. Clerk to advise
 - The new health structures will be notified at a meeting at the Watermark on Nov 14th.
 - Standing Orders. The Clerk advised Council about the necessary changes to BPC standing orders as a result of the changes to Government legislation. Acceptance of these changes were proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Cane. Unanimously agreed. Revised Standing Orders to be issued.
- Clerk

8. PLANNING MATTERS

8.1 2309/12/F. The Mews Cottage. Erection of new dwelling. No objections.

8.2 2206/12/F. Butlas Farm. Renewal of permission 1305/09. No objections.

Cllr Wills proposed acceptance of the subcommittee recommendations. This was seconded by Cllr Jessop and approved by 7 votes (with 1 abstention).

8.3 New England quarry. See 3 above.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

9.1 The tabled expenditure of £932.09 for October was approved after proposal by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Cane.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 5th 2012 at 7.30 in the Community Room.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.28pm

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

1. A question was asked about completion of the road works and road lining along the A379. The clerk agreed to contact DCC for an update of their plans.