

## BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2008

Minutes of the MEETING of the Parish Council held at Brixton Community Hall on 2nd July 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

#### Present

**Chairman** Cllr. J. Davies

**Councillors** B. Cane S.H.D.C. , D Curtis, M. Foweraker, L. Hitchins, I. Martin, J. Squire S.H.D.C., M. Trower

**Parish Clerk** N. Powell

5 members of the public

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs. Edwards, L. Lang, P.C. J. Nolan and Mrs S. Axell

#### 2. Declarations of Interests

Cllr. Cane states that he will abstain on all Planning matters as he sits on the S.H.D.C. Planning Committee.

#### 3. Police Report

The following crime report was submitted by P.C. Nolan:

##### ***Drink/Drive, assault, unlawful possession of controlled substance***

Just after midnight on 7th June, Police arrested a local male at Chittleburn Hill. Officers suspected that he was driving with excess alcohol in his body. On arrest the male became violent and assaulted the two Police officers. The same male was later found to be in possession of a quantity of white powder and was subsequently arrested on suspicion of unlawful possession of a controlled drug.

##### ***Burglary***

In the early hours of Sunday 22nd June, a burglary occurred at commercial premises in Old Road, Brixton. A quantity of alcohol and cigarettes were stolen. There are no witnesses to this incident. It is currently being investigated by officers from Ivybridge Police Station.

##### ***Theft***

Sometime overnight between 1800 hrs on Friday 27th June and 0800 hrs on Saturday 28th June, a metre long planter full of potted plants was stolen from a farm near Combe. This is the second time in a month such an occurrence has happened. There are no witnesses to this incident, at this time it remains undetected.

##### ***Theft***

Sometime between Monday 23rd June and Monday 30th June, three hand painted house signs were stolen from a residential property in Brixton. There are no witnesses to this incident, which remains undetected.

The role of the Neighbourhood Watch system was then discussed. It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator would supply the Parish magazine with details of the Neighbourhood Watch system.

#### **4. Report of Cllr. J. Hart D.C.C.**

N/A

#### **5. To consider and approve the minutes of the Meeting**

4th June 2008 (Parish Council); 14th June 2008 (Planning)

They were unanimously accepted.

#### **6. Matters Arising**

##### ***Meeting with Mr Cox to discuss youth issues.***

Cllr. Hitchins advised the council that a meeting was arranged with Mr Cox and P.C. Nolan for Monday 7th July.

##### ***Village Green and Stamps Hill Project***

The clerk has written to Mr Halliday who has responded stating that it is hoped that the work is completed by the end of the year.

##### ***Brixton - Yealmpton Footpath***

Cllr. Hitchins reported that three meetings of the steering group had taken place. Terms of reference for the group had been agreed. The group had met with the landowner and the group were planning to prepare a simple questionnaire which would gather the views from both parishes.

##### ***Skip For General Use***

A quote has been obtained from 'Dusty Bin Ltd.' for £245.25 for a builders skip not left on the public highway. After a discussion it was agreed not to progress this item.

##### ***Post Office Closures***

The clerk has received a reply from Gary Streeter M.P. stating his support for rural Post offices. A reply has also been received from the Prime Ministers Office stating the governments reasons for Post Office closures.

#### **7. Report of Cllr. B. Cane S.H.D.C.**

Reported that the grass had now been cut in the village after a lengthy delay. This delay had been caused by major changes of District Council personnel.

The road sweepers schedule was discussed at length. Cllr. Cane stated that the road sweeper was only allocated half a day to sweep the village. He suggested that the council write to the District Council asking that the village road sweeper be supplied with a small mechanical sweeper so that the whole of the village could be covered in his visit.

##### ***Clerk to write***

Cllr. Cane then went on to report that The South Hams had the best record (92.2%) for collecting Council Tax in the South West.

Cllr. Cane then stated that five 'Civil Enforcement Officers' were now working for the District Council enforcing Parking regulations.

A discussion then followed regarding the Sherford 106 Agreement especially the details appertaining to Brixton. Cllr. Cane agreed that he would closely monitor the progress of the ongoing discussions and do all in his power to safeguard the interests of the village.

***Clerk to forward copy of 106 Agreement letter to Mr S. Munday***

**8. Report of Cllr. Squire S.H.D.C.**

Cllr. Squire reported on a recent meeting regarding 'coastal defences' stating that the policy was for nothing to change in the next 20 years.

He then quoted some figures relating to health in the area.

The SW was generally a 'healthy area'; however skin cancer rates were higher than the rest of the country.

He then spoke about the Sherford 106 Agreement stating that no formal agreement on the Planning Agreement would be given until the 106 Agreement was finalised. This was expected to be done by the 15th December 2008.

He also stated that he would monitor the progress of the 106 Agreement and do all possible to look after local interests.

**9. Yealm Estuary Multi-use Cycle Track**

Details regarding the above scheme are available on the following website:

[www.sustrans.org.uk/default.asp?sID=1092667909983](http://www.sustrans.org.uk/default.asp?sID=1092667909983)

Cllr. Hitchins raised concerns regarding lack of car parking provision adjacent to the track. The council agreed to unanimously support the scheme and advise sustrans of the car parking concerns.

***Clerk to advise Sustrans.***

**10. Sherford Update**

***Public Consultation on Major scheme Bid for Sherford/Langage and Plymouth Eastern Corridor.***

Consultation will take place at the Watermark Centre, Ivybridge on July 15th between 2 and 6.30 p.m. and **Brixton Community Hall** on July 16th between 2 and 6.30 p.m.

**11. Boundary Commission**

It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate details of the Boundary Commissions proposals as soon as they are published on 7th July.

A decision would then be made by the Chairman whether a additional meeting would need to be held to discuss the proposals. The council would need to respond to the Boundary Commission before September 26th.

***Public Meeting***

SHDC have arranged a series of meetings to discuss the initial report of the Boundary Committee.

**Local Meetings are: Tuesday 15th July 8pm. Stowford Hall, The Watermark Building, Ivybridge and Thursday 31st July 7p.m at Follaton House, Totnes.**

## **12. FEOFFEE Trust Report**

Nothing to report

## **13. Correspondence**

### ***A Senior Council For Devon***

Details of a over 50's group that wish to help improve the quality of life in Devon

### ***Sustainable Communities Act***

The Act is now law. The Government should ask local councils if they wish to 'opt in or out' of the Act in October.

### ***The Digital UK Roadshow***

Details road shows in the local area that is providing details of the U.K's digital switchover.

### ***Road Closure***

Details a road closure from Monday 4th August to Saturday 30th August between the hours of 1900 and 0600. The roads affected - A379 Brixton Roundabout to Plymouth boundary and vice versa. The alternative route will be via Sherford Road - Brixton Lane C4 and vice Versa.

### ***Funding from Devon Youth Services***

Details information of funding available for working with 13 - 19 year olds.

### ***Wembury Woods***

A letter from the National Trust asking for financial help to complete the project.

## **14. Open Forum**

A local resident raised problems that had been caused by customers of the 'Foxhound' public house parking in a inconsiderate manner and creating problems for local residents. Cars were reported to be blocking local residents access when the dedicated public house car park was not full. It was agreed that the clerk would write to Mr Halliday DCC requesting that the parking bay outside of the village shop be made a Daytime Restricted Stay (i.e. 2hours max) and at night 6pm to 8am Residents Parking Only.

### ***Clerk to write to Mr Halliday DCC (Copy to Cllr. J. Hart)***

The clerk was also requested to write to the 'Foxhound' asking that customers fully utilise the pubs car park.

### ***Clerk to write***

Reporting incidents to the local police was discussed.

The public are urged to report all incidents. **Police General Enquiries : 08452 77744 Emergency Always Dial 999**

The play area in Silver Stream Way was reported to be dangerous as the wooden fascia supporting the terrace was breaking down.

***Clerk to write to Tor Homes***

The dog bin at the entrance to Silverstream Way was reported to be full and badly sighted.

***Cllr. Cane to raise with S. Hams***

Grass to cut around above dog bin.

***Cllr. Martin to raise with Mr P. Lowden***

**15. Parish Plan**

Cllr. Hitchins reported that Mr Greg Davies from the Community Council of Devon would be available to talk at a open meeting after 27th October. It was agreed that Cllr. Hitchins arrange this meeting.

***Cllr Hitchins to arrange***

**16. Councillors Photographs**

Cllr. Martin proposed that Parish Councillors photographs be displayed in the Community Rooms to assist in recognition for local residents. After a discussion a vote was held and the motion was defeated.

**17. Finance**

***(a) Current Financial Situation***

Full financial details given to the finance committee prior to the meeting Cllr. Cane requested that all councillors be given full financial details.

***Clerk to supply all members***

***(b) Payments***

The following payments were unanimously agreed:

804 School Awards 50.00

805 M. Trower (P3) 17.51

806 N. Powell (Parish Notice board) 29.50

807 C.P.R.E. (Annual Fee) 28.00

A Parish Council representative was requested to attend the school on 17th July at 2pm.

***Cllr. Hitchins agreed to attend***

**18. Planning**

***Development Control Committee Site Inspection - Monday 7th July 2008***

A Council's Development Control Committee site inspection will take place at Venn Farm at 4.15p.m. on Monday 7th July 2008 to discuss application 07/0771/08/F. (Erection of five self contained residential flats plus associated car parking).

***A nominated Parish Council representative is invited to attend.***

The meeting will be open to the public.

Cllr. D. Curtis agreed to represent the parish.

**Clerk to advise SHDC**

**Planning Permission Granted**

07/0766/08/F - Mr P. Weare - 27 The Crescent - extension to living room

07/0848/08/F - Dr. Sanders - Pentwyn, Spriddlestone - Swimming pool.

**Planning application withdrawn**

07/0849/08/F Conversion of barns to three dwellings - Butlass Farm

**19. Councillors Reports**

**Cllr Cane:** Congratulated Cllr. Curtis on being awarded the MBE. He thanked Cllr. Curtis for his work in guiding the Parish through the 'ongoing' Sherford development. Cllr. Curtis was awarded the MBE for his long standing charitable work associated with and the setting up, and running of the Plymouth 'Shopmobility' service.

**Cllr Trower:** Raised the problems associated with the poor state of Hobby Lane, Mill Lane, and Combe Lane. All the lanes are public highways that have fallen into disrepair.

**Clerk to write to DCC requesting lanes be cleared out**

**Cllr Curtis:** Reported that the pavement from Brixton Lodge Gardens to the Lawns Nursing Home is restricted by the hedge being overgrown.

**Clerk to write to Lawns Nursing Home and numbers 1 and 2 Popplestone Gdns**

**Cllr. Martin:** Reported that a car has been blocking Old Road at The Green. He stated that the police would be informed. Reported that complaints of dog fouling had been reported in Winston Lane. Suggested a new dog bin be sited. Reported that the hedges in Red Lion Hill are overgrown.

**Clerk to contact DCC**

Finally reported that the Police were involved in the ongoing problem with nuisance motorcyclists in the area.

Meeting closed by the **Chairman Cllr. J. Davies** at 9.52 p.m.

Next Meeting **Wednesday September 3rd at 7.30 p.m.**

**N. Powell**

**Parish Clerk**

Date: 2nd July 2008