

BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MAY 2008

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held after the A.G.M. at Brixton Community Hall on 7th May 2008 at 7p.m.

Present

Chairman Cllr. J. Davies

Councillors D. Curtis, B. Cane, M. Trower, J. Edwards, I. Martin, L. Hitchins, Mr M. Foweraker,

Councillors J. Hart D.C.C., B. Cane S.H.D.C., J. Squire S.H.D.C.

Parish Clerk N. Powell

2 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies from Cllr. L. Lang, Mrs S. Axell and P.C. John Nolan

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. He stated that he will vacate the room when application number 07/0771/08/F is discussed. Cllr. Davies stated that he would abstain on application number: 07/0766/08/F.

3. Police Report

P.C. John Nolan had emailed the Clerk with his apologies and stated that he had no incidents to report. Cllr. Martin reported that he had been in contact with PC Nolan and preventative work had been ongoing in the village. Concern was raised about the lack of Police presence at the meeting.

Clerk to contact Inspector Chivers at Ivybridge

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

Cllr. Hart raised the issue of the Brixton - Yealmpton footpath and a recent site meeting that he attended on 16th April.

A discussion followed on the merits of the scheme(s) and the estimated costs and who would pay.

The Chairman stated that Brixton Parish Council had always supported the concept of a footpath between the two villages. However recent correspondence with Mr Halliday of DCC had indicated that it would be unlikely that Devon County Council would provide funding for the path. Yealmpton Parish Council have also been contacted and they have officially stated that they would give support but do not intend to become involved until the Sustrains cycle track issue is resolved.

It was agreed that Cllr. L. Hitchins would set up a steering group and report back with detailed plans and proposals.

Cllr. Hitchins to report back

Cllr. Hart then reported on a recent meeting with the Boundary Commission when their 'terms of reference' were explained. He is not **expecting Plymouth or Torbay to expand its boundaries.**

5. To consider and approve the minutes of the Meeting

April 2nd 2008 (Parish Council)

April 19th 2008 (Planning) They were unanimously accepted.

6. Matters Arising

Lodge Lane Drains

The clerk has written to DCC who have stated that the drains are adequate to do the job, provided that they are kept clear of debris. Mr Johns SHDC agreed to request that the road sweeper clean the lane. The road sweeper attended on the 8th April.

Mary Green Post Office

The clerk has written to Royal Mail requesting that the Post office be granted permission to issue road tax discs. The Post Office has responded stating that DVLA decide on what Post Offices can be authorised to issue Motor Vehicle Licences.

Brixton - Elburton Footpath

Plymouth CC have responded stating that they intend to use 106 agreement money from the Sherford development to complete the cycle track. Road Plough The clerk has contacted DCC who have now completed the work.

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

Cane stated that he is still awaiting a response from Mr Halliday DCC regarding issues raised i.e. Parking in village/ bollard at Mill Lane/ Stamps Hill.

Cllr. Cane reported that The District Council is now taking over Traffic Warden duties and had 5 officers to cover the South Hams.

He then stated that it was 'Nappy Week' and 28 million disposable nappies were used in Devon in the last year. This is bad for the environment and mothers were being urged to consider using washable nappies.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Cane and wished him well in tomorrows vote for the Chairmanship of the District Council.

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

Cllr. Squire reported that the Sherford outline planning application was passed on the 21st April with the following still to sort out:

Section 106 agreement and the detailed planning application. It is possible that work could commence on the project next year.

Cllr. Squire stated his concerns at the transport arrangements for the project as Plymouth have made no firm decision yet on whether the Laira bridge will be widened. However because of financial constraints it is believed that the Plymstock quarry development has been put on hold.

Cllr. Curtis then asked Cllr. Squire about lack of recent information about the Sherford 106 agreement. Cllr. Squire suggested that a letter be written to Mr S. Munday SHDC who should be able to help.

Cllr Curtis/Clerk to write to SHDC

8. Sherford Update

Letter Re: Non Attendance at Steering Group Meetings

The clerk has received a reply from DCC. The response was considered to be 'far from satisfactory'; however it was agreed not to pursue the matter.

9. FEOFFEE Trust Report

Cllr. Hitchins reported on the 'good state' of the Village green area and the recent addition of two reflective bollards. The Clerk then reported that the Feoffee Trust and the Parish Council have a joint venture to sponsor a village web site. Mr Graham Searle is setting up the site and the website is due to go on line tomorrow. www.brixton-village.co.uk

Please visit the site and any feedback would be welcomed.

10. Correspondence

The Way Ahead - Devon NHS

A series of meetings around Devon to discuss the strategy for improving health and social care over the next five years.

Cllr. L. Hitchins agreed to attend at Newton Abbot

Affordable Housing Development Plan Document - Submission Stage

The examination will open on 17th June at Follaton House.

Family History Day

A free service for those who would like to search family history on the web. It is being held in Poundwell car park, Modbury on Wednesday 4th June between 11.00 a.m and 4.00 p.m. Tel: 01548 853235

Land Registry - Voluntary First Registration of Title

Details of a Land Registry campaign to encourage Parish Councils to voluntarily register their land holdings.

Parish Cluster Meeting

Next meeting being held at Ivybridge Town Hall starting at 7p.m. on 20th May.

Cllr. Edwards agreed to attend

11. Boundary Commission

Meeting at Ivybridge 10th April Devon's concept submission was explained

Devon Concept Report Submitted to the Boundary Commission on 11th April.

South Hams Concept Report Also submitted on the 11th April. Full details on their website.

Community Listening Event A Devon County Council event being held at Ivybridge on 28th May at 7p.m.

Cllrs. Curtis and Hitchins plan to attend.

12. Parish Plan

Cllr. Hitchins gave a brief introduction on what a Parish plan is. Cllr. Edwards gave a brief description of the previous Village Design Statement that had primarily looked at housing needs and the associated issues and problems that had been raised with that project. It was agreed that Cllr. Hitchins would research the project and formulate a plan for the village.

Agenda item for next meeting.

13. Open Forum

14 Finance

(a) Current Financial Situation

Full financial details given to the finance committee prior to the meeting

(b) Payments

The following payments were unanimously agreed:

790 Mr P. Lowden (P3) 299.00

791 Brixton Community Association 91.00

792 Mr M. Trower (P3) 113.70

793 Community First 234.67

Councils insurance - increased by 11p

794 Mr P. Lowden (Gardening) 15.00

795 Mr B. Huxtable-Smith 60.00

796 Mr P. Lowden (Gardening/Printing) 35.00

797 S.H.D.C. (Election Costs) 176.29

798 K. Abraham (Audit) 75.00

799 P. Lowden (P3) 60.99

800 Community First 25.00

801 Mr G. Searle (Website design) 253.89

(c) Income

Rodgers of Plymouth Ltd. 80.00 (Sponsorship of garden area)

P3 grant 200.00

Precept (Half year minus DAPC) 5399.00

(d) Annual Return for year ending March 2008

The Annual return for the year ending March 2008 has been prepared by the Clerk and the Internal Auditor. It was duly approved by the Council and signed as appropriate. It was unanimously agreed. Clerk to forward to External Auditors

15. Planning

New Planning Application

Applicant: Mr P.A. Weare

Application number: 07/0766/08/F

Proposal :Extension to living room Location : 27 The Crescent, Brixton, PL8 2AP

Date of receipt of valid application : 15th April 2008

Cllrs. Trower and Curtis visited the property and recommended that the plans should be supported.

Cllr. Cane and Davies abstained.

It was unanimously agreed to support the application.

Applicant : Mr B. Cane

Application Number: 07/0771/08/F Proposal : Resubmission of application 07/0140/08/F for the erection of five self contained residential flats plus associated car parking.

Location : Development site adjacent to Venn Farm, Brixton

Date of receipt of valid application : 14th April 2008

Cllr. Cane left the room.

After a long discussion it was unanimously agreed to support the application with the following reservations: 'It is considered that additional drainage should be provided to prevent floodwater running onto the A379 and into adjacent properties'.

Applicant : Red Tree (2004) LLP

Application Number: 7_49/0686/08/O

Proposal: Outline Application for provision of up to 5,500 new dwellings; up to 67,000 square metres of business and commercial space; up to 16,700 square meters of mixed retail accommodation, community and open space facilities; three primary schools and one secondary school; health care centre; community park; two community wind turbines; park and ride interchange at Deep Lane, together with details of the Main Street link between Deep Lane Junction and Stanborough Cross.

Location : Sherford Housing Development Site, Brixton

Date of receipt of valid application: 27th March 2008

It was unanimously agreed that all previous comments apply as per January 2007 Application number : 7_49/2426/06/O

16. Councillors Reports

Cllr Trower: Reported on recent rainfall amounts

Cllr Curtis: Reported that a Fire Hydrant had been discovered that was covered over. This failing had now been rectified.

Cllr. Martin: Stated that he was in talks with 'Devon Care and Repair Trust' to hold a Road Show in Brixton Community Rooms. Also raised the issue of Councillors photographs being displayed.

Agenda item for June

Cllr Edwards: Reported on the CPRE Annual General Meeting that he had attended when a film of Sherford that had been produced by the developers 'Redtree' had been shown.

Meeting closed by the Chairman Cllr J. Davies at 10.10 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday 4th June at 7.30 p.m.

N. Powell, Parish Clerk

Date: 8th May 2008