

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRIXTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY JULY 1st 2009 AT 7.30pm**

Present:	Cllr Cane (Chair)	*	Cllr Searle	*
	Cllr Hitchins (Vice Chair)	*	Cllr Tapper	*
	Cllr Martin	*	Cllr Wills	*
	Cllr Lang	*	Cllr Aylett	@
	Cllr Foweraker	*		
	* Denotes attendance		@ Denotes absence	

Also attending:	Members of the public	10
	County Councillor	0
	District Councillor	1
	Police	0

ACTION

9.026 APOLOGIES

Apologies from Cllrs Martin and Hart

9.027 POLICE MATTERS

No police report

9.028 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hart on business elsewhere. No report

9.029 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Squire reported:

- Sherford. The economic downturn affects the project viability and to get 15-20% profitability, Redtree are asking for endless 'concessions'. As there is a shortage of flats in the area, these may be built before the infrastructure. Mr Munday has advised that, subject to approval, building will start in the Plymouth sector with Affordable Housing now reduced to 10% (from 36% from 50%). The Government may inject £7m to push this % to 20%. Redtree are an unknown company !!.
- A District Councillor has been suspended for bullying

Cllr Cane reported:

- A survey of recipients of benefits in the District revealed that 93-98% are happy with the service provided.
- 150 people have asked for help with their rate payments

The Chairman closed the formal Council Meeting

9.030 OPEN FORUM - informal notes

1. **Question.** Please can Devon return to its old coat-of -arms?

Answer. This is an issue for Cllr Hart of DCC

2. **Question.** Why has the A379 track been prepared?

Answer. So that parishioners can get an idea of the topography of this option. The ballot papers will be distributed next week and there will be a 'exhibition' of the options on July 16th at the Community Centre.

3. **Question.** Why have BPC changed their views re Sustrans?

Answer. The landowner is insisting on a 100% ballot of homes in both parishes.

4. **Question.** As parishioners had been prevented from speaking except in Open Forum, a parishioner had contacted the Monitoring Officer at SHDC.

Answer. The Monitoring Officer has confirmed the applicable rules to the parishioner and to Cllr Cane. The parishioner is to object to SHDC for making this issue public.

5. **Question.** The issue of the state of the hedge in Winstone Lane was raised.

Answer. It has been cut by DCC as part of its road programme.

6. **Question.** The weeds in the Crescent are awful

Answer. They have been sprayed this week.

7. **Question.** In which minutes is the new clerk's appointment recorded?

Answer. Minutes of the AGM, May 6th 2009.

The chairman closed Open Forum and reopened the formal Council Meeting

9.031 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cane advised he will not be involved in any planning discussions.

Cllr Searle has an interest in the Brixton web site maintenance.

9.032 MINUTES OF THE MAY 6th PARISH MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Searle and seconded by Cllr Foweraker that the following amendment be made to the minutes of June 3rd. In the answer to Open Forum, Q4 – "delete our previous way was illegal" and insert "this was contrary to guidance". This was passed with one abstention and the amended minutes were signed as an accurate record. Approved with one abstention. It was agreed to amend the website minutes.

Searle

9.033 MATTERS ARISING

1. Community engagement draft. The working group will consist of Cllr Hitchins plus 3 other volunteers. Will any volunteers talk to Cllr Hitchins or the Clerk. Cllr Hitchins to put an article in the Brixton press.

Hitchins

2. Cllr Cane has reviewed the request for an additional dog waste bin in the High Street and concluded that it is not necessary as ordinary bins may now be used.

Clerk

3. Chelson Meadow. A number of complaints have been made about Wembury people being turned away and number plates being recorded. The meeting did not take place to seek a relaxation of this ruling for South Hams residents near to the Plymouth facility

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4. Cllr Foweraker requested an open "AOB" agenda item. The Clerk to respond.

9.034 LOCAL ISSUES AND REPORTS

1. **Brixton/Yealmpton footpath/cycle track.** Cllr Hitchins reported that a ballot paper had been drawn up which would go to all the dwellings in both Brixton and Yealmpton. Distribution will commence July 6th. Closing date is Friday 31st July. There will be an exhibition in Brixton on July 16th in the Community Room.

2. **Sherford development.** Nothing to report from the Steering group. The next meeting is on July 23rd.

3. **Parish Plan.** Cllr Hitchins advised that Parish Plan consultation was still progressing.

4. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the River Yealm Harbour Authority stating that the new Parish of Sherford would not be considered as a "riparian" parish for boat owners seeking river permits. A map

was included indicating the areas of exclusion. No one in this area is believed to be currently holding a license or on the waiting list.

5. Public convenience facility in the village. Cllr Cane had received a letter from the post office suggesting that if four village organisations shared the cost of the PO facility, the cost would only be £94 per annum each. The Church is to have its own facility in due course. It was felt that PO facility is part of the cost of running a private business with café facilities. It was proposed by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Searle that "BPC were unable to support the application for parish funds". Carried 8 to 1 on a show of hands.

**Aylett to advise
POffice**

6. Proposal to have a Councillor as liaison with the P3 team. Cllr Tapper volunteered and was duly elected.

7. Lodge Lane bollards. The Clerk has spoken to DCC who have advised BPC not to erect any bollards on their land as they would be removed. Cllr Cane agreed to talk to Mrs Balkwell about her contractors parking on DCC land. The bollards will be stored by Cllr Cane.

**Cane
Cane**

8. Cllr Tapper advised that she

- has priced flower tubs for the Village Green at £39.99 for two tubs. Expenditure approved. Yealm Gardening Services have kindly offered to sponsor the flowers for the tubs.
- is concerned about the felling of an oak tree by DCC.
- chestnut trees overhanging the school grounds need attention
- is concerned at congestion at the end of Cherry Tree Drive. "Turning only" signs required.
- The Sustrans path from Brixton to Elburton has a preponderance of nettles requiring attention. Apparently Plymouth CC has said it will do nothing until the Sustrans path issue is resolved.

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9. Cllr Hitchins is concerned about parishioner safety from dangerous cows in our local fields (based on recent press articles). It was agreed that "6 tips for safety" should be put in the Brixton Press.

Hitchins

The Chairman passed the chair to Cllr Hitchins for the Planning agenda items.

9.035 PLANNING MATTERS

1. Applications.

- Sherford. Cllr Martin advised that revised planning application from Redtree Developments represented a huge change to the whole concept of the previously approved application. The key to the changes was clearly that the economic downturn was affecting profitability of the project.

Redtree were asking for Phase 1 (SW) to be started with a minimal amount of infrastructure, no transport links, no permanent schools or medical facilities and with Affordable homes reduce further to 10%. Derek Curtis was asked for his views on this revised application. He advised that Redtree have planning permission in principle except for the key "106" agreement.

Council passed a motion proposed by Cllr Hitchins and seconded by Cllr Martin "that SHDC should reject the revised application". The tabled draft letter was discussed and the Clerk was asked to send a stronger letter to SHDC to ensure that our sentiments were well

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understood.

- Resubmission at Coombe Farm for converting barn to dwelling. Now that the access has been improved, Cllr Martin recommended "no objections" to this application which was seconded by Cllr Foweraker and passed unanimously.

2. Consultation on development sites.

- Cllr Martin advised Council that parishioner consultation on the 10 potential sites in the village had taken place on June 26th. The forecast requirement for homes is 15 by 2016 and 50 in total by 2026. It is the BPC function to gather information for the Princes Foundation (PF) which is running the project for SHDC. PF have identified all the village sites in the only 16 villages with a school and a shop. Every approved village will eventually have 50 new homes built. It was noted that Brixton will die over time if it does not expand.
- It was proposed by Cllr Martin and seconded by Cllr Wills that "the report presented be adopted by Council and sent to PF as our consultation findings". Adopted by 7 votes with 1 abstention (Cllr Cane)

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Cllr Cane did not take part in any discussions or voting.

9.036 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Acceptance for the tabled expenditure for the month was proposed by Cllr Hitchins and seconded by Cllr Martin. Voted unanimously.

2. It was agreed that the level of detail of expenditure should be as tabled this month. Expenditure was £1847.45

3. Bank balance at 16/6/09 was £37917.99

4. It was agreed that Council would not subscribe to the CPRE which is seen more as a service to individuals.

5. The Clerk reported that Feoffe Trust was happy to pay up to £500 per year for their half share of the website costs.

6. There is a shortfall of income against the parish plan budget. Sept agenda.

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9.037 CORRESPONDENCE

1 The Clerk read the list of documents in the "correspondence file"

2. SHDC will be issuing "seagull proof" outer bags for containment of thin refuse sacks prior to collection. The bags will be left for continual re-use. Those with bins will not get these sacks.

3. The "correspondence file" was given to Cllr Cane containing:

- SHDC Agenda and minutes of Council meeting June 25th 2009
- Village Green newsletter
- Newspaper article re Sherford
- SHDC planning. Application 1666/07 for barn conversion at Gorlofen Farm, Brixton is void
- SHDC – letter re seagull proof waste sacks.

9.038 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly Meeting of Brixton Parish Council is on Wednesday, September 2nd at 7.30 p.m. in the Brixton Community Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.35 pm

