



**Minutes of Brixton Parish Council February Meeting held on
28th February 2024 at 7.00pm in Sherford Community Hub**

Present: Cllr Liz Hitchins (Chair), Cllr Michael Wills (Vice Chair), Cllr Terry Clegg, Cllr Rachael Gillard, Cllr Neil Hawken, Cllr Ian Martin and Cllr Stuart Nix

In attendance: District Cllrs Julie Carson and Alison Nix and Kirstie Aldridge (Clerk)

Members of the public in attendance: 7

Cllr Hitchins welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the format of the meeting.

Report from Steven Williams - BPC nominated Director Sherford Community Land Trust (SCLT)

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Articles of Association

Documents to be sent out for formal acceptance by the directors, and registration with Companies House.

Working policies

Working policies are being developed including Safeguarding, Volunteers, Complaints, GDPR, Risk assessments etc

SCLT fee

Invoices for these fees will be issued shortly for the year 2024 by Firstport.

RIO update

First years' work completed. Future works include finance and plans for future direction of the SCLT.

Working Groups

Quite active over the last few months. A sign-up/subscribe function/button is now on the home page of the Trust website for the newsletter, so consent can be gained from individuals and capture their contact details in a GDPR compliant way, to send them the monthly newsletter.

General Matters

Skills centre – the future use of centre as this building is under discussion.

Future Events

Sherford Day Country Park 6th April. Farmers market in June 2024 under discussion.

Grant Applications

A grant has been approved to Friends of the Country group for a 6 Panel display board.

Brookbanks Update.

Directors concerned over timelines for projects slipping and unanswered questions.

General Matters/ Development Summary:

The number of houses in occupation at the end of October 2023 was 819, although it is likely to be a lot higher now. Planning application for the Western Centre being made. Temporary shop opening in early March. Sherford Road traffic calming exhibition held on Wednesday 21st Feb. It is hoped work will start in May, subject to securing the road bookings with PCC.

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The Consortium is working with SHDC Planning Officers to provide suitable access to the Country Park in a phased manner over the coming months. The Consortium aims to have both pitches available to use by 1st April. Bookings for these will be managed by the Argyle Trust.

The Traffic Order for Stamps Hill/Red Lion Hill for the closure expires in June 2024. A decision on the future of closure is awaited.

The primary school extension should be complete by June 2024.

Sherford Web Site

New website set up www.sherford.uk. Consortium contact email - info@sherford.uk

Report received from Devon County Councillor John Hart (via email)

DCC set its budget 2 weeks ago - £743million. An increase of 4.99% on last year's council tax. This is an increase spend of £43.8million but with the need to make savings of £49.5million by doing things differently. It is worth mentioning that nearly 80% of this budget will be spent on looking after vulnerable people, both old and young people

DCC has started its consultation over the Devolution offer from Government information can be found on the DCC website asking for views from the residents of Devon. Cllr Hart attended a meeting of DALC and spoke to over 55 representatives of Parish Councils across the County by Zoom.

Locally there is some work being done on the A379 road between Brixton and Yealmpton, the stretch between the Plymouth boundary and Brixton village has been surveyed Cllr Hart but would not wish to raise expectations on an early start, however pressure is being kept on getting something done.

Unfortunately, Devon has more roads than any other County in England. There are over 8,000 miles of road, equally some 5,000 miles of road were originally built in the horse and cart era with limited foundations. These same roads are now having lorries of 40ton weight and tractors and trailers weighing 30tons using them.

Finally, Cllr Hart is not in support of Red Lion Hill being closed for longer than early July and have told officers.

Report from District Councillors Alison Nix and Julie Carson

It was agreed that Council tax for 2024/25 will be increased by 2.99%. This would increase a band D council tax from £185.42 to £190.96.


South Hams District Council approved a local council tax reduction scheme for 2024/25 that:

- Makes no changes to the bands of the current banded scheme.
- Removes the minimum income floor for self-employed claimants.
- Disregards 100% of the limited capacity for work element of Universal Credit

From April 1st the following Council Tax discounts be adopted:

- The discounts for unoccupied and substantially unfurnished properties is 100% for a maximum of 1 month
- The discount for unoccupied and substantially unfurnished properties for 1 month to 1 year is zero
- The discount for properties which require major repair work to render them habitable is 50% for a maximum period of 12 months
- The discount for unoccupied furnished properties (2nd homes) is zero
- An empty homes premium of an additional 100% is levied on properties that have remained unoccupied and unfurnished for at least one year but less than 5 years

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- That an empty homes premium of an additional 200% is levied on properties that have remained unoccupied and unfurnished for at least 5 years but less than 10 years
- That an empty homes premium of an additional 300% is levied on properties that have remained unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for at least 10 years

With effect from 1st April 2025 a 2nd homes premium of 100% be adopted with the approach set.

With Spring approaching subscriptions are now open for the South Hams Garden waste service. The new subscription year will run from April 1st, 2024, until March 2025. Annual cost of £55 applies for fortnightly collections except for 20th December to 20th January. To sign up www.southhams.gov.uk/gardenwaste A discount of £4 will be applied if sign up is before 1st April.

Small Grants For Village Halls

DEFRA grant scheme for those managing rural community buildings has now re opened with lower thresholds for smaller projects such as disability access, toilet upgrades and new kitchens. Grants between £2,000 and £5,000 and up to 20% of eligible costs are on offer to new applicants. Details can be found on the South Hams Council website.

Citizens Advice South Hams would like help publicising the help available for residents' facing difficulties with energy bills. Households may qualify for energy vouchers worth £300. The scheme ends 31st March. Independent specialist advisors can also help with complex billing issues resolving matters directly with energy providers, help deal with energy supplier issues including billing and meter problems, help households make their homes more energy efficient and look at fuel bills and household finances to help save money. Advice is free, independent and totally confidential.

Contact 0808 278 7948.

Venn Court

Cllr Carson is working with residents at Venn Court on day-to-day issues affecting their wellbeing.

The Daisy Park (Venn farm Phase 2b) planning application will be going before the SHDC Development Management Committee on 13th March. There will be the opportunity for a representative from the Parish Council to speak and District Cllrs Carson and Nix can speak on behalf of the residents.

The developers have recently advised of their intention to apply for an extension of the road closure at Stamps Hill due to safety reasons of a live site.

Sherford

District Cllrs Carson and Nix recently had a very positive meeting with all stakeholders regarding the temporary GP surgery in Sherford. A site has been identified and are now waiting for a proposition paper to be put together to see if this would work for the NHS.

The Friends of Sherford Country Park have been learning how to restore the ancient Devon bank by clearing the dead trees and layering the remaining hazel trees. This will enable the ancient bluebell wood to thrive again. The group are looking for new members, if interested please contact Christine

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on gceking@blueyonder.co.uk alternatively go along every Saturday morning at 10am at the Country Park.

Toddler and baby group for pre-school children in Sherford is on Wednesday mornings from 09.30 to 11.30am at the Community Hub. £3 per session. Play areas, tea, coffee and snacks are provided.

The Sherford over 50's club meet on Thursday mornings at the Sherford Community Hub at 10am. For more information contact Rita at rita.billingham@googlemail.com. Sherford Community Church welcomes Greg Bakker as the new interim Minister with church services at the Sherford Community Hub on Sundays between 10am – 12pm.

Work begins in mid-year on the business park in Sherford. There will be some self-build units available so if anyone is interested let the consortium know. The temporary shop is in place and some products stocked but still waiting for power to be installed. The primary school extension is on schedule for completion 14th July.

4 operators are interested in running the Leisure Centre there is no start date for the build. The all-weather pitches will be operated by Plymouth Argyle Trust it is anticipated that they will be ready to book online by April.

On 21st February District Cllrs Carson and Nix attended a drop in evening showcasing details of the Sherford Road traffic calming scheme. The scheme will commence May/June and will take 12 weeks to complete. Details of the scheme can be viewed on the Sherford website.

Cllr Hitchins recently heard South Hams Citizens Advice (CA) promote its work. People need to contact CA if they require any confidential advice on managing debt etc. District Cllr Nix stated that she is working with Devon Food Partnership to obtain a site in Sherford for the CA to use.

The medical facility will be provided by Beacon Medical, and it was reiterated that a new site is being identified.

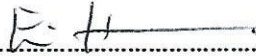
Cllr Hitchins will attend the SHDC Development Management Committee on 13th March when the planning application for Daisy Park will be discussed (4317/21/OPA). A site visit by the committee will take place on 11th March.

Resident raised the issue of the timing of the Sherford traffic calming works, can this be phased better whilst Red Lion Hill is closed. District Cllr Nix stated unfortunately it is governed by different authorities (PCC and DCC). District Cllrs have raised concerns regarding this.

Sherford resident raised whether the Plymouth side of Sherford would be moving into SHDC local authority. This would require parliamentary legislation.

Sherford resident spoke about a planning application next to her property. Cllr Hitchins stated that BPC is a consultee, and the decision would be made by SHDC planning authority. Cllr Martin confirmed that a site visit has been provisionally booked for 9th March at 1pm. If there is a quorate in

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attendance at the site meeting a recommendation of support, object or comments would be submitted to SHDC.

Brixton resident raised the condition of A379 by Rodgers Garage, especially from the perspective of a cyclist. Dawes Lane only goes so far and the remainder of this route is under water and deteriorating. Cllr Hitchins will bring these potholes to the attention of County Cllr Hart and Nick Colton DCC Highways. Resident confirmed that he had reported the defects onto the DCC website. Subject of potholes at Hilltop Cottages was also raised and that Catson Green is flooded. Contractors came to complete drainage works but missed one at the crossroads (as it was under water) This is approx. 4 / 6 inches deep. Clerk will raise this with Nick Colton, DCC Highways Officer.

Open Forum Closed

72. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor John Hart

73. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Martin declared an interest in agenda point 76 – Planning Application 0413/24/TPO

74. Confirmation of minutes of meeting of Brixton Parish Council Wednesday 31st January 2024

Cllr Clegg proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting on 31st January 2024 as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Hawken. Cllr Gillard abstained. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins signed the minutes of the relevant meeting.

75. Financial Matters

75.1 To receive and approve the finance statement for February 2024

| Receipts: | Amount | Fund |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| DCC - Library Support Fund Grant payment | <u>£300.00</u> | General |
| | <u>£300.00</u> | |
| Payments: | | |
| K Aldridge - reimburse room hire Sherford Community Hub | £25.00 | General |
| K Aldridge - reimburse grit scoops & gloves (Snow Warden Equip) | £134.12 | General |
| K Aldridge - reimburse purchase of replacement Cherry Tree | £178.94 | YCE Grant 2022 |
| Brixton Feoffee Trust - contribution towards lavender bushes | £384.00 | Green Fund |
| K Aldridge wages | £1226.54 | General |
| K Aldridge expenses | £45.29 | General |
| K Aldridge office allowance | £35.00 | General |
| K Aldridge - reimburse February zoom | £15.59 | General |
| K Aldridge - administration of BrixtonDevon website (July-Dec 2023) | 250.00 | General |
| A Kay - reimburse expenses Community Support Help box | £60.00 | Cost of Living -DCC |
| K Aldridge - reimburse purchase of 2 x bookcases | <u>£77.08</u> | Library Support |
| | <u>£2,431.56</u> | |

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| Current Account: | £11,947.37 |
| Deposit Account: | £2,234.73 |
| TOTAL: | £14,182.10 |

Statement balance at 9th November 2023

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| Skipton Building Society | £99,785.84 |
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Current Balance:

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| P3 | £754.26 | |
| Legal Fees | £12,482.69 | |
| Sherford 106 Contribution to Brixton Parish Council | £10,265.98 | |
| Brixstix funds | £757.50 | |
| Brixton History Group | £533.09 | |
| Plastic Event - Community Together Fund | £531.34 | |
| Cofflete Creek (s106 funds) | £3,964.58 | Available to be claimed from s106 |
| Yealm Community Energy - Grant for street cleaning equipment | £54.72 | |
| Yealm Community Energy - 2022 Grant (Bee Wild) | £233.90 | |
| Green Fund | £616.00 | |
| Community Emergency Plan Grant | £115.45 | |
| Community Amenity Space (Cofflete) Comm Together Fund | £2,479.84 | |
| River Yealm Water Quality Working Group (set up) | £0.00 | |
| River Yealm Water Quality Working Group (annual 2022) | £182.28 | |
| Silverbridge Way expansion | £3,000.00 | |
| Cost of Living Crisis | £257.32 | |
| Cost of Living Funding (DCC Grant) | £539.25 | |
| Library Support Fund Grant - DCC | <u>£222.92</u> | |
| | Total of Fund allocated | <u>£29,061.96</u> |

Notes

YCE 2022 Grant - price £178.94 - less VAT of £29.82 to be claimed - fund remaining £233.90

Cllr Wills proposed that BPC approve the finance report for February, seconded by Cllr Nix. All others in attendance were unanimous.

Cllr Clegg proposed that BPC transfer £2000.00 from Lloyds deposit account to Lloyds current account whilst waiting for the first installment of the precept. Seconded Cllr Martin. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins and Wills signed the transfer paperwork.

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**76. Planning applications received from SHDC and DCC during January / February 2024
2058/23/ARM**

READVERTISEMENT (amended plans) Application for approval of reserved matters application for strategic infra-structure including strategic drainage, highways, landscaping and open space, and amendment to phasing plan as part of Phase 3 A/B of the Sherford New Community pursuant to Outline approvals ref: 0825/18/VAR (the principle permission that was amended by this consent was EIA development and was accompanied by an Environmental Statement)

Sherford New Community, Phase 3 A/B Land south of Main Street, Plymouth, PL8 2DP

Cllr Nix briefly explained the amendments and proposed BPC submit recommendation of 'comments' – the town centre becoming its own "TC phase" takes it out of the chronology of the overall phasing, this is a potential concern with regard delivery of community amenities. Seconded Cllr Hawken. All others in attendance were unanimous.

0110/24/FUL

Retrospective application for an agricultural storage yard for the purpose of storing agricultural machinery, equipment and silage

Land at SX 5515 5920, Brixton

Following a quorate site visit by Cllrs Nix, Wills and Martin a recommendation of support was submitted.

0109/24/FUL

Change of use of yard to tree surgery/forestry yard, retention of 3 shipping containers, portacabin & landscaping

Land at SX 551 528, Brixton

Following a quorate site visit by Cllrs Nix, Wills and Martin a recommendation of support was submitted.

0413/24/TPO

G1: Mainly Sycamore – crown raise overhanging branches back to boundary line and up to 6m height to give more light and space between caravans and reduce risk of branch failure.

Brixton Caravan and Camping Site, Steer Point Road, Brixton. PL8 2BN

BPC is not able to comment on this application as BPC was not able to access the site.


0393/24/TPO

T1 Ash, coppice to ground level ADB and basal decay; T2 Ash, coppice to ground level, ADB and basal decay; G1 Ash x5 trees, reduce upper crown by 3m, lateral growth on garden (west side) side cut back up to 2m to the wall line, cutting no greater than 150mm to NGP, ADB present, need to reduce wind loading & mitigate risk of failure in future, reducing trees will mean trees can regen & last a few more years; T3 Ash, Coppice to ground level, Stem decay & ADB; T4 Ash, Dead, Fell ADB leaning over a road.

7 Brixton Lodge Gardens Brixton PL8 2AX

Cllr Martin proposed that BPC recommend 'support' for this application, seconded Cllr Hawken. All others in attendance were unanimous.

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3693/23/HHO

Householder application for steel railings on driveway (Retrospective)

19, Pandora Grove, Sherford Plymouth, PL9 8LZ

Cllr Martin has provisionally arranged a site sit for March at 1pm

2978/23/FUL

Refurbishment and extension

Rodgers Of Brixton, Chittleburn Hill, Brixton, PL8 2BL

Cllr Martin is awaiting a reply from the agent regarding a site visit – provisional date 16th March.

3800/23/FUL

Erection of dwellinghouse in lieu of Class Q

Sungates, Chittleburn Hill, Brixton, PL8 2BJ

Cllr Martin confirmed that a site visit will be undertaken on 16th March 10am

Cllr Martin stated arranging site visits is proving extremely difficult as there are rarely contact details on the application forms displayed on SHDC portal and SHDC won't divulge any details to parish councillors. Clerk to email Cllrs Carson and Nix to raise this difficulty.

77. Planning decisions made by SHDC / DCC during January / February 2024 (to note)**3962/23/HHO – Conditional Approval**

Householder application for single storey extension to form additional Kitchen and Dining Area
Sunderland And Spencer Cottages, 1 Chittleburn Hill, Brixton, PL8 2AX

78. Local Issues and Councillor Reports**BPC ongoing / new projects****1. Climate Change / Bio-diversity update****- Active Travel – Brixton to Plymouth (to include Dawes Lane)**

BPC received an email in December stating that Gemma Bristow (SHDC Active Travel Officer) had confirmed that their travel consultants have identified Yealmpton to Plymouth as one of the 29 priority routes in South Hams for cycling. A recent email 'Walking and Cycling (LCWIP) Project update - barriers and interventions identified' has been received. Cllr Nix explained the map and will meet via zoom with Cllr Gillard to discuss possible parish council comments. Any parish council comments are required by 8th March. A public consultation planned for April to obtain feedback from residents.

- **Relevant updates from meeting of Brixton Parish Environment Working Group 22nd February.** Unfortunately, the attendance at this group has dwindled. At the last meeting it was agreed to hold events to try to increase the profile of the group. In June there will be a 'Wildlife in Churchyards' talk from David Curry held in St Mary's Church. Alex Whish will show how to make a Bee and Bug hotel in Messy Church and there will be a couple of 'tree walks' – one in Brixton and one in Sherford. The replacement cherry tree by Ladybirds has been delivered and will be planted once the daffodils have 'gone over'

- Funding request from Yealm Water Quality Working Group

Cllr Hawken proposed that BPC contribute £475 towards the River Fly Survey project and £120 for the annual running costs for the Continuous Water Monitor. Seconded Cllr Nix. All others in attendance were unanimous.

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Cllr Hitchins used her Chairman's prerogative to add the following item:

- Coastguard Beach – designated bathing area

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has received an application for Coastguards Beach to be designated as a bathing water. This application will now proceed to the next stage of the bathing water designation process, which is a public consultation. The consultation will run for two weeks from 26 February to 10 March 2024.

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water/consultation-on-designation-of-27-sites-as-bathing/>

Cllr Wills proposed that BPC support this application, seconded Cllr Gillard. All others in attendance were unanimous. Cllr Hitchins and Clerk will complete the online consultation.

2. Highways Projects

To include

- Red Lion Hill / Stamps Hill

Cllr Hitchins has met with Richard Jackson, DCC Officer, and walked the area discussing traffic calming options. Draft proposals will be sent to BPC for consultation once the funding from s106 Sherford is available. There is no further update.

- Monkey Lane update

BPC have paid the previously agreed sum of £8k to DCC to progress this project. Any funding not used for this project will be refunded to BPC.

DCC have issued a TRO Request for Monkey Lane to be downgraded to a multi-use lane (Pedestrians, Cyclists and Horse Riders) with a prohibition of vehicles except for access traffic regulation order (TRO) and a design brief has been issued to designers to provide a sign design scheme for implementation. Following the January meeting Clerk raised with DCC how to prevent motorcycles using the route -reply received stated 'DCC has taken the decision not to implement bollards for the reasons previously given, however if the TRO is regularly abused and becomes an enforcement issue for the Police, we may review'.

When Cllrs Nix and Gillard meet to discuss 'Walking and Cycling (LCWIP) Project update - barriers and interventions identified' they will look at the safety concerns raised in this area.

Cllr Hitchins will contact Richard Jackson, DCC to again raise BPC concerns regarding this issue.

3. The Green – update from Community Engagement regarding parking on The Green

No update

4. Land at Cofflete Creek update

- Update on funding for the project

Community Together Funding - the figure allocated for the original project - Land at former Cofflete Mill – a future community amenity space was £4820.02. Spend so far £2340.18 (net). The figure remaining is £2,479.84 which has been earmarked for the second interpretation board.


- Update on interpretation board (Cllr Gillard)

The quote received in August from Nicky Bailey for the second interpretation board was £1943.50 (excl VAT) which was approved by BPC at the September meeting. Cllr Gillard has obtained various information regarding the history of the site and will contact Nicky Bailey, South Devon National Landscape regarding the design of the second board.

- Update on the project plan for the upper site

Cllr Hawken and Alex Whish (who has volunteered to assist with the project) met on site - some ideas discussed for the site which will be formulated into a plan for further discussion by the parish council. Clerk to email quote obtained previously for fencing to Cllr Hawken and Alex.

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5. Update on Community Together Funding for Plastic Free project with local primary schools

The figure allocated for the original project was £1,928. Funding of £531.33 has been sent to Sherford Vale Primary School to raise awareness of plastic pollution and waste through the creation of a Plankton Wave. BPC await a project plan from St Mary's School.

6. Steer Point Quarry Restoration quarterly update – report from Aardvark

Deliveries of material into the site and HGV movements ceased at the end of October last year and since then Aardvark has been finishing the site profiling, topsoil spreading and now putting in landscape planting. The next seeding of the topsoil has been delayed due to the very wet. The rain has really tested the gravity outfall and flood management and it is working very efficiently and as it should do.

Final plans have been submitted final plans to DCC of the finished landform and levels and the DCC's landscape officer is very pleased with the site and the final landform.

The Permit closure process with the EA has started and it is hoped that concluded in the first half of this year ensuring that the Environmental Permit Regulations have been complied with.

The footpath is in place and suitably fenced from deep water in the ponds. Aardvark is waiting on DCC public rights of way to visit site to sign this off and complete the process of signage and registration as a public right of way.

7. Brixton Composters – Cllr Clegg

Cllr Clegg attended meeting on 15th February, there is over £5500 in the funds. Green waste needs to be shredded, hoping to get this done by the end of the financial year. CCTV has been upgraded on site. New basket for vegetable swops will be installed.

8. Brixton Neighbourhood Plan – modification update

The modification is being presented to SHDC committee in March following the amendments the Neighbourhood Plan Group have made following the Examiner's Report.

BPC administration

9. Discuss and update BPC Standing Orders

Cllr Wills proposed that BPC adopt the updated Standing Orders. Seconded by Cllr Gillard. All others in attendance were unanimous.

10. Discuss and update the following policies: Policy for Management of Planning Applications

Cllr Clegg proposed that BPC adopt the amended and updated Policy for Management of Planning Applications. Seconded by Cllr Hawken. All others in attendance were unanimous.

11. Update regarding DALC Training Courses

- To include update on Civility & Respect e-learning training course for all councillors

Clerk confirmed that all councillors were registered for the distance learning modules in August 2023 and have 12 months to complete the training courses. So far Clerk and Cllrs Wills, Clegg, Gillard, Hawken and Martin have completed the training. Cllr Hitchins asked if all councillors would complete this training by March meeting.

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12. Councillor skills and knowledge audit

Clerk confirmed that completed paperwork has been received from Cllrs Wills, Clegg, Hawken, Gillard and Hitchins. This will remain on the agenda as a reminder for remaining councillors to complete this audit.

13. Update on streaming of meetings

Cllr Nix will investigate this further and bring back some options to a future meeting.

14. Vacancy for two co-opted members on Brixton Parish Council

There are two vacancies for co-opted members on Brixton Parish Council.

BPC have received one application and Councillors will be conducting an interview on 7th March.

Regular updates**15. Sherford update****To include**

- **Update from Sherford Liaison meeting (12th February)**

Cllr Hitchins attended this meeting and the main points discussed have already been covered in previous reports. Drone footage of the Sherford development was shown to attendees,

- **Update on road closure Red Lion Hill to A38**

This had already been updated during County Councillor Hart, District Cllrs Carson and Nix's report. BPC await any further information regarding the closure.

- **Application to name and number a new street**

BPC have received 7 new street names – Sky, Cumulus, Azure, Dusk, Vortex, Westerly, Easterly, Albedo, Kata, Dewpoint. Cllr Nix proposed that BPC support the names, seconded Cllr Gillard. All others in attendance were unanimous. Suffixes to be decided by SHDC.

- **Update from Sherford Road traffic calming project (public information event 21st February)**

Cllr Nix attended the meeting. All information can be found on the website

<https://sherford.uk/creating-sherford/planning/>

16. Community Emergency Plan**To include**

- **Whole Society Resilience Forum – Friday 22nd March**

Cllr Hitchins will be attending the Whole Society Resilience Forum on 22nd March and will report back following this meeting.

17. Snow Warden update

Roger Smith, Community Road Warden, has completed appropriate DCC training and submitted a Snow Plan to DCC.


18. Cost of Living Crisis update.

The Growing Communities Grant Funding of £1000 received from DCC does not have to be spent by 31st March, but an interim report and accounts are required.

The two funding amounts have been kept separate and the following amounts are still available to spend: Cost of Living Crisis £257.32 and DCC Grant Cost of Living Funding £539.25

The community box remains in the church porch and will continue to provide free household cleaning and basic personal hygiene items along with tinned food. The warm hub in 'The Foxhound' continues every Thursday afternoon between 3-5pm. The Brixton Feoffee Trust will continue to make £100 grants available for urgent financial assistance.

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- **Update on DCC Community Library Support Fund**

A grant of £300 has been approved by DCC. Bookcases have been purchased to be installed in the church and balance remaining is £222.92.

19. Traffic updates

- **Update on road closure - A379 Red Lion Hill to Underhay, Brixton – 4th – 8th March 2024**

The closure is for patching in the dip between Brixton and Yealmpton, the road will be closed to all traffic apart from buses, school buses and emergency vehicles. There will be a signed diversion in place which must be adhered to.

- **A379 Orchard Hill to Western Lodge Cross, Yealmpton – 26th Feb–1st March (Yealmpton PC notification)**

There will also be works undertaken in the Yealmbridge area from 26th Feb – 1st March, these works will be extensive, and the road will be closed to all traffic apart from buses, school buses and emergency vehicles. There will be a signed diversion in place which must be adhered to.

- **Update on the purchase of new VAS**

The new VAS has been delivered to the Community Road Warden, ready for installation in the near future. Clerk confirmed that the new VAS has been added to BPC insurance policy at no extra cost for the remainder of this policy term.

- **Community Road Warden – expiry of Chapter 8 training (June 2024)**

Community Road Warden Chapter 8 training is due to expire June 2024. Clerk has booked Community Road Warden to attend a one-day refresher course at Notter Bridge Training Centre on 19th April 2024. DCC have agreed to pay for this.

Traffic Management for Community Road Wardens training – discuss.

At the January meeting the cost of £485 + VAT for volunteers to undertake Traffic Management for Community Road Wardens training was approved. The trainer has offered Saturday 20th April, Saturday 18th May or Saturday 8th June. Cllr Hitchins will confirm the date after consultation with volunteers.

20. Carrollsland Update

No update

21. Footpaths / P3 update (Cllr Hawken)

Cllr Hitchins stated that stones piled behind the stonewall on FP26 need to be cleared away from the wall. Cllr Hawken will look at the site.

22. Silverbridge Way

Cllr Clegg confirmed that the path is in good condition. Clerk will check when the first clearance of the year should be undertaken and let Cllr Clegg know. Yealmpton have cleared part of the pavement and road from the exit of Silverbridge Way toward Yealmpton.

- **Update on the extension**

There is no update on this.

- **Update on the soft closing gate mechanism**

Clerk confirmed that she is waiting for self-closing mechanisms for all 3 gates to be delivered by DCC PROW Officer.

Date 27/3/2024

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23. Defibrillators

- Update on the maintenance of the phone boxes housing the defibrillators

At BPC January meeting it was approved that BPC employ contractor to repair the telephone box at Fordbrook and install shelving in both telephone boxes to assist with the defibrillator checks at a cost of £1068.00. BPC are waiting for the contractor to commence work.

- Defibrillator training session

South West Ambulance First Responder has offered a training session for 2024, this is included with the defibrillator package – the date of this training will be Wednesday 15th May 7-9pm. Clerk to advertise this on website and Facebook.

24. Land owned by SHDC – Elliots Hill and Steer Point Road

Cllr Hitchins emailed Rob Sekula, SHDC regarding the possible transfer of land at Elliots Hill and Steer Point Road from SHDC to BPC. SHDC is not interested in handing over these sites. Cllr Hitchins has reiterated, via email, BPC interest in the land at Elliots Hill and is awaiting a reply. Cllr Hitchins will chase again.

25. Christmas Tree

E Arran is liaising with contractor regarding a base for the Christmas tree. Several locations were proposed with ratings for various criteria for each location. Cllr Martin suggested a simple hole in the ground with a galvanized tube, this would have a lid and be opened each year to place the tree. Clerk to contact Nick Colton, DCC Highways Officer to obtain a map of services that are located under the Green, prior to a decision being made on the location.

26. Update on the possible replacement of noticeboards.

There are various issues with all three noticeboards in the village and Cllr Hitchins has met with a carpenter to obtain some prices for new noticeboards.

Other updates / issues / consultations for discussion

27. Criminal Justice and You - An essential guide for victims and witnesses – Monday 4th March 2024

28. Public Space Protection Order for the consumption of alcohol in a public place consultation - ends 19th March

29. Launch of South Hams Housing Offer

30. Devon and Torny Devolution Deal

To include:

- Feedback from DALC Connects Event
- Consultation ends 24th March 2024

31. Councillor's Reports


Cllr Hitchins The abandoned scooter on Steer Point Road is being dealt with by SHDC

79 Correspondence for information

79.1 Cascade 'Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTO) for Road Closures relating to DCC works:

- Road past Higher Sherford to Wollaton Cross – Monday 28th November 2022 – 27 May 2024
- A379 Orchard Hill to Western Lodge Cross, Yealmpton – 26th Feb – 1st March (YPC notification)
- A379 Red Lion Hill to Underhay, Brixton – 4th March – 8th March 2024

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79.2 All weekly bulletins from DCC and SHDC are placed immediately on the websites and Facebook

79.3 South Hams District Council – News Releases

- Council agree package of financial report
- South Hams residents can now sign up to or renew their subscription for the district’s garden waste collection service
- District Council balances the Budget and supports residents
- District Council supporting the community

79.4 South Hams Policing Team newsletter

79.5 Sustainable South Hams – compost pilots in the region

79.6 Thank you for donations -1ST Elburton Brownies and Guides

79.7 D-Day celebrations – invitation to Newton & Noss Beacon Lighting - Thursday 6th June
(further details to follow)

Cllr Hitchins closed the meeting at 9pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 27th March at 7pm in Brixton Community Room

Kirstie Aldridge, Clerk, Brixton Parish Council

Date27/3/2024

Signed 
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