

DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

BRIXHAM WARD PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held at: Brixham Police Station at 7pm Monday 4th July 2005.

Chairman: Cllr. Chris Lomas

Secretary: Sgt Dave Casley

Attended by: Cllr David Browne, Cllr Martyn Hodge, Cllr Alan Craig, Mrs Olive Farnham, Mrs Joan Blake, Ms Christine GUY, Mr Peter BUSHELL, Mr David ELLIS, Ms Juliette ASHLEY, Liz PHILLIPS (Herald Express).

Apologies: Mr D PETERS

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1.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 4 th April 2005 were agreed as a true and accurate record	
2.	MATTERS ARISING Park and Ride CL reported that the project had been stalled due to a few problems that have arisen, but legal officers should have resolved everything by the end of the week and it is hoped that work will start on laying the surfaces next week.	Cllr Lomas – To update at next meeting
	Parking problems at Penpethy Road. Sgt C reported that PC MORTIMER has been monitoring the area and the problems appears to have eased considerably as the main building works at the location are being progressed.	Resolved
	Recycling Bins CL is still chasing and trying to resolve this matter. It is hoped that 3 x smaller 220L bins will be placed in the car park. This placement will not result in the loss of any car parking spaces.	Cllr LOMAS – to update next meeting
3.	TOWN COUNCIL REFERENDUM Sgt C Read a letter from Torbay Council asking for comments from the partnership concerning	

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	<p>the forthcoming referendum as to whether Brixham should have it's own Town Council. Following discussion, the partnership unanimously agreed that, apart from the councillors present, the group was an unelected body and as such, felt that to make comments as a body would be inappropriate. The partnership felt that the people of Brixham should decide on an individual basis as per the referendum. The Partnership agreed and gave their commitment to work closely and in conjunction with whatever system the voters elect. A reply to the letter from Torbay council will be sent by the secretary.</p>	Sgt Casley to prepare and send letter
4.	<p>DIRECT SERVICES AND WASTE – INTERIM CHALLENGE</p>	
	<p>Sgt C read a letter concerning Direct Services and Waste – Interim Challenge, at Apen Way, Paignton from 1500hrs on 18th July 2005. CL stated it was his intention to attend.</p>	Cllr Lomas to report back
	<p>In connection with waste, DE raised a query concerning new glass collection containers which were now appearing for some individual premises. CL said he would find out about the scheme.</p>	
5.	<p>POLICE REPORT</p>	
	<p>a) <u>Performance</u> Sgt CASLEY reported that all crime figures in the Brixham area were extremely pleasing for the year to date so far (1/4 to 30/6). Burglaries and vehicle crime in particular were showing massive reductions. Despite this, Sgt C reported that Police continue with initiatives to further reduce such offences, especially in the Broadsands area which has been subject of a localised slight increase in criminal activity recently. Sgt C reported a slight increase in Anti Social Behaviour in the St Mary's area again in recent weeks. Though nothing like the problems of 18 months ago, the matter was</p>	

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	<p>being tackled with increased patrols on foot and liaison with local residents. Diversionary measures are also in hand for the local youths of the area. It was pleasing to report that the youth shelter is now in place in the park. It is being well used and, to date, no complaints have been received concerning behaviour near the shelter.</p> <p>Sgt C was particularly delighted to report that the council are looking at providing a football facility for the local youngsters by fencing off one of the tennis courts for use as a football area. A £1000 grant from Ward Partnerships has already been granted towards the cost of this project.</p>	
6.	WARD COUNCILLORS	
	<p>Cllr CRAIG: Nothing to report</p>	
	<p>Cllr BROWNE: Reported that Gooseberry Fair had been extremely successful on 3rd July and everything ran very smoothly – he asked for his thanks to be passed to PC CHAMBERS and the Special Constables involved for their policing of the event on the day.</p>	<p>Sgt CASLEY to pass on thanks</p>
	<p>Cllr HODGE: Cllr HODGE reported that he was disappointed as to the amount of damage caused late at night following the trawler race Day this year. He was aware of additional Police presence in Brixham on the day however, this did not prevent these incidents. MH further reported that Free parking had now been reinstated to the Town Centre Car Park on a Sunday between 9am and 4pm.</p>	
	<p>Cllr LOMAS: Cllr LOMAS Spoke briefly on the Choice Letting Scheme being introduced which should work well and be of benefit to Brixham. The finale of the Creative Kids Festival will be attended by himself at Grenville House in the near future.</p>	

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7.	<p>There has recently been an increased number of pedestrian directional fingerposts in the town. Extra play equipment has been acquired for use in playparks within the Brixham area. A discussion also took place concerning the decriminalisation of parking regulations. There are now more wardens and they are also now working more sympathetically with local tradesmen after some initial poor experiences. Sgt C confirmed that the Police were still responsible for dealing with offences of vehicular obstruction.</p> <p>BASRA</p> <p>Mrs Olive Farnham reported on complaints received concerning vehicles parked close to the junction of Cudhill and Greenover Road. Cars parked on the nearside force traffic closer to the centre of the road at the junction risking collision. Sgt C said he would at the situation and liaise with Road Safety Officer PC LANCASTER.</p> <p>OF was pleased to report that an audible signal for pedestrians had now been installed at the Bolton Cross Traffic Lights.</p>	Sgt Casley to liaise with PC Lancaster
8.	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH</p> <p>Mr David ELLIS reported that the continuing problem of the absence of fencing in a section of Windmill Hill is still causing concern. There is still the potential danger of pedestrians falling down a 4 – 5 foot drop into brambles. CL stated that he believed a letter had been sent to the owners to reinstate the fence but he would chase this up. DE also informed the meeting that due to personal reasons, Mr John DALY had resigned from NHW and this Partnership committee.</p>	Cllr Lomas to chase
9.	<p>RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS</p> <p>Joan BLAKE stated she was pleased with the extra activity by Police following the recent burglaries at Broadsands. Another new</p>	

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	<p>neighbourhood watch system is being formed in the area as a result.</p> <p>Sgt C reported that the new fencing had been fitted in Broadsands car park in an effort to reduce ASB caused by boy racers and Mini Moto riders. The situation will be monitored. Work is in hand between the council and Police to provide Mini Motos with a facility where they can be legally used in Torbay.</p>	
10.	<p>CHAMBER OF TRADE</p> <p>Peter BUSHELL reported concerning the Brixham Sunday Markets on the Quay. He confirmed this was an ‘upmarket’ event comprising mainly of Collectors, antique, and farmer’s stalls. Initial feedback from local businesses has been mixed, but PB believes the market will do much to attract tourism to the area. The partnership unanimously gave it’s support for this initiative.</p>	
11.	<p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>No Representative present, however, it was reported that many local young persons have been working with Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust staff at Berry Head making repairs and clearing footpaths.</p> <p>Sgt C added that a claim had been submitted to Ward Partnerships to pay for tools and equipment for use by this dedicated and community aware group of youngsters connected with the Youth Enquiry Centre.</p>	
12.	<p>CULTURE / DIVERSITY</p> <p>No Representative present No Issues to report.</p>	
13.	<p>YOUTH ISSUES</p> <p>Chris GUY of Brixham YES (Youth Enquiry Service) reported that a recent Tea Dance organised by youngsters for the elderly was extremely successful. Approx 80 people attended the event and some great comments were made in respect of the dance. A second dance is already</p>	

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	<p>planned for the 3^d or 10th September, and this sort of event can only help bridge the gap between generations.</p> <p>CG reported that at long last, the plans for a new skateboard park had been granted planning permission at Monksbridge. The project is now in the design stage involving local young persons, and will soon go out to tender.</p> <p>CG also reported that young people are at an advanced stage in organising their annual fun family day which will be held at Furzham Green between 1pm and 9pm on 30th July. This is a family event and proceeds this year are being donated to the Womens refuge.</p> <p>Juliette ASHLEY of YISP (Youth Inclusion Support Project) introduced herself and spoke of the work of the project in Paignton. They work with youngsters aged 8 – 13yrs at risk of offending and take referral from any agency, and they can work with young people on a one to one basis. They work especially closely with Social Services and YOT (Youth Offending Team). Parenting workshops are also held.</p> <p>Sgt C reported that most grants submitted to Ward Partnerships from Brixham were youth related. In addition to those mentioned re tools for the youth volunteers, and also for the Football project at the Tennis courts, a grant has also been requested for fencing to secure the new Skateboard park at Galampton.</p>	
14	FAMILY AND SOCIAL ISSUES	
	<p>No representative present No issues to report</p>	
15	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	<p>The partnership unanimously agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Pat OSBORNE, the organiser of Brixham Heritage Week. The event was extremely successful, as were the impressive firework displays this year. CL agreed to prepare and send this letter.</p>	Cllr Lomas for letter

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16	<p>MH managed to plug the forthcoming Steam rally to be held on the market field at Churston on 5,6,7 August. This event is now one of the major events in Torbay's diary and raises a large amount of money for local charities.</p> <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 3rd October 2005 at 7pm, Brixham Police Station.</p>	