

## DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

### BRIXHAM WARD PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held at: Brixham Police Station at 7pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

Chairman: Cllr. Chris LOMAS

Secretary: Sgt Dave CASLEY

Attended by: Cllr Peter KILLICK, Cllr David BROWNE, Cllr Martyn HODGE, Christine GUY, Tracey BROOKS, Olive FARNHAM, Liz PHILLIPS, Cllr J DAVIS, Nick O'BRIEN, Megan HART, Helen BOYLES, Tracey CABACHE, PC Glenn CHAMBERS, PC Stuart MOORE

Apologies: Specials Sgt Paul ADDISON, Cllr Alan CRAIG, Lyn ARMSTRONG LILLEY, Janet BROWN, PC James BOWER

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	Prior to the opening of the meeting, the Chairman, on behalf of the WP, thanked Ian and Vanessa LORAN for the use of their premises and for their hospitality, and also Cllr Hodge for making the arrangements.	
1.	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b>  The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2005 were read. An amendment was made re item 5 para 3 concerning Olive Farnham. She was actually representing the WP at a budget meeting.	
2.	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>  <b>Recycling Bins</b> The unsightly large bins appeared to have disappeared from the town and harbourside areas, and no-one seems to know what happened to them. The issue of decorating the bins is however closed, but can be reopened should the bins reappear. Thanks go to the youth volunteers anyway for their offer of help	Matter resolved.
	<b>Windmill Hill</b> Regarding the wall missing from beside Windmill Hill revealing a drop down from the roadside. Cllr LOMAS stated this matter is now subject of legal proceedings against the property owners and	Matter Resolved.

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	<p>the gap has been temporarily barriered by the council. This could take a while but matter to be closed for now as in hand.</p> <p><b>Traffic matters</b> New traffic Orders in Furzham Green / school area have been opposed by some local residents. Cllr Hodge confirmed they have now gone through. Cllr Hodge gave brief details of the Windy Corner improvements. Two lanes would be created for Traffic from Brixham approaching the lights to try and ease congestion. An extra lane for Brixham bound traffic would be created via the first short part of Bascombe Lane. This will save too much encroachment onto the Common.</p>	<p>Matter Resolved</p>
3.	<p><b>TORBAY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK</b></p> <p>Tracey BROOKS was introduced to the partnership as the Senior Strategic Planner for Torbay Council. The Torbay Local development Network is involved in the forward planning for Torbay shaping it's future. Leaflets concerning the Framework were handed out and Tracey elaborated on the leaflet's comments. Tracey took many questions from the floor especially on the subject of the speed in processing planning applications. At the conclusion of her presentation, the Chairman thanked Tracey for her contribution.</p>	
4	<p><b>WARD PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE</b></p> <p>This item was dealt with later in the meeting as Tracey had to attend another WP meeting first. Tracey CABACHE gave a presentation as to what other WP' were doing and contributing with regards to the future of their areas. Representations regarding the Future of Torbay are to be received by the council by June, and it was suggested a special Partnership meeting to discuss a 'Vision of Brixham' for the Future</p>	

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involving all locally involved groups be held before then. It was agreed that the next Brixham WP meeting in May, which would also be the AGM, would have a short item agenda on which the future of Brixham will be the main topic.

Tracey also spoke of name changes to the Ward Partnerships which were being discussed. These name changes would probably be used across the Bay to give uniformity. The Brixham Partnership unanimously voted to recommend the name of just 'THE BRIXHAM PARTNERSHIP'. It was felt that the term 'Ward' confused some people and wasn't necessarily geographically correct, also, the name Partnership reflected the true nature of the work and membership. The partnership membership was also discussed and it was felt that a representative from the Brixham Does Care Organisation should be invited to meetings, also, possibly a representative of the Harbour/harbourmaster.

New Name for Partnership recommended

5. **POLICE REPORT**

A) Performance / Statistics

Sgt CASLEY reported that Brixham's Crime Figures were extremely good, with just one month to go of the 'performance year'. Burglary was down over 50%, a very significant drop. Violence was down as was Vehicle Crime and Total Crime.

Sgt C stressed that the vast majority of violence was either domestic related or juvenile, or young persons late at night involving alcohol. The incidents of 'Stranger Assault' in Brixham are extremely low indeed.

Following a question by the chairman, Sgt Casley confirmed that they had caught the person responsible for the string of damage caused over the period of a month last December, and he had been convicted to a community sentence having admitted some 46 offences. This reflected in this years figures which show Criminal Damage as the only volume crime showing a rise in Brixham.

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B) Sgt C stated that Targets for next year were being drawn up and confirmed the continued crackdown on burglars and offences of Dwelling Burglary. He also stated that Criminal Damage would be targetted heavily next year. Furthermore, an initiative will be run an efforts made to try and persuade more residents to become involved in the setting up af Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. He confirmed that one very active criminal had been captured as a direct result of Neighbourhood Watch in Broadsands, and info from a Furzeham Neighbourhood Watch had helped in the enquiry to convict the Criminal Damage Offender as above.

6. **FUNDING AND PROJECTS**

St Mary's Park

There would appear to be a problem with the project to provide football facilities to youths in St Mary's Park, esp in respect of the summer 5/6 a side football pitch for which funding of £1000 is in place.

(Megan Hart (Friends of St Marys Park Group) reported that this provision was not deemed feasible due to the annual rotating of the main football pitch at the site. The rotation would not leave enough area for another small summer pitch to be set up.

The removal of nets in the winter in the tennis courts would appear to have been agreed and the site will be used by the football club for training. The question of lighting was raised and it is believed that funding for this may have to be raised by the football club through other sources.

PC BOWER

Bearing in mind that the funding is in place – PC BOWER to liaise with Ian Williams to try and seek a solution for providing some sort of soccer facility for youngsters in the summer in the park.

Skateboard Park

Christine GUY was delighted to report that work on the new skateboard Park at Monksbridge has now started and funding is fully in place. The groundworks have been completed together with the surface and entrance – the equipment is now

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awaited for fitting. It is anticipated the Park will be open in time for the Easter Holidays. After many many years of waiting, this was tremendous news.

6. **WARD COUNCILLORS**

Cllr HODGE

States that a recent decision has been made to remove the bollard from the bottom of Fore Street. He confirmed that council wardens can issue tickets to vehicles driving in Fore Street in contravention of the traffic order.

Cllr Hodge / Sgt Casley  
Report on any problems and confirm lights reprogrammed

Sgt Casley stated he had his reservations re the removal of the bollard but his officers would do their best in enforcing the 'No Vehicles' offence when in the area. He sought an assurance that for safety reasons, the traffic lights at the top of Fore Street be programmed to allow release of 'trapped' vehicles in Fore Street, rather than them having to pass through a red light. Cllr Hodge confirmed this was in hand.

Cllr Hodge raised the problem of speeding traffic again in Gillard Road. Sgt C confirmed that a monitoring device for speed was due to be installed soon.

Sgt to report on monitor results

Cllr Hodge also reported that from time to time, children were causing a nuisance in congregating near the West Door of All Saints church. To be passed to NBM PC SWEATMAN to monitor any problems.

Cllr KILLICK

Cllr Killick confirmed there had been some realignment and reorientation of some of the properties on the new Sharkham Village site. He confirmed that this has been questioned by planners but on investigation found to be all in order.

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	<p data-bbox="435 268 584 300"><u>Cllr DAVIS</u></p> <p data-bbox="435 336 657 367">Nothing to Report</p>	
	<p data-bbox="435 409 630 441"><u>Cllr BROWNE</u></p> <p data-bbox="435 478 1044 646">Cllr Browne stated that the majority of the major roadworks in Dartmouth Road have now been completed – all that remains is completion of the parking areas and cycle lanes. These are still to be developed.</p> <p data-bbox="435 684 1044 989">Cllr Browne also raised the question as to whether a 20mph limit would be viable in Galmpton village. All agreed that there are considerable admin difficulties to be overcome to get such a limit. PC CHAMBERS confirmed it was not necessarily the actual speed which was excess in the village, but people driving at a speed unsuitable for the narrow lanes and prevailing conditions.</p>	
	<p data-bbox="435 1029 605 1060"><u>Cllr LOMAS</u></p> <p data-bbox="435 1098 1044 1192">Cllr LOMAS stated that a register of Voluntary Organisations in Brixham is being compiled and a link to it will soon be on the council website.</p>	
7.	<p data-bbox="435 1234 548 1266"><b>BASRA</b></p> <p data-bbox="435 1304 662 1335">Nothing to report.</p>	
8.	<p data-bbox="435 1371 849 1402"><b>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH</b></p> <p data-bbox="435 1440 1044 1503">No representative present and no issues raised other than as above in Police Report</p>	
9.	<p data-bbox="435 1545 764 1577"><b>CHAMBER OF TRADE</b></p> <p data-bbox="435 1614 1044 1883">Nick O'Brien stated the Chamber were still actively campaigning re the lack of Car Parking in Brixham, especially restrictions to Coach Parking. A public meeting on the subject is due to take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm at the Berry head Hotel. The fact that South West Water are limiting their work at Oxencove will help.</p>	

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	<p>Nick agreed the Park and Ride was a good thing but this did not help with coaches who are lacking suitable setting down points in the town.</p> <p>Nick stated that the monitoring of pollution especially in the Bolton Cross and Bank Lane areas is taking place. The area has been shown to be higher than normal, probably due to waiting HGV's and buses at the traffic lights.</p>	
10.	<p><b>RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS</b></p> <p>Helen Boyles (Galmpton) stated that the skateboard Park at Galmpton is being well used by local youngsters but that sustainability is proving to be the problem, especially insurance costs for the site. She confirmed this is a crucial local facility for the youngsters.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to approach local insurance Companies for sponsorship, also local companies. The site is in a prime location on the main road for advertising.</p>	
11.	<p><b>ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p>No representative present and no issues raised</p>	
12.	<p><b>CULTURE / DIVERSITY</b></p> <p>No Representative present No Issues to report.</p>	
13.	<p><b>YOUTH ISSUES</b></p> <p>Christine GUY reported that the Youth Volunteers are putting on the second Annual 'Brix' Awards night at the Berry Head Hotel on Wednesday. The first such night last year was a huge success and this one will be bigger and better. Local youths who have contributed to the community will be honoured on the night.</p> <p>The youth volunteers are to be involved in yet another Beach Clean' on the 11<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm at St Marys Beach.</p> <p>Christine also spoke of plans to create a new Nightstop Facility in the town to provide</p>	

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	<p>emergency accommodation support for 16 – 25yr olds. This initiative is still in it's early stages.</p> <p>Cllr Lomas advised that the Ark Youth Centre was to close as of next week due to being unable to afford the lease by the harbour. There will be meetings with Cllr Lomas to discuss options for young people.</p>	
14	<p><b>FAMILY / HEALTH AND SOCIAL ISSUES</b></p> <p>No representative present No issues to report</p>	
15	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There being no other business, the meeting was ended.</p>	
16	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 7pm. Location to be confirmed.</p> <p><b><u>NB The next meeting will be the AGM at which officers for the year 2006/7 will be elected (Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>The meeting will be well advertised and will be a limited agenda allowing discussion on the 'Vision of Brixham'</u></b></p>	