

DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

BRIXHAM PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held at: Brixham Police Station Monday 14th June 2004

Chairman: Cllr P. KILLICK (Voted as Temp chairman in absence of chair and deputy)

Secretary: Sgt Dave. CASLEY

Attended by: Cllr John Davis, Cllr Alan Craig, Yvonne Turner, Olive Farnham, Kirsty Passmore, Steve Ayres, Peter Bushell, David Ellis, John Daly, Specials Sgt Paul Addison

Apologies: Cllr Dave Brown, Cllr Chris Lomas, Insp Mark Backhouse, Sue Harrod.

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1	Yvonne Turner (representing Christians together in Brixham, and deputising for Sue Harrod) was welcomed to the meeting, as was Kirsty Passmore from the Safer Communities Office, Torbay.	
2	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were agreed to be an accurate record. There would appear to have been no circulation problems this time!	
3	MATTERS ARISING Parking on Harbour authority property Cllr LOMAS was not present to update the meeting on this issue but it is believed the matter is now well in hand and that action may be taken against offenders. Middle Street This matter is still being progressed but Mr Daly reported there still would appear to be a continuing problem. Sgt Casley confirmed that enforcement by the Traffic Warden is regular. 'L' Drivers at Broadsands Car Park This matter was raised by Derek Peters at the last meeting – it was confirmed that two schools have permission to use the car park for pre road training of students.	Cllr LOMAS

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4.	<p data-bbox="400 360 655 394">POLICE REPORT</p> <p data-bbox="400 439 1050 1016">Sgt Casley reported that work in respect of Anti Social Behaviour Problems continues in the St Marys area. He confirmed the new powers under S 30 ASB Act were now in force and being applied by officers. Liaison continues with the Hr Brixham Traders and residents in liaison with Clr Killick and Jim Lakeman (Torbay Council) Cllr Killick reported that improvements are being sought re lighting, and an extension to the Spar shop CCTV to give coverage of the square. Kirsty Passmore reported that almost certainly she could assist re the provision of the extra lighting from the Safer communities budget. This matter to be progressed and taken to the next meeting of the Hr Brixham Residents and Traders Ass'n.</p> <p data-bbox="400 1061 1050 1308">Sgt Casley reported that work towards the new Police town office continues and that the matter is now in the hands of the planning Dept. Concerning the refurbishment of the existing station, plans are at an advanced stage and a commencement of work is hoped by the Autumn.</p> <p data-bbox="400 1352 1050 1576">Sgt Casley reported that vehicle crime for Brixham was, so far this year, slightly down, though burglaries were up. He stated that work was being done to target four of our local burglars, and already, within a week, one had been arrested and recalled to prison.</p> <p data-bbox="400 1621 1050 2040">Finally, the problem of boy racers at Broadsands continues. Sgt Casley mentioned laws under the Police Reform Act where such driving, which leads to Anti Social behaviour and nuisance, could result in the Police executing powers which could result in the seizure of vehicles. PC Chambers is well aware of this problem and is monitoring the situation. This is in addition to the parking problems in the same area (Yellow Lines). Many tickets have been issued over the last 6 weeks and the law is being robustly administered.</p>	Sgt Casley Kirsty Passmore
		PC Chambers

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5.	<p data-bbox="400 327 743 353">WARD COUNCILLORS</p> <p data-bbox="400 398 1050 757">Cllr CRAIG – Nothing to raise, however, at the last meeting, Cllr Craig raised the issue of the Bollard at the bottom of Fore Street. Sgt Casley was of the understanding, as were others at the meeting, that the Harbourmaster’s office had taken on the responsibility of removing and placing the bollard as required. It was noted that this does not appear to have started yet and it was requested a query be made with the harbourmaster as to the current situation.</p> <p data-bbox="400 801 1050 1014">Cllr Davis commented on the children’s play area at St Marys and that it was in urgent need of refurbishment. He was advised that Sue Cheriton is working on this subject and may have money available. Cllr Davis to follow this up.</p> <p data-bbox="400 1059 1050 1350">Cllr Killick reported re obstructions to traffic due to poor parking in the wider part of Knick Knack Lane. Double Yellow Lines could solve this problem and it was confirmed an application had been made. On the subject of Double Yellows, Cllr Davis confirmed that a review of the Eden Park area and the associated parking issues is currently being conducted.</p>	<p data-bbox="1107 398 1249 432">Sgt Casley</p> <p data-bbox="1075 801 1217 831">Cllr Davis.</p>
6.	<p data-bbox="400 1391 1050 1603">BASRA – Olive Farnham reported that PC Bob Alcock was going to check on whether the layby in Bellever Tor Drive was an official bus stop or not, as the Alansway bus is using it which causes problems. PC Alcock to establish situation and report direct to Basra.</p>	PC Alcock
7.	<p data-bbox="400 1648 820 1675">NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH</p> <p data-bbox="400 1720 1050 2040">David Ellis updated the meeting on issues he had previously raised. There is no update on the matter of Windmill Hill being made a one way system. Cllr Hodge was working on this. DE further raised the subject of fencing missing at the bottom of Windmill Hill. A report from Cllr LOMAS is awaited. The blocked gullies in Cavern Hill have been cleared!</p>	<p data-bbox="1107 1720 1249 1753">Cllr Hodge</p> <p data-bbox="1107 1753 1249 1787">Cllr Lomas</p>

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	<p>John Daly raised the problem of youngsters causing a nuisance in both the Town Square, and at the bottom of Ranscombe Road. He queried whether this was a displacement of youths from St Marys Square. Sgt Casley confirmed he was aware of the problems....re King St and Ranscombe Road, PC THOMAS has already dealt firmly with some issues there and one youngster, considered to be one of the ringleaders has been dealt with.</p>	
	<p>The situation in the Town Square is being monitored – it is not a displacement from St Marys. Police have more options to deal with offenders in the square due to the presence of bye laws and with the assistance of the presence of CCTV. Pc THOMAS has liaised with the principal complainants and will continue to deal with these matters on his return from Leave at the beginning of July.</p>	PC Thomas
	<p>John Daly further raised the problem of buses parking too close to the junction with the car park in Bank Lane. Olive Farnham also agreed that there were problems for pedestrians trying to cross the road at this point. Though it was appreciated that considerable redevelopment is imminent for this area, it was felt as a matter of priority that perhaps railings could be erected to ‘channel’ pedestrians to a suitable crossing point. Cllr Davis to look at the possibilities of this proposed solution.</p>	Cllr Davis
	<p>Finally, David Ellis spoke of the excellent NHW system in Brixham and confirmed the Association of Coordinators was the only one in Torbay. There are 34 active schemes in the Brixham area, and anyone wishing to set up a scheme, or requiring more information, should contact either himself or PC Tim Brooks in the Torquay Police Crime reduction Office.</p>	
9.	CHAMBER OF TRADE	
	<p>Peter Bushell queried whether the Brixham Partnership meeting was operating correctly and</p>	Sgt Casley

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	<p>whether the necessary representation was now present. Sgt Casley reported there had been difficulties attracting representation from Health, and that the meeting had already new members representing environment and the local churches. Representation from a Housing Association was due to be present at this meeting but this did not materialise. It was agreed that Insp Broad should be invited to our next meeting to review our progress in line with the LSP plan.</p>	Cllr Killick
	<p>Peter Bushell, responding to a query from John Daly re Litter from Takeaway outlets, suggested that more 'gull proof' litter bins could be supplied in the Strand area. The matter was also raised for small signs to be placed eg 'Keep Brixham Tidy.' Cllr KILLICK would look into these matters and the question as to whether sponsorship for increased bins could be a possibility.</p>	
10.	<p>ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Steve Ayres thanked Police for attention re the problems of fly tipping and also Motorcycles in the Berry Head and Sharkham areas. The problem was sporadic not regular at present.</p> <p>He further mentioned some incidents of partying in the Grove and Churston Cove areas (bbq's etc). This was not a great problem at present but is being monitored by rangers.</p> <p>The development at the Dolphin Site was discussed at length especially regarding the removal of 91 trees at the site which had to come down after being condemned. It was confirmed that the developers are to replace these as well as many others which appear on the plans for the site – all mixed species.</p>	
11.	<p>BRIXHAM CHURCHES</p> <p>Yvonne Turner spoke of the success of the CTIB (Christians Together In Brixham) and of the well attended Open Air Service at Pentecost in the Town Square. She confirmed all Brixham</p>	

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churches are now involved with the CTIB.

On the earlier subject of St Marys Square, she agreed there had been a considerable improvement in behaviour outside the church grounds and within the graveyard.

12. SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

Sgt Addison reported that as a direct result of the recent recruiting drive for specials, there has been a new recruit who has joined the local Specials and he is currently undergoing training.

Sgt Casley took the opportunity to publicly thank Sgt Addison and Special Constable BOWDEN for their assistance, especially in respect of the work they have done towards the Anti Social Hotspots in the brixham area.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting was set for 7pm on Tuesday 7th September 2004.

The meeting was concluded at 9.10pm.