

DEVON AND CORNWALL CONSTABULARY

BRIXHAM WARD PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Held at: Brixham Town Hall at 7pm Monday 5th June 2006.

Chairman: Cllr. Martyn HODGE

Secretary: Sgt Dave CASLEY

Attended by: Cllr David BROWNE, Megan HART, Tracey CABACHE, Lynne ARMSTRONG LILLEY, Christine GUY, Richard TAYLOR, Insp Mark BACKHOUSE, Specials Sgt Paul ADDISON.

Apologies: Cllr Peter KILLICK, Cllr J DAVIS, Cllr Alan CRAIG, Cllr Chris LOMAS, Avis BRUTEN, Olive FARNHAM, PC Glenn CHAMBERS, Brixham Does Care.

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1.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 24 th April 2006 were read and agreed to be an accurate record.	
2.	MATTERS ARISING Naming of new Estate currently known by the developers as Sharkham, and the naming of the roads – No update as Cllrs KILLICK and DAVIS both unable to be at this meeting.	Cllr KILLICK Cllr DAVIS
	Update re Churchill Court Flats – Cllr LOMAS not at this meeting	Cllr LOMAS
	Sgt CASLEY reported that the suggested Yellow box markings at the bottom of Windmill Hill at the junction of Bolton Street have already been placed thanks to a phone call by Cllr LOMAS. The job was completed along with the planned resurfacing of the road.	Discharged.
	Ref the parking area outside the chemists – Sgt CASLEY has not yet liaised with PC LANCASTER the Road Safety Officer but will do so in due course.	Sgt CASLEY
	Sgt CASLEY to liaise with Christine GUY re the	

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	<p>Youth awareness display re youth organisations offering facilities and activities for the local young persons population. It was suggested this might be done in conjunction with the Fun Day being organised by Youth volunteers from YES in the summer.</p> <p>Invite to Brixham Does Care to these meetings. This invite has been extended and copies of minutes and agenda handed out. BDC will be attending the next meeting but unfortunately had to pass their apologies for tonight.</p>	<p>Sgt CASLEY Chris GUY</p> <p>Discharged.</p>
3.	<p>WARD PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE</p> <p>Tracey Cabache reported that a plan of action was emerging in respect of the Local plan for the future of Brixham. In order to prevent any duplication, the plan will be based on that which Brixham 21 committee have worked so hard. It was agreed that the Ward Partnership will facilitate a focused meeting to endorse the Brixham 21 plan as the basis for a submission to the Baywide Community Plan. It is planned to hold this meeting in early July and Tracey produced a list of persons it was suggested were invited. The partnership agreed this was a suitable way forward and thanked Tracey for her work on this matter.</p>	<p>Tracey Cabache to arrange invites and meeting to discuss Community Plan submission.</p>
4	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>Sgt CASLEY reported to the meeting Crime Statistics for the first two months of this year. He was pleased to report that total crime was on a par with last year (Last year being a very low figure), and that, despite a massive decrease in dwelling burglary last year, unexpectedly the figure continues to drop even further this year with a further reduction in burglary of over 40%. Criminal Damage continues to be a concern but there are no patterns emerging at present. Vehicle crime and violent crime are also up on last year, but again it was stressed how comparatively low these figures actually are. Staff changes – The enquiry officer at the Town</p>	

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	<p>office, Pete GISBORNE has retired and his place has been taken by ex Traffic Warden Ged STONE who many local people will know. Town Centre Neighbourhood Beat Manager PC Stuart MOORE has moved to Cornwall and his area will, for the time being be covered by PC's Stu SWEATMAN and James BOWER, who will be sharing responsibility for the Town centre area.</p> <p>Sgt CASLEY also spoke of the recent Hi Profile drugs raids in the town. Again he stressed there was no worse problem with drugs in Brixham than anywhere else, but a show of force on that day was an indication that we are dealing with intelligence which we receive, and the operation sent a message to the dealers that we will not tolerate such activity in our town.</p> <p>Finally, an update on the building works at Rea Barn Police Station – works are on time and due to finish at the end of August. The next meeting of the partnership can be held there if required.</p>	
5.	<p>WARD COUNCILLORS</p> <p><u>Cllr BROWNE</u></p> <p>Reported problems with youths who congregate on the bench outside Broadhaven. Causes disturbance to local residents and also difficulties for the staff in Broadhaven itself.</p> <p>Sgt CASLEY will raise a problem profile and pass it to PC Glenn CHAMBERS for monitoring and any action. To report back to next meeting.</p>	<p>Sgt CASLEY PC CHAMBERS</p>
7.	<p>BASRA</p> <p>No representative present, but Sgt CASLEY reported concerning the speeding issue which had been previously brought up by BASRA in Gillard Road. He reported that speed monitoring equipment had been in place for a period of two weeks and very little speeding was indeed evident. The main problem time was between 3pm and 4pm on weekdays, and that only</p>	<p>Discharged.</p>

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	<p>showed two or three instances on some of the days. The results do not justify any remedial or targeted action, but when the speed gun was next being used locally, it would be deployed to the location, amongst other local areas.</p>	
8.	NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH	
	<p>No representative present and no issues raised.</p>	
9.	CHAMBER OF TRADE	
	<p>No Rep present</p>	
10.	RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS	
	<p>No reps present</p>	
11.	ENVIRONMENT / PARKS	
	<p>Lynne ARMSTRONG-LILLEY reported that the Friends of Furzeham Green now had 68 fully paid up members and that they had recently had a successful AGM at which Mayor Nick BYE was in attendance and answered questions. Lynne raised the subject of the applications pending by the council concerning licensing on the Green. She was concerned that if granted, the council could potentially hold all sorts of events on the Green. Megan HUNT was also concerned as the same application was being made for St Mary's Park. Sgt CASLEY stated he believed these were mass applications for all council spaces where entertainment may take place and were not with any specific event in mind. It was further believed that should a larger event be proposed then consultation would be sought with local residents and groups. It was also noted that the council application did not include alcohol provision – this would have to be a separate application for a specific event (Subsequent enquiries have confirmed this and local residents / groups are advised to make objections at an early stage if the application is</p>	

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	<p>felt excessive in any way, especially where crime and disorder or an increase in public nuisance is a possible result.) nb: Cllr BROWNE took no part whatsoever in this discussion.</p>	
	<p>Megan HUNT expressed her concerns re the extended Happnin' event at St Mary's Park. This year it is being extended into Friday evening. Sgt CASLEY stated the Police had been approached but were unable to object to the extension of the event as there had previously been no problems, however, this year's event was being monitored closely, and any further request to extend the event may well incur a requirement to contribute to Policing costs.</p>	
	<p>Lynne further reported that an application for additional facilities at the Battery Gardens Heritage Centre appeared to have become bogged down in bureaucracy somewhere and she is concerned that grant funding may be lost if a decision has not been made. It was advised she should refer this matter to her councillor Chris LOMAS, but Tracey Cabache stated she too would chase the application to find out what has happened.</p>	<p>Cllr LOMAS Tracey CABACHE</p>
12.	<p>CULTURE / DIVERSITY No Representative present No Issues to report.</p>	
13.	<p>YOUTH ISSUES</p> <p>Christine GUY was pleased to report that the new Skateboard Park Has finally been opened, the official opening day being Bank Holiday Monday the 29th May.</p> <p>There have been a couple of teething problems – reports of skateboarders venturing into private driveways in new Road had been received by the Police. This matter was referred to Christine Guy who has spoken with the resident.</p> <p>The park appears to be being 'policed' by the youths themselves. Youths have already been enforcing a 'no alcohol' rule. A way of enforcing rules or dealing with unacceptable behaviour is</p>	<p>Sgt CASLEY Christine GUY</p>

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	<p>being considered by the youths with possible suspensions or exclusions from the park being a possibility.</p> <p>A Problem profile will be raised for PC Stuart SWEATMAN to monitor behaviour both at the park and to and fro – to report back to next meeting.</p> <p>In answer to a query as to whether there had been any Graffiti problems at the park, Christine confirmed that they had not, and added that plans were in hand for a ‘graffiti wall to be erected in the park.</p> <p>Christine further reported that the Youth Volunteers were involved in organising another beach Clean, and also a repeat of the tea Dance they staged late last year. They are also in the process of involving another Fun Day (Held at Furzham Green last year) with the likely location this year being Brixham Rugby Club.</p>	PC Stuart SWEATMAN
14	FAMILY / HEALTH AND SOCIAL ISSUES No representative present	
15	ANY OTHER BUSINESS There being no other business, the meeting was ended.	
16	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 2 nd October 2006 at 7pm at the newly refurbished Conference Room, Police Station, Rea Barn Close, Brixham.	