

Minutes of the Brixham Annual Parish Meeting held in the Function Hall of Brixham Town Hall on 28th March 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Town Council Chairperson Cllr J Regan and Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk.

Attending: 15 members of the public.

19/001 Introduction by the Chairperson of Brixham Town Council.

Chairperson, Cllr J Regan, welcomed everyone to the Brixham Annual Parish Meeting.

19/002 To accept any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Town Councillors P Addison and J Stockman as well as S Laurie and A Billings.

19/003 To accept the minutes of the last annual parish meeting held on 22.03.18.

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 22.03.18 were confirmed and signed as a true and correct record.

19/004 To hear the Police Report.

PC D Thomas gave details of the latest statistics for the year compared to the previous year. A copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Residents had the opportunity to ask questions. Questions asked related to:

Shop Lifting and how offenders are charged and the comparison against other towns

Cllrs Haddock and Ellery thanked the Police for the work they do.

19/005 To receive a presentation on the work of Brixham Theatre CIO.

Cllr Regan welcome one of the Trustees from the Brixham Theatre CIO to present the work that the Theatre are doing, their achievements and the work they plan for the future.

Eleanor informed everyone about how the group were started to setting up the CIO in May 2018. There are 6 trustees which are backed up by a further 12 people on the Committee. All of which are volunteers. They have 51 active volunteers and it continues to grow. They have retained all of the original volunteers who worked in the Theatre. They keep the volunteers up to date with fire training, dementia awareness, health and safety etc. They are hoping to hold a recruitment drive which will follow with a skills audit to see where there are gaps in the skills they need to run a theatre.

Since May they have put on a variety of shows and have shows booked for the future. They are booking national acts as well as local acts and are trying to encourage visitors to purchase tickets in advance rather than on the night.

Brixham Theatre CIO are working with local charities, children's group and local schools. They advised that the funding from Brixham Town Council in the first year has helped, but they still have some challenges ahead of them, one being finance. They are running on tight margins due to only receiving 20% of the ticket sales and are mindful that they will have to pay rent and insurance, which was covered by Brixham Town Council in their first year.

They are discussing with the Town Council their tenure and they are keen to safeguard a long period to secure future bookings and grant / funding opportunities. They have a positive relationship with the Town Council and because of this, they are where they are now.

Residents had the opportunity to ask questions.

Cllr Ellery thanked Brixham Theatre CIO for all the work they had done over the last 12 months. Cllr Morey advised he remembered the old theatre and recognise the need for encouraging visitors to watch shows at the Theatre.

19/006 Brixham Torbay Ward Councillors session.

A3022 Works

Cllr Haddock advised that the contractors are currently running about six months behind schedule which is now due to be finished by July 2019. The project is over budget and the Local Enterprise Partnerships have granted the shortfall. He advised that all Torbay Councillors are frustrated.

Cllr Haddock also advised that the A3022 / A379 "Windy Corner" works are currently running one week late and that a temporary footpath has been laid for the residents of Churston.

TOR2

Cllr Haddock reported that TOR2 were recently fined due to the non-collection of waste just after Christmas.

Brixham Harbour

Cllr Ellery reported the outcome of his meeting with the Ministry regarding the northern arm. The Ministry advised that they hope to include the funding in the autumn budget setting. If the work takes place, Brixham will become the largest shellfish distribution town. Residents asked questions on the draft plans.

Town Centre Regeneration

Cllr Ellery reported that Torbay Council are also considering plans for the Town Centre redevelopment and Torbay will consult with the community in due course.

Brixham Fire Station

Cllr Ellery advised the plans for the new fire station.

High Street Community Led Clean-up

Cllr Morey advised that Torbay Council had been offered £23,709 from the Ministry for a High Street Community Led Clean-up. Brixham was asked to put in a bid and the Town Council has secured £7,900 of the funding, which is approximately a third of the funding.

Community Governance Review

Cllr Morey reported to the meeting about the Town Council consultation that Torbay Council has recently carried out. He went on to advise Torbay Council will consider and evaluate the results of the consultation.

Sanctuary Housing

Cllr Haddock reported that Brixham was on Channel 4 Dispatches because of the poor service that they had received from Sanctuary Housing. He advised that Torbay Council cannot close charitable organisations such as housing associations but they do have the power to do this for private landlords. The Government is the only body that can do this.

Neighbourhood Referendum

Cllr Haddock reminded everyone that the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum takes place on 2nd May. He advised that the Neighbourhood Plan takes priority over the Torbay Council Local

Plan until after the plan has been reviewed. Cllr Morey advised that he is supportive of the neighbourhood plan and encouraged the electorate to go and vote.

19/008 An opportunity for the electors of the Parish to raise any matters of interest that relate to the Parish of Brixham.

No further matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairperson..... Date.....



Crimes Recorded - 01/04/2018 to 27/03/2019 -

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/04/2018 to 27/03/2019	Recorded Crime 01/04/2017 to 27/03/2018	Recorded Crime % Difference
Homicide	1	0	-
Violence with Injury	152	121	25.6%
Violence without Injury	305	245	24.5%
Rape	15	18	-16.7%
Other Sexual Offences	32	43	-25.6%
Robbery	3	1	200.0%
Burglary Dwelling	22	35	-37.1%
Burglary Non-Dwelling	25	34	-28.5%
Vehicle Offences	33	51	-35.3%
Shoplifting	25	41	-39.0%
Other Theft	90	115	-14.8%
Criminal Damage	173	166	4.2%
Public Order Offences	93	72	29.2%
Possession of Weapons	12	0	100.0%
Trafficking of Drugs	12	9	33.3%
Possession of Drugs	34	24	41.7%
Other Offences	18	35	-48.6%
Total	1054	1016	3.7%
Non Notifiable Offences	58	57	3.0%



Crimes Recorded - 01/01/2019 to 27/03/2019 -

Offence	Recorded Crime 01/01/2019 to 27/03/2019	Recorded Crime 01/01/2018 to 27/03/2018	Recorded Crime % Difference
	1	0	-
Violence with Injury	32	20	60.0%
Violence without Injury	74	64	15.6%
Rape	4	8	-33.3%
Other Sexual Offences	3	7	-57.1%
Robbery	1	0	-
Burglary Dwelling	6	7	-14.3%
Burglary Non-Dwelling	4	4	0.0%
Vehicle Offences	12	8	50.0%
Shoplifting	4	3	33.3%
Other Theft	13	24	-45.8%
Criminal Damage	39	33	18.2%
Public Order Offences	23	11	109.1%
Possession of Weapons	4	0	-
Trafficking of Drugs	2	1	100.0%
Possession of Drugs	13	6	116.7%
Other Offences	4	9	-55.6%
Total	239	203	17.7%
Non Habitable Offences	12	19	-36.8%