



## Brixham Town Council

### Minutes of the virtual Meeting of the Planning and Regeneration Committee held by ZOOM on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 2.00pm

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs D Blackmore, E Hoggart, S Leech, A Massey (VC) & J Regan.
<b>In attendance</b>	Linda McGuirk, Deputy Town Clerk, Simon Hiatt, Admin Assistant, Cllrs Haddock, Laurie, Hannaby, Borthwick, Addison, Giles. Ward Cllr Mills, SGT Ed Thomas and Neighbourhood Officer Pete Randall of Devon & Cornwall Police
<b>Welcome</b>	Cllr Massey opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
<b>Public questions</b>	No members of the public attended the meeting

<b>21021</b>	<b>Election of a Chairperson</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to appoint Cllr Massey as chairperson. It was decided not to elect a vice-chairperson due to the pending Annual meeting.
<b>21022</b>	<b>Apologies for absence through the Clerk</b> None.
<b>21023</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.</b> No declarations
<b>21024</b>	<b>To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on 01.02.21 &amp; 01.03.21</b> The minutes of the meetings held on the 01.02.21 & 01.03.21 were <b>resolved</b> and signed as a correct record.
<b>21025</b>	<b>Highways</b> To discuss highways issues with a representative of Brixham Police.  Cllr Blackmore discussed issues around town centre parking and a lack of available parking which pushes visitors to park in residential areas.  Cllr Hoggart expressed concerns about Great Rea Road and Higher Ranscombe Road being subject to illegal parking by holiday makers. Advising she had received complaints from residents about visitor vehicles obstructing driveways and parking illegally, further adding this leads to altercations that have required police attendance.  Cllr Hoggart requested the Police allocate a day of high profile enforcement.

Cllr Haddock asked the SGT, how the Police will address;

- Parking on junctions?
- Speed hazards?
- Vehicles parked against traffic?

**SGT Thomas** – advised a Community Speed Watch initiative was being organised and they were looking to start tackling parking issues in the Summer when it is expected to get busy with lockdown lifting. He also confirmed he was very happy to attend Council meetings in the future to provide regular updates.

Cllr Addison asked for clarification on what powers the Police have on parking?

**SGT Thomas** – Police have no powers on basic parking issues, double yellow line offences etc. It is the responsibility of Torbay Parking Enforcement.

Police have powers over wilful obstruction and dangerous parking (parking on junctions). Officers based in Brixham are Torbay bound with only 2 neighbourhood officers. Explaining that many of the issues in Brixham raised by Cllrs are the responsibility of Torbay Parking Enforcement.

Cllr Massey asked how many officers we have in Brixham?

**SGT Thomas** – Explained there are 2 based in Brixham and 15 response officers, they are directed to where the need is.

Cllr Blackmore raised concerns regarding vehicles in Fore Street, advising he had reported numerous offences to the Police and asked who controls the CCTV cameras in Fore Street?

**SGT Thomas** – confirmed he and his officers can police this area if offenders are in breach of road signs. He explained that he is happy to allocate a day of action in Fore Street to clamp down and show a presence to discourage drivers from entering the area. He advised reporting through the Police website and click on the neighbourhood link and upload photos there. This means the offences will get directly reported to them and not central HQ in Plymouth. He confirmed Torbay Council control the CCTV and Police liaise with them regularly.

Cllr Leech expressed concern that Higher Ranscombe Road had become a speeding hot spot.

Cllr Hannaby asked about ongoing problems he and other businesses in Brixham have experienced with mopeds? asking where these should be reported?

**SGT Thomas** – confirmed the best way to report offences of this type was via Devon & Cornwall Police website and contact the Neighbourhood team with pictures.

	<p>The Police representatives left the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Blackmore delivered various options from his earlier presentation to Cllrs. They were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of Controlled Parking Zones within a 10 minute walking zone of the Town Centre to make visitors use Town Centre car parks</li> <li>• Cost effective parking permits for Town Centre workers</li> <li>• Signage to improve directing traffic away from the central car parking areas</li> <li>• Provision of electrical vehicle charging points in Town Centre</li> <li>• Increase capacity of Town Centre parking with a multi-storey car park with a roof used as a social area</li> <li>• Flexible multi region parking area, short term, public long term, and an area for town workers</li> </ul> <p>At the request of the Chair, the Deputy Town Clerk read emails received from Torbay Council Parking Services and Highways officers.</p> <p>Cllr Giles reflected on the emails and believes Brixham Town Council (BTC) discusses with Torbay council installing parking meters that BTC could receive some of the income from, adding residents should have free parking.</p> <p>Cllr Hannaby stated parking for residents and workers in Brixham is a real problem and CPZ's are the way forward. Suggesting BTC take over parking in Brixham with income used to fund future parking improvements?</p> <p>It was <b>resolved to</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrange a meeting with Torbay Council Parking Services and Highways to discuss issues.</li> <li>• Set up a Transport Task &amp; Finish Group (from May) to start working collaboratively with Torbay on the town centre proposals.</li> <li>• Appoint a Councillor to lead on Speed Watch and act as Police liaison.</li> </ul>
<p><b>21026</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Application</b></p> <p>Members discussed planning application P/2021/0071. It was unanimously agreed the original recommendation should remain in place and that full consideration of the Neighbourhood Plan had been taken into consideration.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> to continue with the original recommendation of no objection.</p> <p>Appendix 1, attached to these minutes.</p>

<b>21027</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> It was noted that the next meeting date is to be held 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021.
<b>21028</b>	<b>Items for future agendas</b> Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to raise items for future agendas

<b>Item</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>
Town Centre Regeneration	Ongoing agenda item	All
CIL & S106	Ongoing agenda item	All
BPNF	Update and next steps	Cllr Hoggart
Middle Street Signage & Promotion		Cllr Leech
Highways	Discussion with Highways and Parking Services	All

The meeting closed at ...15.55pm

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

Appendix 1.

## Planning Applications Considered

Applications considered on 18-3-21

<b>1</b>	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>Additional Reference</i>		<i>BTC Councillor</i>
	2021/0071	P-09429380		Committee
<i>Applicant</i>		<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Locality</i>
Mr Steve Wills		Eastleigh House	Bascombe Road	
<i>Town</i>		<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>Application date</i>
Brixham		Devon	TQ5 0JX	18/01/21
<b>Construction of detached 4-bed dwelling with garage within grounds.</b>				

*Comment*

**18.03.21 No Objection**

**01.03.21 Defer decision**

Residents have asked BTC to re visit the application due to the developmentt being advertised incorrectly. It was resolved to defer responding to the application and to monitor the public comments before making a decision.

**01.02.21 No objection**