



# Brixham Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Brixham Town Council held at Brixham Town Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6.00pm

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs P Addison (C), D Blackmore, D Giles, R Haddock, E Hoggart (VC), S Leech, A Massey and J Regan
<b>In attendance</b>	Tracy Hallett, Town Clerk; Ward Councillors Morey and Stockman, Anthony Mangnell MP, and two members of the public.
<b>Presentation</b>	A representative from the Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust presented their building a brighter future project. Councillors were also given an opportunity to ask questions.
<b>Welcome</b>	<p>Representatives of the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum addressed the Council and advised that they did not feel the Terms of Reference addressed the needs of their community and were unhappy with the proposals.</p> <p>Anthony Mangnall MP addressed the Council and congratulated the Council for all the hard work it has done over the pandemic. He further went on to outline some of the issues that will be likely to affect the Community for the foreseeable future including Transport, Levelling Up fund and Planning / Neighbourhood Planning including the need to address second homes.</p> <p>Councillor Addison opened the meeting.</p>
<b>21081</b>	<b>Apologies for absence through the Clerk.</b> Apologies were received from: Cllr Borthwick, who was self-isolating; and Cllr Laurie, for family reasons
<b>21082</b>	<b>To confirm and sign the minutes as a true record of the meetings held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021.</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 were <b>resolved</b> and signed as a correct record: 21064: Move paragraph 1 under paragraph 4. 21068: Last sentence change “at the end of the year” to “by the end of the year”.
<b>21083</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None.
<b>21084</b>	<b>Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust ‘Building a brighter Future’</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to support the application.  It was agreed that a further response should be sent to them to ask what the Trust are doing to support staffing levels and the waiting lists.

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### **Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Giles addressed Members and noted that the Town Council had not been as active as it could have been in the past with the Neighbourhood Plan. However, the draft terms of references ensures that all parts of the community are addressed whether from the parish area or the non parish area.

Cllr Morey addressed the Council and stated that there needs to be a co-ordinated approach and strongly urged the Town Council not to consider their plan in isolation.

Cllr Haddock raised concerns that the gateway to Brixham is at risk which affects the unparished area of the plan. He suggested that the Terms of Reference is adopted and allow the Chair of the Planning and Regeneration Committee to work with the members of the plan group and if tweaks are necessary, bring them back to Council to consider.

Cllr Blackmore advised that he had attended a HELAA meeting and is concerned on the totality of the sites and welcomed support from the unparished area and was keen to see their representation at the Town Council's Committee meetings.

A vote took place on the following motion:

In accordance with its policy that all working groups of Brixham Town Council shall be redesignated as Task and Finish Groups, it is recommended that members revoke minute 11075, dated 23rd June 2011, that set up the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Forum, rename it as the Brixham Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan Task and Finish Group and adopt the new Terms of Reference attached to the agenda of this meeting.

*Proposed by: Cllr D Giles; Seconded by: Cllr S Leech*

Vote: 7 For; 0 Against; 1 Abstention

The motion was carried.

*It was **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders to allow representatives of the Neighbourhood Forum to address the Council.*

The representative raised concerns that:

- Unparished representatives on the Town Council's Planning and Regeneration Committee did not have a vote.
- The terms of reference did not give the group an opportunity to review the plan or policies to be in line with Torquay and Paignton's review
- A Town Councillor did not feel there was a need to review the plan at this stage

The representative was advised that non Councillor members on Committees cannot legally have voting rights in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and that all Town Councillors understand the need to refresh the plan.

Members considered the views of the representatives and **agreed** to proceed with their decision to adopt the Terms of Reference and monitor the success

	<p>of it over the next six months. Thereby enabling the neighbourhood plan to be reviewed in line with Torquay and Paigntons.</p> <p><i>It was <b>resolved</b> to reinstate Standing Orders.</i></p> <p><i>It was <b>resolved</b> to extend the meeting for a further 15 minutes.</i></p>
<b>21086</b>	<p><b>Alternations to UK Parliamentary Constituencies</b> Cllr Haddock proposed that the constituency's name is changed to South Devon.</p> <p>Vote: 7 For; 0 Against; 1 Abstention The motion was carried.</p>
<b>21087</b>	<p><b>Churchyard Closure</b> Whilst Brixham Town Council has the power to provide burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria, it was <b>resolved</b> that Brixham Town Council advise Brixham Mission Community that it does not want to take on the maintenance responsibilities and thereby all responsibilities fall to Torbay Council.</p> <p>Vote: 8 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstention The motion was carried.</p> <p>It is further recommended that Brixham Town Council continue to work with Torbay Council and urge them to find a satisfactory solution to the increasing issue of lack of availability for interment grounds.</p>
<b>21088</b>	<p><b>Banks</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to defer the agenda item to the next meeting. It was agreed to consider an infrastructure review as part of the Community Recovery Plan.</p>
<b>21089</b>	<p><b>Policies</b></p> <p>a) It was <b>resolved</b> that the changes to the following policies are approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Press and Media</li> <li>ii. Social Media</li> <li>iii. Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption</li> <li>iv. Complaints Policy</li> <li>v. Gifts and Hospitality</li> </ul> <p>b) It was <b>resolved</b> that the proposed amendments to the following policies were approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Financial Regulations</li> <li>ii. Standing Orders</li> </ul>
<b>21090</b>	<p><b>Ward Councillors Reports</b> There were no Ward Councillors present at this stage of the meeting.</p>

<b>21091</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> It was noted the date of the next meeting is scheduled for 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 6pm.
<b>21092</b>	<b>Items for future agenda</b> Each Councillor is requested to use this opportunity to raise items for future agendas, giving details of why the Council should consider the item.
<b>21093</b>	<b>Exclusion of press and public</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to exclude the press and public
<b>21094</b>	<b>Confidential Notes</b> It was <b>resolved</b> to approve the confidential notes dated 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The meeting closed at 20:14

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