

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7.30pm

Questions from the Public Complaints had been made that hand-made ‘children playing’ signs had been erected in the village, one of which was propped up in the road with a wheelie bin. This was distracting and a hazard, and the Clerk would write to the families involved, suggesting they discuss arrangements with the Parish Council. She would ask DCC Highways whether new signs would appropriate, and Cllr Steer confirmed that Locality funding may be available.

District Cllr Steer reported that a Local Authority Controlled Company was still being considered, but was of the opinion that alternative arrangements should be considered to generate income towards the provision of frontline services.

County Cllr Vint submitted a report concerning his approach to the affordable housing consultation, the future of health services in Devon and the DCC energy policy. He detailed items of concern in Totnes.

Councillors expressed disappointment that Cllr Vint was unable to provide Locality funding towards improvements in the playing field.

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Hill, Lethbridge, Parker Davidson & Peach; 1 member of public

17.001 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Crocker

17.002 To note declarations of interest and Dispensations in items on the Agenda None

17.003 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 6.12.16, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

17.004 Planning Applications

1. Householder application for provision of 2-bay heritage garage and lockable store at Butterdon Lodge, Diptford Ref 3960/16/HHO Mr & Mrs J Parker **Support**
2. Erection of agricultural building at Lower Larcombe, Diptford Ref 4076/16/FUL Mr J Foale **Site meeting**

Planning Correspondence

2. SHDC: Stert Cottage – No breach of planning control for wall removal

17.005 Playing Field

1. Diptford Amenity Trust Acc 02042009 £8595.16; Acc 00196602 £135.44
2. Concern was expressed that £2500 TAP funding would be lost if a claim was not submitted by mid-February. The Clerk would consult SHDC about extending the TAP deadline and request a quote from Rhinoplay to renovate the existing climbing frame. Amenity Trust funding would make up any shortfall. Mike Cox & Charlie Eyston would be invited to the February Parish Council Meeting to discuss maintenance funding arrangements.

17.006 P3, footpaths & highways The Clerk would request additional street lighting on the lane leading to the village hall

17.007 Finance

1. Cheques approved for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0777	S Woodman – Dec pay		172.63
0778	S Woodman – Travel £40.50, Office £33.67		74.17
0779	HMRC (PAYE)		129.40
0780	SLCC membership		33.00
0781	Citizens Advice South Hams		100.00
Receipts			
BGC	Santander – Interest Dec		0.09

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 23.11.16	4221.85
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	857.59
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	3364.26
Santander Account to 7.12.16	1020.07
Total funds	4384.33

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	874.29

Total uncommitted funds £3510.04

Cllr Peach left the Meeting

3. Resolved to approve the 2017/18 Budget, as given in Appendix 17.007.3 and to request a Precept of £7100

Councillors considered that TAP funding had distorted the accounts.

17.008 Correspondence received

1. SHDC: Domestic recycle sacks – Collection points for sacks would supplement door-to-door delivery of sacks. To control the number of sacks issued, those requesting sacks would be asked for their signature and postcode.
2. DALC: Council Tax referendum principles not extended to parish & town councils in 2017/18.
3. SHDC: Homeless strategy consultation to 13.2.17 – details would be included in the magazine
4. SHDC: Pay phone final decision notices – objections had been raised to the removal of the Gara Bridge and Diptford phone boxes
5. DCC Highways: Highway Community Enhancement Fund – a request for £2000 would be submitted towards the employment of KJ Thulborn to undertake highway maintenance

17.009 Reports on Meetings Attended None

17.010 Correspondence available at the Meeting

1. Healthwatch Voices, Winter 2016/17
2. Clerks & Councils Direct, January 2017

Meeting ended 9.10pm

Date of next Meeting 14.2.17

Appendix 17.007.3 2017/18 Budget & Precept	Budget 2016/17	Actual to 31.12.16	Projected 2016/17	Predicted 2017/18	Budget 2017/18
Precept	6150	6150	6150	7000	7100
Council Tax Support Grant	126	126	126	114	114
Footpaths (P3)	0	0	0	0	0
HM Customs & Revenue VAT	76	256	256	100	100
Interest	7	5	7	5	5
Grants (TAP)	5500	0	2500	1500	1500
	11859	6537	9039	8719	8819
Payments					
Clerk's salary	2515	1998	2664	2717	2717
Clerk's expenses	496	279	373	380	380
Office	450	341	475	484	484
Playing Field: Trust Reserves	500	0	500	500	0
Maintenance	3725	782	3542	2563	2500
Insurance	498	356	491	501	501
Grants	202	2625	2639	200	200
S137 Grants	101	0	0	100	100
Graveyard maintenance	416	0	410	418	400
Audit	193	125	125	128	128
Footpaths (P3)	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	240	201	201	205	205
Subscriptions	138	104	138	141	141
Non revenue items	102	0	0	100	100
Hall hire	118	0	120	122	120
Other expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Training	50	30	30	50	50
Elections	110	110	110	0	0
Community Lengthsman	2000	0	0	1000	1000
Emergency planning	0	0	0	0	0
	11854	6951	11817	9609	9026
Balance	5	-413	-2779	-890	-207
Council Tax (Band D Equivalent)	24.91			28.25	28.65
Projected Reserves				Projected funds 31.3.17	2560
	31.3 16	31.3 17		Less Reserves	874
P3	74	74		Uncommitted funds 31.3.17	£1,686
Winter Emergency Planning	800	800			
	874	874			

Notes

1. Assumes 2% inflationary increase 2017/18
2. Council Tax Band D Equivalent 2017/18 £247.79 (2016/17 Band D 246.90)
3. Total reserves should be between 3 and 12 months net expenditure (£2954-£11817)
4. Precept calculation: Total budget requirement less £114 Council Tax Support Grant.
5. Council Tax Support Grant will reduce in 2018/19. Precept increases may be capped.
6. TAP application submitted : 2017/18 Playing Field environmental improvment & maintenance £1500; TAP award £2500 2016/17 for replacement climbing frame still to be claimed
7. Graveyard Maintenance: Grant application, supported by accounts, requested 2015