

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 7.30pm

Questions from the Public

1. Objections were raised to Planning Application 17/2222/15/F, supported by photos of flooding caused by the unauthorised excavations
2. The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator reported on a scam in which a local resident lost her savings. Details would be included in the magazine and spread throughout the community, with advice to contact Neighbourhood Watch.
3. Complaints were received of unauthorised storage of vehicles and caravan at Larcombe, together with demolition of a Devon bank. The Clerk would report the planning breach.

SHDC Cllr Steer reported that: DCC was considering options to devolve functions to SHDC: SHDC was investigating the creation of a private company to generate funds; and planning appeals had been submitted for proposed wind turbines at Foales Leigh and Winslade Farm (Frogmore).

DCC Cllr Vint submitted a report detailing: Online reporting arrangements for road & transport issues; An online community survey on the budget until 7.1.16; and Tough Choices consultation until 29.1.16.

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Crocker, Franklin, Hill, Parker Davidson & Peach; SHDC Cllr Steer; 3 public

15.108 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Wood & DCC Cllr Vint

15.109 Declarations of interest and Dispensations in items on the Agenda were noted from Cllr Foster: Item 15.111.2 (Personal)

15.110 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13.10.15, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

15.111 Planning Applications

1. Conversion of barn to dwelling at Diptford Downs Barns, Diptford Ref 17/2222/15/F Mr J Ampstead
Object. Loss of amenity and privacy to adjoining dwelling; inadequate drainage, causing flooding to the adjacent property (originally caused by unauthorised works, which were subject to a Stop notice - enforcement was needed to restore the land to its original levels); No history of agricultural use; Size of land holding queried.
2. Replacement dwelling at Beech Grove, Halwell Ref 17/2344/15/F Mr & Mrs A Ward
No objection, subject conditions that: the annex should not be used as a separate dwelling; and the existing mature trees should be protected *Cllr Foster abstained from the vote*

Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 13.10.15 were ratified

3. Repositioning of previously approved domestic garage and lock-up store and construction of tractor shed for mixed use at Little Larcombe Farm, Diptford Ref 17/2224/15/F Mr & Mrs R Soper **No objection**

Planning Decisions - Noted

4. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 (joinery details) of planning consent 17/2814/14/F at Lower Holsome, Diptford Refs 17/1066/15/DIS & 17/1067/15/DIS **Approve**
5. Replacement of existing field barn with new dwelling (resubmission of 17/1200/15/F) at SX7282 5688 Rear of Church Park Close, Diptford Ref 17/1627/15/F **Conditional permission**
6. Householder application for demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of single storey rear extension at Diptford Downs, Diptford Ref 17/2106/15/F **Conditional permission**

15.112 Playing Field

1. Acc 02042009 £8014.62; Acc 00196602 £135.44
2. Replacement climbing frame & roof repairs – Quotations were awaited. The Clerk would prepare a TAP application
3. Proposal to remove trees surrounding the tennis court – Cllr Foster would request a quotation for their removal, and the neighbours would be consulted

15.113 P3, footpaths & highways The road from Mill Lane to Diptford Cott would be closed for 4 weeks because of subsidence. Dog mess was evident on FP1 and throughout the village, and Cllr Franklin would provide advice to school parents. The Clerk would report flooding in Wonton lane, between Kerswill Cross and Shorter Cross.

15.114 Finance**1. Cheques passed for payment:**

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0711	S Woodman – Oct pay		165.24
0712	S Woodman expenses: Office £25.00, travel £42.75		67.75
Receipts			
BGC	Santander - Interest		0.37

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 30.9.15	5367.82
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	682.26
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	4685.56
Santander Account to 1.10.15	1012.96
Total funds	5698.52

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	874.29

Total uncommitted funds £4824.23

15.115 TAP Schemes

1. Community Road Warden Scheme Highway repairs had been identified and the Clerk would arrange a meeting between DCC Highways and Cllrs Franklin & Crocker to confirm responsibilities.

Resolved to appoint KJ Thulborn Ltd to undertake highway repairs at a charge of £25ph+VAT

The Clerk would request that a fallen tree on land at the Manor House be removed as it was blocking the buddle hole

2. TAP Applications 2016: Resolved to submit a £1k application for grass cutting the community playing field; and a £2k application towards highway repairs

Correspondence received

- SHDC: Consultation on Prior Notification applications. Parish Councils would be advised of all planning applications through the weekly lists, including prior notifications and prior approvals. In the long term, it was intended to conduct paper-free consultations with Parish Councils.
- Diptford Primary School: Proposal for a Multi-Academy Trust – the proposal was for six good schools to form an Academy Trust, which would receive direct funding and could procure its own services, such as HR and financial support. The aim was to ensure the long term future of the village schools to continue to deliver high quality education to local children.
- DCC: Tough Choices Meeting, Ivybridge Library 2 December 6.30-8.30pm – Cllrs Baggott & Parker Davidson would attend
- P3 Drop in sessions, Rattery Village Hall 10am-2pm 25 November
- Locality Service community engagement sessions – Mobile library 17 November
- Devon Communities Together: Information & Advice Surgery, Ashburton 8 February – Details would be included in the magazine
- DCC Highways: Relaxation of banners & decorations procedure
- South Brent District Caring: Dementia awareness training, Diptford Village Hall, 3 December 5-7pm

15.116 Reports on Meetings Attended Cllr Franklin had attended a meeting about Christmas decorations. Cllr Foster would arrange the tree, and Cllr Crocker would spend up to £250 on Christmas lights

15.117 Correspondence available at the Meeting Noted

- Clerks & Councils Direct, November 2015
- Healthwatch Voices, Autumn 2015

Meeting ended 9.50pm

Date of next Meeting 8.12.15