

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm

**Questions from the Public** Richard Hosking introduced himself as County Councillor candidate

**DCC Cllr Vint** had submitted a report about his £34,599 Pothole Action Fund allocation. He identified three potential sites in Diptford requiring funding, but decided to allocate all the funding to repairs at Moat Hill and Higher Westonfields, Totnes. The Parish Council would express its disappointment, particularly as the road from Spanish Lane End to Horner Tongue was badly potholed and a hazard to all road users, particularly cyclists.

## DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr Foster (Chair), Crocker, Franklin, Hill, Lethbridge, Peach & Parker Davidson; 1 member public

**17.031 To accept apologies for absence** None

**17.032 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** were noted from Cllr Foster: Item 17.034.3 (Personal)

**17.033 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 14.3.17, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

### 17.034 Planning Applications

1. Construction of a barn for storage of hay at Beneknowle Farm, Diptford Ref 0454/17/FUL Mrs M Seager-Berry **Neutral**

2. New access to dwelling at Lower Horner, Diptford, Halwell 0568/17/FUL Mr & Mrs N Worth **Neutral**  
**Assurances needed that the new access would not cause excessive water run-off and worse flooding on the highway**

### Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 14.3.17 were ratified

3. Use of land for siting a timber chalet as accommodation for a key worker in support of an equine breeding business for an initial period of 3 years at Farleigh Meadows, Diptford Ref 0355/17/FUL Ms C Furini **Object**.  
**Since a similar application was dismissed on appeal, the situation has become worse, as traffic along the lane has increased, and the proposed land usage has increased despite a reduction in the site area.**  
**Spurious application to enable the applicant to live on the site.**

### Planning Decisions Noted

4. Householder application for the construction of a 3-bay garage at Green Acres, Diptford Ref 0017/17/HHO **Conditional permission**

5. Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development – proposed building at land at Larcombe View, Diptford Ref 0440/17/AGR **Refuse**

6. Notification for Prior Approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and for associated operational development at Horner Barn, Lower Horner, Halwell Ref 0318/17/PDM **Prior Approval Given**

### 17.035 Diptford Amenity Trust & Playing field

1. Diptford Amenity Trust Acc 02042009 £7595.51; Acc 00196602 £135.44

2. Rospa inspection report – it was noted that the inspection was undertaken prior to the planned maintenance session. Queries were raised into the feasibility of repairing the climbing frame

3. Zurich: Public liability insurance renewal £368.39 (*Chq 0797*). The Clerk would forward advice to the Working Group that a monthly log of repairs should be kept. Feedback on the need for age-restricted signage would be requested.

4. Proposed land sale. NALC Legal advice required that a professional valuation be provided. The Clerk had received a quotation of £350+VAT for the valuation and £750+VAT for the variation/release of restrictive covenants and transfer of the land. The prospective purchaser would be asked if he was prepared to meet these costs.

### 17.036 P3, footpaths & highways

1. Highway Maintenance Community Enhancement Fund – A grant of £1000 had been approved towards the Community Lengthsman Scheme, although no funding had yet been received. The Clerk would pursue the grant.

### 17.037 Finance

#### 1. Cheques approved for payment:

| Cheque | Description                              | VAT | Gross  |
|--------|--|-----|--------|
| 0791   | S Woodman – March pay                    |     | 178.08 |
| 0792   | S Woodman – Travel £44.10, Office £33.67 |     | 77.77  |
| 0793   | HMRC - PAYE                              |     | 132.20 |

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|-----------------|--|-------|---------|
| 0794            | DALC - subscription                          | 15.66 | 120.47  |
| 0795            | Diptford Parish Hall – Main hall hire 3.3.16 |       | 12.00   |
| 0796            | Playsafety Ltd                               | 17.50 | 105.00  |
| <b>Receipts</b> |  |       |         |
| 500010          | Amenity Trust – play equipment               |       | 1000.00 |
| BGC             | SHDC – TAP: Fit & Fun                        |       | 2500.00 |
| BGC             | Santander – Interest March                   |       | 0.08    |

### 2. The Financial Statement was received

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Lloyds Current Account to 23.2.17     | 3083.21 |
| Less payments & unrepresented cheques | 312.30  |
| Plus uncleared receipts               | 0.00    |
| Total Current Account                 | 2770.91 |
| Santander Account to 8.3.16           | 1020.32 |
| Total funds                           | 3791.23 |

### Earmarked Reserves

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| P3 Footpaths              | 74.29  |
| Winter Emergency Planning | 800.00 |
| Total Reserves            | 874.29 |

Total uncommitted funds                      £2916.94

### 3. Resolved to adopt the NJC Pay agreement 2017/18: Clerk's salary (£2698.81pa) SCP 28

#### 17.038 Correspondence received

1. SHDC: Neighbourhood Planning Sessions, Follaton House 12.4.17 1-3pm – No one would attend
2. SHDC: Street Cleansing Reflection – Diptford was included in the 12 week cycle cleansing round. The small mechanical sweeper was not effective on roads without a hard edge kerb, although the rapid response team could provide manual sweeping. Diptford Court Down would be cleansed.
3. South Devon AONB: Key Points, Partnership Meeting 17.3.17 - Noted
4. SHDC: Events Policy Consultation – No response
5. Tesco Bags of Help: Available to any not-for-profit organisation for any activity that will benefit the community. Details would be included in the Magazine
6. Community Safety Forum, Rattery Village Hall Monday 15 May from 12.15, free – Cllr Parker Davidson may attend

#### 17.039 Reports on Meetings Attended

1. Clerk: South West Conference of Local Councils Associations – Key speaker Sasha Morgan, outlined the priorities of the Dept for Communities & Local Government: Driving up housing supply & home ownership; devolving powers & budgets to boost local growth; and supporting strong communities with excellent public services. The Conference criticised the development of housing without associated infrastructure and highlighted the devolution of functions to Parish Councils without associated funding. It was confirmed that local councils had no power to fund repairs to churches or buildings held for religious charities.

#### 17.040 Correspondence available at the Meeting

*Meeting ended 9pm*

*Dates of next Meetings: Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Parish Council Meeting 9.5.17 starting at 7pm*