

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

## Diptford Village Hall

**Tuesday 11 September 2012 at 7.20pm**

**Police Report** One crime was reported in August, relating to domestic assault. Police Surgeries would continue from 8.30-9.30am on the first and third Mondays of the month outside the Old Rising Sun.

### MINUTES

**Present** Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Crocker, Franklin, Gopal, Hill & Peach

**12.087 Apologies for absence** were accepted from District Cllr Steer

**12.088 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** were noted from Cllr Foster: Item 12.090.1 (Personal)

**12.089 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 21.8.12, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

#### 12.090 Planning Applications

1. Householder application for erection of garage at Sunnybank, Diptford Ref 17/1512/12/F Mr C Wood – Amended plans and description to include change of use **No objection**
2. Installation of 2 wind turbines (hub height 64m, tip height 99.5m) to generate 2.3MW per turbine at Proposed Wind Farm Site, East of A381, South of Langridge Cross, Harberton Ref 23/1990/12/F Mr M Russell **Blot on the landscape. Adverse impact on the AONB, local residents and the tourist industry**
3. Retrospective erection of garage, retention of oil tank and extension of residential curtilage at Primrose Place, Diptford Ref 17/2014/12/F Mr & Mrs I Locke **No objection. Oppose retrospective applications**

#### Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 21.8.12 were ratified

4. Householder application for erection of garage at Primrose Place, Diptford Ref 17/1838/12/F Mr & Mrs I Locke **No objection**
5. Erection of one 5kw wind turbine on 18 metre mast at Wagland Farm, Halwell Ref 17/1867/12/F Mr W Cutcliffe **No objection. Application should be viewed alongside Planning Approvals 17/2996/11/F & 17/1309/12/F**
6. Householder application for rear extension to create rear porch/utility at Larcome Cottage, Diptford Ref 17/1875/12/F Mr Vellupillai & Mrs Rogers **No objection**

#### Planning Decisions - Noted

7. Appeal: Demolition of existing bungalow & garage and erection of replacement dwellinghouse at Daisy Hills, Diptford Ref 23/3243/11/F **Allowed**
8. Amendments to planning approval 17/2996/11/F for erection of one 5kw wind turbine on 18m mast at Wagland Farm, Halwell Ref 17/1309/12/F **Conditional permission**
9. Installation of a 4kw ground mounted PV array at Frogwell Farm, Diptford Ref 17/0872/12/F **Conditional permission**

#### Planning Correspondence

10. Proposed solar farm at Blue Post Lane, Harberton Ref 1754/12 – the Clerk would request that the Parish Council is consulted on the planning application
11. Proposed wind turbine at Foales Leigh, Harberton Ref 23/1142/12/F – the Clerk would complain at the relocation of the site meeting to Follaton House

**12.091 Resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct Procedure for Dispensations, as detailed in Appendix 12.091**

**12.092 P3 & Footpaths** – Works to Bridleway 3 and the unclassified road to Broadleigh had been completed

**12.093 School Committee Report** – Deferred to the October Meeting

#### 12.094 Finance

##### 1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0551	S Woodman – August pay		145.57
0552	S Woodman expenses: Office £39.50, travel £25.20	0.42	64.70
0553	HMRC - PAYE		109.17

**2. The Financial Statement was received**

Lloyds Current Account to 31.7.12	6143.12
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1005.19
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	5137.93
Santander Account to 20.6.12	12.20
Total funds	5150.13

**Earmarked Reserves**

P3 Footpaths	1178.50
Amenity Trust	500.00
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	2478.50

Total uncommitted funds                      £2671.63

**12.095 Correspondence received**

1. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority: Election of Police & Crime Commissioner - Noted
2. Gambling Act 2005 – No response
3. South Devon AONB Committee – No nominations
4. South Devon SONB Annual Forum, Stoke Fleming, 26 September – No one would attend
5. DALC: Annual Conference Saturday 6 October – No one would attend
6. South Hams CAB AGM, Totnes 18 September – No one would attend
7. SHDC: Draft Council Tax Support Scheme – No response
8. DPFA: AGM 28 September – No one would attend

**12.096 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted**

1. Devon Senior Voice: Everyone's Tomorrow, July 2012
2. South Hams Society Bulletin, August 2012
3. The Playing Field, Summer 2012

*Meeting ended 8.20pm*

*Date of next Meeting 16 October 2012*

**Diptford Parish Council**  
**Dispensation Request**

Appendix 12.091

<b>Name of Councillor</b>	
Nature and description of interest for which dispensation sought:	
Period for which dispensation is sought. <b>Note:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This may be for a maximum period of 4 years.</li> <li>• Where a dispensation is sought for a particular meeting, please specify date of meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Grounds</b> on which the dispensation is sought: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please refer to grounds set out in the attached guidance.</li> <li>• Please provide supporting reasons as to why you consider the dispensation request should be granted.</li> <li>• Please state whether you are seeking a dispensation to <b>speak and to vote</b> or to <b>speak only</b> on the particular matter.</li> </ul>	

**Guidance on Dispensation Requests**

A dispensation can be granted on the following grounds to enable a member to speak and/or vote where they would otherwise have a disclosable pecuniary interest:

1. That so many members of the Council have disclosable pecuniary interests in a matter that it would impede the transaction of the business (i.e. it would otherwise be inquorate).
2. That without the dispensation, the representation of different political groups on the Council would be so upset as to alter the outcome of any vote on the matter.
3. That the Council considers that the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the Council's area.
4. That without a dispensation no member of the Cabinet would be able to participate on the matter
5. That the Council considers that it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.

A dispensation request must be made to the Council in writing, and it is advisable to submit a dispensation request at the earliest opportunity in advance of the date of the meeting for which the dispensation is sought.

The following **Criteria** will be considered in determining whether to grant dispensation requests:

1. Whether the nature of the member's interest is such that to allow them to participate would not damage public confidence in the conduct of the Council's business
2. Whether the interest is common to the member and a significant proportion of the general public; *if this is the case a dispensation is more likely to be granted.*
3. Is the participation of the member in the business that the interest relates to justified by a member's particular role or expertise?
4. Whether the interest is trivial or remote; *if this is the case a dispensation is more likely to be granted.*