

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 7.30pm

DCC Cllr Vint had submitted a report relating to highway & service issues in Totnes. DCC Energy Policy Talk Group had recommended measures to improve energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on DCC properties, including schools. In response to his consultation on safety measures at the Toll House Bridge, Councillors recommended the reinstatement of the anti-skid surface, together with rumble strips where the road crosses the former railway line.

SHDC Cllr Smerdon reported: the affordable house requirement would be reinstated for developments of 2-10 dwellings; a discretionary business rate relief had been introduced; S106 funding would be made available for new and improved open space, sport & recreation facilities, with South Brent being a local beneficiary; the Home Choice partnership would continue in Devon; 2016 revised TAP arrangements, with applications to be submitted by the 18 December; and Government arrangements to resettle immigrants were awaited.

SHDC Cllr Steer reported on the options available for refugees; the planning team was nearly up-to-speed, although Councillors reported little progress on enforcement action; and SHDC Executive Director Sophie Hosking would be following up the complaints on the lack of consultation on prior notification applications for change of use from agricultural buildings to dwellings. The Clerk would contact the developer of the Wheat Park site about the lack of progress.

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Crocker, Franklin, Hill, & Wood; SHDC Cllrs Steer & Smerdon

15.098 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Peach & Parker Davidson; DCC Cllr Vint

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

15.100 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8.9.15, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

15.101 Planning Applications

1. Erection of agricultural barn at SX756 567 Beenleigh Copse Farm, Murtwell Ref 17/2110/15/F Mr A Houston **Object. Excessive height**
2. Retrospective application for residential mobile home at SX743 557 Mount Zion Mill, Diptford Ref 17/2114/15/F Mr K Cheeseman **Strongly Object. Detrimental development within AONB; Unacceptable precedent; Agricultural land - no historical residential use on or nearby the site**
3. Householder application for replacement of existing extension with new and replacement of existing detached shed with new detached tractor shed at Combe Barton, Curtisknowle Ref 17/2125/15/F Mr & Mrs I Kirton **No objection**
4. Householder application for demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of single storey rear extension at Diptford Downs, Diptford Ref 17/2106/15F Mr & Mrs J Randall **No objection**
5. Planning appeal: Application for erection of 1no. wind turbine (estimated output 0.1 megawatts) with 36.9 metre hub height, 49.9 metre tip height and associated infrastructure at Lant at SX7664 5694 Foales Leigh Farm, Harberton Ref APP/K1128/W/15/3132689 **Object. Adverse visual impact**
6. Conversion of barn to dwelling at Diptford Downs Barns, Diptford Ref 17/2222/15/F Mr J Ampstead **Deferred to November meeting**
7. 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

8. Erection of timber frame agricultural building at Little Beeches, Holsome Lane, Diptford Ref 17/1730/15/F **Conditional Permission**

15.102 Playing Field

1. Acc 02042009 £8014.54; Acc 00196602 £135.44
2. Replacement climbing frame & roof repairs – proposals & prices awaited from M Cox

15.103 P3, footpaths & highways

1. Community Road Warden Scheme Rattery PC had received quotations from: KJ Thurlborn (£25ph); JW Baron (no tender); Glanville Environmental (too expensive); & J Widdicombe (£15ph). Rattery PC decided to use a combination of KJ Thurlborn & J Widdicombe.

The Clerk would obtain a quotation from SW Highways, and Cllrs Franklin & Crocker would identify highway works to report at the November meeting

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

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0707	S Woodman – Sept pay		165.44
0708	S Woodman expenses: Office £31.48, travel £28.35		59.83
0709	HMRC (PAYE)		124.00
0710	D Jane – Grass cut, playing field		100.00
Receipts			
BGC	SHDC – 2 nd Precept		2900.00
BGC	Santander - Interest		0.20

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 28.8.15	2976.41
<i>Less</i> payments & unpresented cheques	957.86
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	2900.00
Total Current Account	4918.55
Santander Account to 30.9.15	1012.59
Total funds	5931.14

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	874.29

Total uncommitted funds £5056.85

3. Verification of bank statements and reconciliations – Cllr Baggott verified the reconciliations and signed the bank statements

4. To transfer funds to Santander Bank – to be deferred until TAP expenditure had been reimbursed

15.105 Correspondence received

1. Devon Highways Event, Ashill Village Hall, Cullompton 14 October – No one would attend
2. DALC: Transparency Code Grant Funding – No application
3. Police Crime Commissioner/Victim Care Unit: Restorative Justice – details included in the October magazine
4. Devon Wheels 2 Work Motorcycles – details to be included in the magazine

15.106 Reports on Meetings Attended None**15.107 Correspondence available at the Meeting Noted**

1. Clerks & Councils Direct, Sept 2015

Meeting ended 9.15pm

Date of next Meeting 10.11.15