

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 13 September 2011 at 7.20pm

Questions from the Public

1. Western Power contractors Proarb had been praised for their work clearing trees under the power cables.
2. Potholes in the Parish had recently been filled, although the quality of the work was queried.

Police Report Crimes during July and August included the theft of marine equipment, property from a detached garage, and a battery and charger from a field. In addition, there had been two incidents of criminal damage to fencing. The Clerk would request greater notice of Police Street Surgery dates so that they could be included in the magazine.

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Franklin (vice Chairman), Baggott, Crocker, Gopal, Hill, Peach & Savery; District Cllr Steer

11.089 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Foster and County Cllr Black

11.090 To note declarations of interest in items on the Agenda None

11.091 The Minutes of the held on the 16.8.11, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman

11.092 Planning Applications

1. Resubmission of application 17/0753/11/F for development of double garage and guest accommodation at Ashwell Barn, Halwell Ref 17/2026/11/F Mr C Bishop **Concerned that the building would be used as a separate dwelling. Request a condition that it shall only be used as ancillary to the main house and shall not be used as a separate dwelling.**

Planning Decisions - Noted

2. Householder application for development of triple garage and guest accommodation at Ashwell Barn, Halwell Ref 17/0753/11/F **Withdrawn**

3. Resubmission of 17_23/0721/11/F for retrospective permission for wildlife pond at Daisyhills, Diptford Ref 17_23/1656/11/F **Conditional approval** The Clerk would request a copy of the decision notice.

Planning Correspondence

4. SHDC: Enforcement investigations at Stert Quarry Farm – a Planning Breach Notice had been served

5. SHDC: Holsome Park, Diptford – a Breach of Condition Notice had been served, requiring implementation of the landscaping scheme by the 31.1.12

Cllr Savery joined the Meeting

11.093 P3 & Footpaths – Wasps nests had been reported on the footpath by the river in North Huish parish, and dogs and walkers had been stung.

11.094 Emergency Planning – Ice & snow The Parish Council would take up DCCs free offer of 5 tonnes of salt plus salt bags, which would be stored at Wheeldon Farm. Cllr Savery reported that his spreader required a bearing to be replaced, and the Clerk would investigate the cost of a gritter, with locality funding available from DCC and SHDC.

Parish Council gritting would include the ridge road through to Moreleigh; the road to Curtisknowle; from the school to Diptford Green, down Kerswill Hill; and the principal residential roads in the village. Devon CC would grit the road to Avonwick as a secondary route. The Clerk would ask for contributions towards the gritting from Morleigh Parish Council (for the length of ridge road in Moreleigh Parish) and local businesses.

The grit bin had been located at Crabdon because of ice hazard due to constant running water on the road. The Clerk would investigate the cost of providing another bin at Horner Tongue, and request that the bin at Curtisknowle be reinstated.

Resolved that Cllr Savery be appointed Snow Warden

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

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0496	S Woodman – Aug pay		141.41
0497	S Woodman expenses: Office £31.81, travel £37.80	0.41	69.61
0498	HMRC (PAYE)		106.05

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 20.7.11	567.64
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	513.00
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Lloyds Current Account	54.64
Alliance & Leics Acc to 6.7.11	3508.95
Total funds	3563.59

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	449.25
Amenity Trust	0.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Total Reserves	592.68

Total uncommitted funds**£2970.91****11.096 Correspondence received**

1. SHDC: Planning training for Parish Councillors & Clerks, Follaton House, 2pm 28.9.11- The Clerk, Cllrs Franklin & Peach may attend, subject to confirmation
2. SHDC Masterplanning template consultation – No response
3. SHDC: Emergency Planning Update – preparation of emergency plan & ‘Responding to Major Emergencies’ leaflet. Noted
4. DCC Highways: Unsuitable for HGV signs – the Parish Council would arrange the relocation of the sign from Mill Lane to Diptford Square
5. South Hams CAB AGM 20.9.11 4pm Royal Seven Stars, Totnes – No one would attend
6. Western Power Distribution: Road closure from East Leigh Cross to East Moor Cross, Diptford 17 October – 4 November - Noted
7. Land Society: setting up a Community Land Trust – details of the offer would be retained
8. Royal Horticultural Society: RHS Britain in Bloom – no application would be submitted. Ham Sampford was complimented on the planting display in the Square
9. SHDC: South Hams Connect outreach locations – an item would be included in the magazine, and venues at the FODS Christmas Fair, Flower Show & WI were suggested.
10. DCC: National Highways & Transport Network Survey – Cllr Franklin would complete the survey
11. Bob the Bus was expanding its service to outlying areas and consulting on the service needed. Councillors supported the proposal and an item had been submitted to the magazine.
12. Diptford Village Hall – Cllr Hill announced the intention of erecting solar panels on the village hall. Totnes Transition Streets had arranged a 10% discount on solar panels to groups of customers.

11.097 Reports on Meetings Attended None**11.098 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted**

1. DALC Newsletter Jul/Aug 2011
2. The Playing Field, Summer 2011
3. CCD: Village Green, Summer 2011
4. South Hams Society Bulletin, July 2011
5. Domestic Violence & Abuse Service – publicity
6. Community Council of Devon – Village Green & Annual Review 2010-2011
7. Clerks & Councils Direct, Sept 2011
8. Trade publications

*Meeting ended 9pm**Date of next Meeting 18.10.11*