

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 8pm

Police Report Two high value thefts had occurred in the Diptford area since November 2016, with the premises being targeted by criminals looking for particular items, and an operation was running in relation to these thefts. However, residents were assured Diptford was a relatively crime free area, with only 3 other low level crimes recorded since July 2016. Residents should continue to safeguard their properties as normal and businesses should regularly review their security arrangements.

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr Franklin (Chair), Baggott, Crocker, Lethbridge, Parker Davidson & Peach

17.011 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Foster & Hill; SHDC Cllr Steer

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

17.013 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 10.1.17, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

17.014 Planning Applications

1. Erection of agricultural building at Lower Larcombe, Diptford Ref 4076/16/FUL Mr J Foale **Neutral. Contrary to planning application details, the land is for sale and not farmed by the applicant. Query practicality of positioning the building in the centre of the field**
2. Householder application for proposed change of use from garage to guest accommodation, with larch cladding, new and revised window openings and extended roof at Little Greyhills, Diptford Ref 4062/16/HHO Mr F Weaver **Neutral. The accommodation should be ancillary to the main dwelling and not used as a separate dwelling**
3. Householder application for the construction of a 3-bay garage at Greenacre, Diptford Ref 0017/17/HHO Ms F Van Ellen **Support**

Planning Decisions Noted

4. Householder application for proposed two storey rear extension at Little Orchard Cottage, Diptford Ref 3613/16/HHO **Conditional permission**
5. Variation of conditions 2 & 3 of Planning Consent 17/2114/15/F to allow the applicants's partner to be considered in this planning consent at Mobile home at SX743557 Mount Zion Mill, Diptford Ref 2003/16/VAR **Conditional approval**
6. Proposed demolition of two Devon Lady classrooms and the proposed construction of a single storey extension to the rear of the existing school building at Diptford Primary School Ref 330/16/FUL **Conditional approval**
7. Prior approval for proposed agricultural building at Beneknowle Farm, Beneknowle, Diptford Ref 3713/16/AGR **Agricultural determination planning permission required**

17.015 P3, footpaths & highways

1. DCC: Street lighting request, end of Church Cottages – the light had been altered to reduce spill into Church Cottage, and a brighter replacement would not be appropriate. Funding was unlikely for additional lighting further down the lane to the village hall. The Clerk would request that the existing light be relocated further down the lane.
2. DCC: Children playing on the public highway – DCC did not approve or condone children playing on the roads, and therefore no authorized signage was available. Parents allowing children to play on the carriageway did so at their own risk, and any warning signs must be displayed in an appropriate manner on private land. Councillors noted that the private signage had now been removed.

17.016 Finance

1. Cheques approved for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0782	S Woodman – Jan pay		172.43
0784	S Woodman – Travel £46.35, Office £40.27, website £22.00		108.62
Receipts			
BGC	Santander – Interest Jan		0.08

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 23.1.17	3397.26
<i>Less</i> payments & unrepresented cheques	314.05
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	3083.21
Santander Account to 7.12.16	1020.24
Total funds	4103.45

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	874.29

Total uncommitted funds £3229.16

3. Resolved to appoint IAC Audit & Consultancy Ltd as Internal Auditor at an annual fee of £150+VAT.

Three quotations were considered.

4. Resolved to increase the Parish Clerk's Salary Review from Scp27 £2587.57pa to Scp28 £2672.11pa with effect from February 2016

5. TAP Grant £1212.45 towards 'Environmental improvement and maintenance works to Diptford Playing Field'.

The Clerk would complete the agreement and confirm VAT was reclaimable

6. To transfer £500 to the Diptford Amenity Trust – deferred pending the proposed land sale

17.017 Annual Parish Meeting – The Meeting would be held at 7pm on Tuesday 9 May and a speaker on Dementia Friendly Parishes would be invited

17.018 Correspondence received

1. Devon Communities: Information & Advice Surgery, Ugborough 22.3.17 – details would be included in the Magazine

2. Diptford Primary School: Planning application. The current planning application was in support of a schools capital growth fund application. The outcome of the funding application would be known in April and the scale of the building project would depend on the size of any funding. The aim was to incorporate and enable more regular running of pre-school, and to provide more comfortable accommodation to school and preschool children. A representative would be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss the proposals.

3. NHS Acute Services Review, Totnes Civic Hall 14 March 6.30-20.30

17.019 Reports on Meetings Attended Cllr Parker Davidson attended the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance Meeting. A working definition of 'Dementia Friendly' was needed for all Councils to work towards, and an event would be arranged to focus Parish Councils on support for parishioners with dementia.

17.020 Correspondence available at the Meeting

Meeting ended 8.50pm

Date of next Meeting 14.3.17