

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 14th July 2015 at 7.30pm SHDC

Questions from the public The applicant of 17/1200/15/F provided details of the proposed amended access
SHDC Cllr Steer announced that John Eales had been appointed as Locality Officer for the Diptford area, and would be the point of contact for the Parish Council. Cllr Steer had considered a number of contentious planning applications in the District.

DCC Cllr Vint had submitted a report, in which he announced that the government would be cutting at least £34m off DCC's 2016/17 budget. The proposed contract between Connecting Devon & Somerset and BT to provide superfast broadband to 95% of residents had fallen through, and the tendering process would start again, which would delay completion for years.

Tony Callcut, Executive Headteacher, Diptford C of E Primary School had reported that the school continued to thrive, with pupil numbers high, partly due to the success of the pre-school, and SATs results good. Four new experienced teachers were starting the school in September, and the school was hoping to fund a new teaching space to allow the pre-school to grow and meet demand. The school worked closely with the other Federation schools, and the possibility of converting the Federation to an Academy was being investigated.

Recent activities include a 'bat week', learning about the greater Horseshoe bat; the summer production of Aladin; and a residential trip to Heatree House on Dartmoor to do caving, kayaking and climbing. Over the summer, the school field would be levelled and improved, with a path created between the school and parish hall.

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Hill & Peach; SHDC Cllr Steer; 2 public

15.069 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Crocker & Parker Davidson; SHDC Cllr Smerdon & DCC Cllr Vint

15.070 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were noted from Cllr Foster: Items 15.072.1 & 15.072.7 (Personal)

15.071 The minutes of the Meetings held on the 9.6.15, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

15.072 Planning Applications

1. Replacement of existing field barn with new dwelling at SX7282 5688, rear of Church Park Close, Diptford Ref 17/1200/15/F Mr C Eyston **Object. Inadequate access; outside village envelope**

Planning Decisions Noted

2. Agricultural livestock building (N0.1) at Building 1, Wheeldon Farm, Halwell Ref 17/0862/15/F

Conditional permission

3. Agricultural livestock building (N0.2) at Building 1, Wheeldon Farm, Halwell Ref 17/0863/15/F

Conditional permission

4. Householder application for replacement of 2no. flat roof dormer windows with 2no. pitched roof dormer windows and addition of 1no. conservation roof-light (resubmission of 17/0565/15/F) Ref 17/0992/15/F

Conditional permission

5. Provision of new access to farmhouse and cottage, creation of garden/curtilage to 4 residential barn conversion together with landscaping at Bradridge Farm, Diptford Ref 17/1075/15/F **Conditional permission**

6. Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (resubmission of 17/2810/14/AGDPA) at Agricultural building at SX 7526 5261, Moreleigh Ref 17/0768/15/AGDPA **Prior approval given**

7. Planning Appeals A-C Ref APP/K1128/W/15/3004815-17BFarleigh Meadows, Moreleigh **Dismissed**

Planning Enforcement

8. The Clerk would advise SHDC that enforcement was being taken at SX 7526 5261, Moreleigh even though prior approval had been given for change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse

Cllr Steer would investigate the unauthorised solar array at the mill, Gara Bridge.

15.073 P3, footpaths & highways The North Huish Parish Clerk was following up complaints that the partially resurfaced lane up to Clunkamoor was slippery for horses. Road signs had been obliterated by vegetation. The Old Rectory hedge was overgrown and obstructing the highway, and the owner had been advised.

The Clerk would request details of the drainage works to be undertaken from Bradridge Cross to Diptford Court Farm.

15.074 Playing Field

1. Acc 02042009 £8014.54; Acc 00196602 £135.44
2. Maintenance arrangements – Cllr Hill had met D Jane on site, and agreed that he remove the dead and low hanging branches of the trees behind the shelter; cut a walkway through that area; cut back trees around the tennis court; and advise the Parish Council if extra grass cuts were needed in future.

15.075 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0694	S Woodman – June pay		165.44
0695	S Woodman expenses: Office £25, travel £54		79.00
0696	D Jane – Playing field grass cuts		70.00

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 29.5.15	5586.33
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1150.08
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	4436.25
Santander Account to 31.3.13	12.39
Total funds	4448.64

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	874.29

Total uncommitted funds £3574.35

3. Verification of bank statements and reconciliations by Cllr Baggott - deferred to the August meeting

4. Resolved to exclude clauses 5.6 & 5.7 of the Financial Regulations

5. Resolved to grant the Diptford PCC £100 towards the Parish magazine (*Chq 697*)

15.076 Correspondence received

1. SHDC: Town & Parish Council event, Monday 27 July 9.15am-1.45pm – details would be circulated to Parish Councillors
2. Street lighting – request to reset timing. The Parish Council had previously agreed with DCC that all street lights in Diptford could be turned off after 11pm, and still supported this arrangement.
3. South Hams CVS: Learning programme – details would be included in the magazine

15.077 Reports on Meetings Attended Cllrs Peach and Foster had attended a site meeting at Gara Lodge to discuss the proposal for holiday cabins. They queried the access and highlighted the poor outlook.

15.078 Correspondence available at the Meeting Noted

1. Clerks & Councils Direct, July 2015

Meeting ended 9.20pm

Date of next Meeting 11.8.15