

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 15 January 2013 at 7.30pm

Questions from the public: Complaints were received about the road collapse between Bickham Bridge and Diptford, particularly as the alternative route was narrow, with no passing places, and therefore unsuitable for the diverted traffic.

Police Report: One crime was recorded in December, relating to burglary of stored solar panels from a shed.

SHDC Cllr Steer: Council tax increases were needed in order to maintain services and bridge a £400,000 shortfall in the budget. Permanent or temporary closure of public toilets was being discussed. Enforcement action was being taken against the stone crushing activity at Marley Head.

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Crocker, Franklin, Gopal, Hill & Peach; SHDC Cllr Steer

13.001 To accept apologies for absence None

13.002 Disclosable pecuniary interests were noted from Cllr Gopal: Item 13.004.2; and Personal interests from Cllrs Foster: Item 13.004.1 & Cllr Gopal: Item 13.004.3

13.003 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 18.12.12, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

13.004 Planning Applications

1. 40m x 20m sand school for personal use for horses on site at Sand school at SX 759 5346, Higher Farleigh Farm, Moreleigh Ref 17/2889/12/F Miss C Furini **Object. Query the extent to which the site is used for horses, and therefore the need for the development; Progressive development – concerned that this is one of a sequence of planning applications progressing to commercial use; Gradients on the plans are incorrect and misleading. A professional land survey is required; Due to the gradient, a hydrological survey should be required; Visual impact from the ridge road.**

Planning Decisions - Noted

2. Provision of agricultural building at Creber Farm, Diptford Ref 17/2580/12/F **Conditional permission**

Planning Enforcement

3. Unauthorised siting of caravan for residential purposes at land adj to Devoncraft – The Clerk would provide SHDC with additional information on the unauthorised development. External lighting was distracting motorists.

4. Siting of caravan at Follerts Farm – as the caravan was incidental to the agricultural use of the land, with no permanent residential use taking place, planning permission was not required.

5. Alleged unauthorised breach of planning condition of application 23/1754/12 at Solar Farm at SX7370 5932, Blue Post Lane, Harberton – Following advice from SHDC, the developers had introduced temporary traffic management. The Clerk would report that the truck parked on the junction was reducing visibility; and the noise of wind whistling through the security fences was disturbing neighbours.

6. The Clerk would advise SHDC of a new building at Rannoch.

13.005 P3 & Footpaths – The surveys would be completed by 14 February. Details would be included in the Magazine of owners' responsibility to maintain roadside hedges and trees.

13.006 Amenity Trust Report – The Playing Field Group AGM was planned, and volunteers would be requested in the Magazine. The Clerk would arrange the ROSPA inspection.

13.007 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0567	S Woodman – December pay		145.57
0568	S Woodman expenses: Office £25.00, travel £37.80		62.80
0569	Cllr Foster – Christmas lights	13.00	78.00
0570	Luke Swanborough – P3		169.96

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 31.11.12	7259.19
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1388.87
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	5870.32
Santander Account to 20.6.12	12.20
Total funds	5882.52

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	983.29
Amenity Trust	500.00
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	2283.29

Total uncommitted funds £3599.23

3. Resolved to move £500 to the Diptford Amenity Trust. A statement of Amenity Trust funds would be given at Parish Council Meetings.

4. Resolved to approve the 20013/14 Budget and Precept of £5500, as detailed in Appendix 13.007.4

Clarification on P3 funding should be provided.

13.008 Correspondence received

1. SHDC: TAP funding Wash-up Cluster Meeting 23.1.13 – Cllr Peach may attend.
2. SHDC: Application to designate a neighbourhood plan area for Harberton – No comment. A Neighbourhood Development Plan for Diptford would be discussed at the February meeting.
3. DALC: Buckingham Palace Garden Parties – Cllr & Mrs Foster would be nominated.

13.009 Reports on Meetings Attended - None**13.010 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted**

1. SW Ambulance Service NHS: Twentyfourseven,
2. South Hams Society Bulletin, Dec 2012

Meeting ended 9.25pm

Date of next Meeting 19.2.13

20013/14 Budget and Precept

Appendix 13.007.4

	Budget 2012/3	Actual to 31.12.12	Projected 2012/13	Predicted 2013/4	Budget 2013/14	
Receipts						
Precept	5470	5470	5470	5320	5500	
Council Tax Support Grant	0	0	0	180	180	
Footpaths (P3)	5	0	0	0	0	
HM Customs & Revenue VAT	100	139	150	154	154	
Interest	5	1	1	1	1	
Grants	200	305	305	200	200	
	5780	5915	5926	5855	6035	
Payments						
Clerk's salary	2185	1638	2184	2244	2244	
Clerk's expenses	487	392	523	537	537	
Office	398	268	358	367	367	
Amenity Trust (Reserve)	500	0	500	500	500	
Playing Field	639	572	572	588	588	
Grants (incl Diamond Jubilee)	300	584	584	300	300	
S137 Grants (incl Diamond Jubilee)	750	609	609	100	100	
Graveyard maintenance	0	400	400	400	400	
Audit	185	180	180	185	185	
Footpaths (P3)	5	0	1100	0	0	
Insurance	632	101	101	104	104	
Subscriptions	133	134	170	175	175	
Non revenue items (benches & planters)	0	382	460	0	100	
Hall hire	96	0	100	103	103	
Other expenses	0	0	0	0	0	
Training	82	0	0	80	80	
Elections	112	112	112	115	115	
	6504	5372	7952	5798	5898	
Balance	-724	543	-2026	57	137	
Council Tax (Band D Equivalent)	21.79			22.24	23	
Projected Reserves				Projected funds 31.3.13		4843
	31.3.12	31.3.13		Less Reserves		1353
Amenity Trust	500	500		Uncommitted funds 31.3.13		£3,490
P3	429	53				
Winter Emergency Planning	800	800				
Diamond Jubilee	576	0				
	2305	1353				
Notes						
1. Playing field payments - insurance, inspections						
2. Assumes 2.75% inflationary increase 2013/4						
3. Council Tax based on Band D Equivalent. Band D Equivalent estimated 2013/4 239.15 properties (a reduction of 11.93 properties from 2012/3)						
4. Total reserves should be between 3 and 12 months net expenditure.						
5. Precept calculation: Total budget requirement less £180 Council Tax Support Grant.						
6. Council Tax Support Grant likely to reduce in 2014/5 & Precept increases likely to be capped.						
7. P3 expenditure funded from previous years' DCC grant funding. No contribution from DPC funds.						