

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 15 November 2011 at 7.30pm

Police Report No crimes had been reported

Report from County Cllr Black The Totnes Learning Community Meeting had noted that school places in Totnes were under pressure, whereas rural schools had spare capacity, and it had been suggested that Totnes parents send their children to rural schools. At the Tough Choices meeting in Totnes, no services were identified which could be trimmed. Funding had been made available for the Friday night 'Options' sessions to continue at the Pavilions.

Report from District Councillor Steer Parishioners were encouraged to use the leisure centres, as demand had declined during the economic crisis; Tor Homes had amalgamated with Devon & Cornwall Housing Association, which would provide economies of scale and more borrowing power, but would result in reduced SHDC representation; the Sherford S106 Agreement had been finalised for consideration by the Development Control Committee at the end of November, and the proportion of Affordable Homes had been reduced; an application for 2 wind turbines at Harbertonford had been submitted, and a further public meeting was to be held; and the Open Spaces Committee would remain to complete existing programmes.

Questions from the Public Diptford Playing Field Chairman Mike Cox reported on the varied reactions to removing trees from the playing field. Tree warden Beverly Sugden had suggested replacement shrubs.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Gopal, Hill, Peach & Savery; District Cllr Steer & County Cllr Black; 1 Member of public

11.111 To accept apologies for absence None

11.112 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were noted from Cllr Hill: Item 11.114.3 Prejudicial (applicant and membership of Diptford Village Hall Committee) and Cllr Peach: Item 11.114.5 Prejudicial (membership of Avon Fishing Association)

11.113 The Minutes of the held on the 18.10.11, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

11.114 Planning Applications

1. Householder application for alteration and extension to dwelling at Stert Mill, Diptford Ref 17/2652/11/F Ms S Simons & Mr S Wood **Support**

2. Installation of ground mounted solar array at Bradridge House, Diptford Ref 17/2667/11/F Mr & Mrs G Hyde **No objection. Inadequate plans**

3. Installation of solar pv panel array to south facing roof section at Diptford Village Hall, Diptford Ref 17/2836/11/F Mr S Hill **Support** *Cllr Hill left the meeting during the resolution*

4. Retrospective application for addition and extension of agricultural buildings and improved farm access for vehicles at Beenleigh Meadows Farm, Harberton Ref 17_23/2753/11/F Ms S Bailey **Object. Query validity of planning application as purpose of the building is not clarified – please clarify. Concerned that the building will be used as a dwelling.** The Planning Officer would be invited to attend the next Parish Council Meeting and a site meeting would be arranged for the 21.11.11 (am).

5. Installation of a single screw turbine and associated switch gear to generate electricity, improvements to weir at The Mill House, Gara Bridge Ref 17_2849/11/F Miss J Horne **No objection**
Cllr Peach left the meeting during the resolution

Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 18th October 2011 were ratified

6. Tree Preservation Order at Manor House, Diptford **Object. Evidence that the current owners are carrying out work in accordance with the Devon Biodiversity Records Centre's County Wildlife Site Monitoring report. A generic TPO is unnecessary, unless applied to other woods of significant importance along the Avon Valley**

Planning Decisions - Noted

7. Resubmission of application 17/0753/11/F for development of double garage and guest accommodation at Ashwell Barn, Halwell Ref 17/2026/11/F **Conditional permission**

11.115 P3 & Footpaths – A workshop was being held on the 18.11.11. Surveys and funding requests must be submitted by January 2012.

11.116 Diptford Playing Field

Resolved to transfer £500 to the Amenity Trust Reserve

Following a request from adjoining residents, a quotation of about £500 had been obtained to remove three sycamore trees and cut back the horse chestnut. The adjoining residents would be asked to pay at least half the cost.

11.117 Emergency Winter Planning – The grit spreader had been delivered; County Cllr Black had received the Locality Funding application; and the snow warden had received his training.

Contributions of £700 towards the gritting had been offered by local businesses and the Clerk would again request funding from Halwell & Moreleigh Parish Council. Details of the grit spreader and contributors would be included in the magazine, and Cllr Savery would arrange for a sign to be displayed on the side of the grit spreader, identifying that it was provided by the Parish Council.

The Clerk would request a grit bin by the church, to enable villagers to access the village hall. Additional routes to be covered by the grit spreader would include the lanes to Crabadon and Murtwell.

Resolved to transfer the £700 donations to a Winter Emergency Planning Reserve.

11.118 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0502	S Woodman – Oct pay		141.41
0503	S Woodman expenses: Office £47.96, travel £39.15	1.66	87.11
0504	DALC - Training	5.00	30.00

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 31.10.11	2356.43
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	258.52
Plus uncleared receipts	400.00
Total Lloyds Current Account	2497.91
Santander Account to 6.9.11	3509.55
Total funds	6007.46

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	428.25
Amenity Trust	500.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Winter Emergency Planning	700.00
Total Reserves	1821.68

Total uncommitted funds

£4185.78

Cllr Gopal left the Meeting

Finance Correspondence

3. Resolved to grant Inter Parish Quiz £10 grant, together with Diptford Village Hall hire (chq 505)

4. Resolved to pay Diptford PCC £500 towards the maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard (chq 506)

5. CAB grant request – No funding

11.119 Correspondence received

- Linden Homes: Land off Ugborough Road, Avonwick – Construction works newsletter, Oct 2011- Noted
- Jayne Wootton, Active Villages Coordinator, would be invited to a meeting after Christmas
- South Devon AONB: Annual Forum, Kingsbridge Community College, 6.30-9.30pm Tues 29 November – Cllrs Franklin & Peach would attend
- SHDC: Housing Surgery, Follaton House Tuesday 22 November – No one would attend
- SHDC: Totnes & Surrounding Area Parish Cluster Meeting 7pm Wednesday 23 November, Follaton House – Cllr Foster would attend
- SHDC: South Hams Town & Parish Council Voice: Detailed initial proposals (responses by 30 Nov); & Budget Consultation Meeting 5pm Monday 5 December – No one would attend
- Totnes Community Wind Farm – Invitation Community Open Day, Harbertonford Village Hall, Saturday 19 November: Wind turbine noise workshop 10.30-12.00; & general exhibition 14.00-20.00 - Noted
- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service: Proposal to cease attendance resulting from automatic fire alarm activations at some non-residential business premises, and reduce attendance levels for all domestic properties (unless confirmation that there are signs of fire) – No response
- SHDC: Statement of Community Involvement, Consultation Draft – No response

11.120 Reports on Meetings Attended Cllr Franklin attended a meeting on the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. It was intended to hold a street party, including music and BBQ, between Diptford Cross and Diptford Court on 2nd June from 4-6pm for children, and until 8pm for adults. Celebration mugs would be given to children above or below Primary School age. A sum of £800 would be requested in the Parish Council budget towards the celebrations.

11.121 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. DALC Newsletter, Nov/Dec 2011
2. Clerks & Councils Direct, Nov 2011
3. The Playing Field, Autumn 2011
4. Trade publications

Meeting ended 9.35pm

Date of next Meeting 20.12.11