

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Parish Hall, Tuesday 15 December 2009 at 7.30pm

Police Report No crimes had been recorded, although it was noted that there had been recent thefts of ducks and geese locally. The Police Street Surgery was still running at the Rising Sun from 8.30-9.30am every 1st and 3rd Monday

Report from District Cllr Steer The Site Allocation DPD had been issued and identified a site in Diptford; the Vanguard Planning Review had identified the need for more thorough verification of planning applications and more effective enforcement; savings had been made through the shared service arrangements, but the 2010/11 budget would require further cuts; and the S106 Agreement relating to Larcome Quarry should be finalised by Christmas.

Report from County Cllr Black, who had attended the: Corporate Parenting Meeting, which recognised the importance of the mentoring process for care leavers; Pulse Youth Club in Totnes, where noise levels have been monitored and any disturbance from youths leaving the club found to be short-lived; Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee, which had set up a Flooding Task Group with additional funding; and South West Councils, which discussed rural unemployment and recognised the need to reopen local job centres. She visited Totnes Hospital, which hoped to provide a 'one stop shop' of community facilities, such as physiotherapists, occupational therapists and social workers. The search continued for a new site for the library; and the response to residents parking in Totnes had been positive with the scheme being reviewed in 12 months. The need for greater co-operation between the District and County Councils was recognised to solve the traffic and parking problems in Totnes.

Cllr Black undertook to investigate the reduction in numbers of Parish Lengthsmen, despite the overwhelming need for their services; and delays in implementing the signage alterations, even though the Parish Council would be funding the work.

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Franklin, Hill, Randall & Sutherland; SHDC Cllr Steer & DCC Cllr Black

09.133 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Savery

09.134 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda None

09.135 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 17th November 2009, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

09.136 Planning Applications received

1. Householder application for installation of three rooflights and boiler flue at Avon Barn, Curtisknowle Ref 17/2039/09/F Mr A Sieradski **No objection**

Observations on planning applications considered at the Diptford Parish Council Meeting held on 17.11.09 were ratified

2. Part retrospective application for extension, demolition and replacement of light industrial units at Creber Industrial Units, Diptford Ref 17/0987/09/F Tilley Inflatable Design & Engineering Ltd **No objection.**

Criticism that the application was part retrospective and that much of the work had already been completed

Planning Decisions - Noted

3. Householder application for alterations and extension to dwelling at Greenheys, Diptford Ref 17/1650/09/F **Conditional permission**

4. Works to Tree Preservation Order Trees at The Copse, Curtisknowle Ref 2979 **Grant of exemption: Removal of tree (dead)**

09.137 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0411	S Woodman – November pay		137.86
0412	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £26.80, postage £3.60, Parking fee £0.20		55.60
	Total		193.46

Receipts

BGC	Alliance & Leics - Interest		0.25
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2. The Financial Statement was received:

Lloyds Current Account to 30.11.09	2688.99
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1743.46
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Lloyds Current Account	945.53
Alliance & Leics Acc to 5.11.09	3002.33
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	0.00
Plus uncleared receipts	0.75
Total Alliance & Leicester Account	3003.08
Total funds	3948.61

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	408.40
Playing Field	500.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Highway Improvements	600.00
Total Reserves	1701.83
Total uncommitted funds	£2246.78

3. Resolved to approve the 2010/11 Budget and Precept of £5,300 (Appendix 09.137.3)**4. Resolved to grant South Hams CAB £100 (chq 413)**

09.138 P3 & Footpaths – Cllr Franklin had attended the P3 Christmas workshop, in which it was confirmed that funding was tight and bids must to be submitted for larger projects. As the footpaths were generally in a good condition, a maintenance grant only would be requested.

09.139 Diptford Playing Field – It was announced at the Playing Field Group AGM that it was hoped to erect a skate park within the next 6 months. The Trust Secretary would write to the Playing Field Group Chairman and Secretary, confirming that the Parish Council would pay for the public liability and all risks insurance, and Rospa inspections and would fund cyclical maintenance through its Trust reserves. To maintain financial integrity, the Playing Field Group would need to set up its own bank account, to which the Trust would gift all but the cyclical maintenance funds. Cllr Foster would confirm the financial situation, including the insurance premiums to be paid by the Parish Council, at the January Meeting.

09.140 Correspondence received

1. DAPC: Looking at future options for service delivery following on from the pilot work carried out by Stokenham & neighbouring Parish Councils, SHDC & DCC – Briefing Meeting 7pm Follaton House Monday 11.1.10 - Cllrs Gopall and Randall may attend
2. SHDC: Princes Foundation Report and Site Allocation DPD, agenda for the 17 December Council Meeting – It was noted that the proposed site included the Exception Site
3. Planning Aid: Department of Energy and Climate Change public consultation event, Exeter 21.1.10 – Cllr Sutherland would attend
4. SHDC: Budget Meeting with Town & Parish Councils 6.30pm Follaton House 14.1.10 – Cllrs Foster and Gopal would attend
5. Community Car Scheme – Cllr Franklin reported that the Diptford scheme would be wound up at the end of December, when it was hoped to merge with the Ivybridge scheme. The contact number for arranging lifts would change, but no other changes were anticipated
6. CPRE & MVF: Best Kept Village in Devon Competition & The Pam Parker Village Map Award – No entry would be submitted
7. Edge of road failure at Oakenham Bridge – the adjoining landowners had reported that the road failure was not as a result of drainage from their field, but from a stream rising above their land. They suggested that a larger culvert was needed under the road following the line of the stream southwards. The Highway Authority was obtaining funding for the repairs, and the road would be shut for one week to carry out the work.

09.141 Reports on Meetings Attended None**09.142 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted**

1. SHDC Agenda & Minutes, Magazine
2. Village Green, December 2009
3. CCD & OCSI: The Rural Share of Deprivation in Devon, Executive Summary
4. RD & Express, November 2009

Meeting ended 10.00pm

Date of next Meeting 19.1.10

Diptford Parish Council

Budget 2010/11

Appendix 09.137.3

	Budget 2009/10	Actual to 31.12.09	Projected 2009/10	Budget 2010/11	2009/10 Notes
Receipts					
Precept	4900	4900	4900	5300	
Footpaths (P3)	235	0	35	35	
HM Customs & Revenue VAT	45	55	77	90	
Playing Field	0	511	511	0	Reimburse payments
Grants	0	600	600	0	
Interest	0	2	3	5	
	5180	6066	6123	5430	

Payments

Clerk's salary	1945	1496	1875	1890	
Clerk's expenses	613	523	654	661	
Amenity Trust (Reserve)	500	920	920	500	
Playing Field	563	511	911	400	£511 Reimbursed (see above)
Grants	610	122	352	450	Incl cemetery maintenance
S137 Grants	150	0	0	50	
Audit	120	50	50	50	
Footpaths (P3)	235	194	243	235	
Insurance	249	249	249	251	
Subscriptions	92	92	92	93	
Parish Plan	0	0	0	0	
Non revenue items	52	0	50	52	Christmas decs
Hall hire	69	90	90	91	
Other expenses	171	10	780	0	Website, Signage
Training	104	39	53	55	
Delegated services	0	0	0	500	
	5473	4297	6318	5278	

Balance

Assumes 1% increase 2010/11

	-293	1769	-195	152
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Projected funds 31.3.10	1927
Less Reserves:	
Playing Field	500
Parish Plan	193
P3	359
	<u>1052</u>
Uncommitted funds 31.3.10	875