

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 15 March 2011 at 7.30pm

**Presentation by Ben Ayres, Tone Leisure's Active Village Community Co-ordinator, on the Devon Active Villages Programme** Funding of about £3000 was available to the Parish until September 2013 for revenue projects. It could be used to set up and kick start an activity, including coaching costs, facility hire, equipment, advertising and training needs, and is available for both new and existing activities or clubs. Activities/projects needed to be between 8-12 sessions long, to meet an identifiable need within the community, offer good value for money and be sustainable in the long run. Co-ordinator Ben Ayres would administer the scheme and could help find coaches, buy equipment and find appropriate training courses.

Ben Ayres would present the Devon Active Villages Programme at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Questions from the Public** Complaints were received about the poor standard of work exercised by Devon Highways in filling potholes and Cllr Black confirmed that DCC was carrying out spot checks on contractors. Where utility companies failed to reinstate the road adequately, DCC was taking them to court. There had been administrative delays in authorising the pothole work, and the Clerk would complain to Devon County Cllr Stuart Hughes.

In response to a query on the Diptford site in the Local Development Framework Site Allocations Development Plan Document, it was advised that details, including the number of dwellings to be built, would be determined in any planning application.

**Police Report** Parishioners were advised to be aware of pushy telephone and door to door selling using 'hard sell' tactics, and not to be pressured into buying or parting with any money. Vigilance and prompt reporting to the police was requested of any suspicious activity in the parish as metal thefts were on the increase, including galvanised farm gates, lead flashing and catalytic convertors from parked vehicles. With a recent spate of thefts from sheds and outbuildings, parishioners were advised to check on security and consider marking property.

**Report from County Cllr Black** The last two months had been dominated by the budget. To achieve cuts of £55m, spending had been reduced on services, such as the CAB, Homestart and the No.111 bus to Torquay. Services were also being outsourced and concern was expressed that they would be less responsive to complaints. The Highways service was being reorganised, with the aim of becoming more democratic.

**Report from District Cllr Steer** announced that he had allocated Locality Funding to Diptford Preschool, and that the CAB had received additional funding. Unauthorised development at Beenleigh Meadow Farm and Thorn Farm had been referred to the Enforcement Officer, and a planning application was being submitted for the lake at Daisy Hills.

Dog walkers were advised to keep their dogs under control during the lambing season.

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Present** Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Hill, Randall & Sutherland; District Cllr Steer, County Cllr Black & 3 members of public

**11.023 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllrs Savery and Gopal

**11.024 To note declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** None

**11.025 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15.2.11, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

**11.026 P3 & Footpaths** – No report

**11.027 Diptford Playing Field** – The next meeting of the Playing Field Group would be held on 21 March

**11.028 Affordable Housing** – The Clerk would contact the SHDC Housing Enabler and Forward Planning on the next steps toward developing the Wheatpark site for affordable housing

**11.029 Village Hall purchase of land** – Informal tenders were invited by the 31.3.11 for the two plots of land adjacent to the Village Hall. The Village Hall Trust intended to submit a tender for both plots, which would provide off-road access from the school to the Village Hall and would safeguard the land for future use by the community. DCC would contribute capital funding towards the purchase.

**Resolved to support the Village Hall Trust purchase of the land.**

**11.030 Finance****1. Cheques passed for payment:**

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
0470	S Woodman – Feb pay		141.41
0471	S Woodman expenses: Office £43.63, travel £19.60	1.82	63.23
0472	HMRC - PAYE		105.16

**Receipts**

BGC	Santander - Interest		0.37
BGC	Transfer: Santander to Lloyds TSB accounts		500.00

**2. The Financial Statement was received**

Lloyds Current Account to 31.1.11	297.80
<i>Less payments &amp; unrepresented cheques</i>	584.10
<i>Plus uncleared receipts</i>	500.00
<b>Total Lloyds Current Account</b>	<b>233.70</b>
Alliance & Leics Acc to 4. 2.11	4007.11
<i>Less payments &amp; unrepresented cheques</i>	500.00
<i>Plus uncleared receipts</i>	0.66
<b>Total Alliance &amp; Leicester Account</b>	<b>3507.77</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>3741.47</b>

**Earmarked Reserves**

P3 Footpaths	449.25
Amenity Trust	0.00
Parish Plan	193.43
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>592.68</b>

**Total uncommitted funds                      £3148.79**

**Finance correspondence**

- Audit Commission – Jackie Bellard had been appointed Auditor
- SHDC offer to provide a Payroll service

**11.031 Correspondence received**

- DALC Training & Events Calendar 2011- would be reconsidered at the May meeting
  - DCC: Devon County Minerals & Waste Development Framework Minerals Core Strategy – Options Consultation Paper. The Clerk would provide the web link for Councillors to respond
  - SHDC Housing Surgery 6.4.11 – Cllr Hill may arrange to attend
  - DCC: Transport Workshops – 26 & 28 March 2011
  - SHDC: Adopted Local Development Framework Site Allocations Development Plan Documents
  - DCC: Community Emergency Planning Pack – A less complex self-help scheme was preferable, similar to the model adopted by North Huish, and the proposal would be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.
  - Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service: Draft Corporate Plan 2011/2-2013/4 – Consultation deadline 10.4.11. The Clerk would provide the web link for Councillors to respond
  - South Devon Nature Trust request to restore and preserve land with wildlife and community value – Noted
- 9. Resolved to support the Brixham Coastguard Station fight against closure**

**11.032 Reports on Meetings Attended None****11.033 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted**

- Parish Matters, Spring 2011
- Clerks & Councils Direct, March 2011
- DALC Newsletter Mar/Apr 11
- Village Green, Spring 2011
- Trade publications

*Meeting ended 9.15pm*

*Date of next Meetings:*

- Annual Parish Meeting 5 April 2011*
- Parish Council Meeting 19 April 2011*