

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 15 April 2014 at 7.30pm

Questions from the Public

Concerns were raised at the stability of the road from Oakenham Bridge to Broadmead, which was being undermined by the river. DCC had been surveying the road, and the Clerk would request a report on the outcome of the survey.

District Cllr Steer reported that the TAP criteria would be tightened; the Boundary Commission proposed that Diptford would be included in a ward with South Brent; he had attended a very enjoyable event as the school attempted to break the custard pie throwing record; and Cllr Bill Hitchins was the new SHDC Chairman, with Cllr Ian Bramble Vice Chairman.

Complaints were received at the slow progress of enforcement action against the unauthorised caravan at Zion Cross, which Cllr Steer would investigate.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Hill, Gopal, Peach & Wood; SHDC Cllr Steer; 1 member of public

14.036 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Crocker & DCC Cllr Vint

14.037 Declarations of interest and Dispensations in items on the Agenda were accepted from Cllr Hill: Item 14.042 (Personal)

14.038 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18.3.14, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

14.039 Planning Applications

1. Revisions to construction traffic management plan, proposed solar farm at Coombeshead Farm Ref 17/0265/14/F AEE Renewables UK12 Ltd **The proposed revisions reinforce the Parish Council's original objections to the traffic management plan and demonstrate the inappropriate location for a solar farm. Even the new plan will cause disruption, congestion and damage to the lanes. The photographic survey should be undertaken from Totnes police station to the site.**

Planning Decisions - Noted

2. Approval of reserved matters following outline approval 17/1533/12/O for erection of new dwellinghouse at Green Acre, Diptford Ref 17/2955/13/RM **Grant permission.** A planning breach form had been submitted as the landscaping scheme required under condition 8 had not been submitted, and development had stopped pending compliance with the condition

14.040 P3, footpaths & highways

A number of trees had fallen into the river, which could damage bridges and cause flooding. The Clerk had already written to the landowner, and would advise the Environment Agency and North Huish Parish Council. The owner of Curtisknowle House was aware that the wall was falling into the road.

Landowners at Rannoch and Brushford had failed to cut back their hedges, which were now a safety hazard as cars were forced into the middle of the lane. The Clerk would write to the landowners and advise DCC Highways.

1. Appointment of Deputy Snow Warden – Deferred to the May meeting

2. DCC Highways: a request had been submitted for the reclassification of roads in Diptford: Larcombe (Category 9), Curtisknowle (Category 9), Cleave (Category 10) and Newhouse Farm (Category 10). DCC Cllr Vint would be thanked for his help and support

14.041 Playing Field – Report deferred to the Annual Parish Meeting

14.042 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0631	S Woodman – March pay		156.80
0632	S Woodman expenses: Office £31, travel £28.35		59.35
0633	Playsafety Ltd (Amenity Trust)	16.00	96.00

Receipts			
BACS	DCC – P3		160.00
BACS	SHDC – TAP grant		6337.50

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 31.3.14	3646.67
<i>Less</i> payments & un-presented cheques	427.95
<i>Plus</i> un-cleared receipts	6337.50
Total Current Account	9556.22
Santander Account to 31.3.13	12.39
Total funds	9568.61

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	234.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	1034.29

Total uncommitted funds £8534.32

3. Resolved to forward the TAP grant of 6337.50 to Diptford Short Mat Bowls Club (*Chq 0634*)

4. Resolved to spend up to £20 towards planting the barrels

14.043 Correspondence received

1. DCC: Consultation on the future of the library service from 17 April – Diptford’s mobile library service would not be affected. The consultation had been included in the magazine.
2. SHDC: Our Plan Event, Friday 2 May 10am-1pm – Cllr Foster may attend.
3. Community Safety Forum Event, Wednesday 30 April 1-4pm, Rattery – Geoffrey Hyde, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, would be invited to attend.

14.044 Reports on Meetings Attended - None

14.045 Correspondence available at the Meeting – None

Meeting ended 8.50pm

Dates of next Meetings:

- *Annual Parish Meeting 29.4.14*
- *Annual Parish Council & Parish Council Meetings 20.5.14*