

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 15 July 2014 at 7.30pm

Proposed Charford Farm wind turbine Geoff Sayers presented his proposals for a 50kw wind turbine, with a tip height of 34.2m. Members of public objected on the grounds of: the cumulative impact of wind and solar energy development in the locality, with the degradation of the area as a whole; visual intrusion; industrialisation of the countryside; and noise disturbance to neighbouring properties. Solar roof panels would be preferable.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Gopal, Peach & Wood; SHDC Cllr Steer; 10 members of public

14.069 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Hill, SHDC Cllr Steer & DCC Cllr Vint

14.070 Declarations of interest and Dispensations in items on the Agenda were noted from Cllr Wood: Item 14.072.3 (Personal)

14.071 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 17.6.14, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

14.072 Planning Applications

1. Change of use of cottage from holiday let to permanent residential (removal of condition 2 of approval 10/1383/02/F at Moonriver Cottage, 3 Gara Bridge Cottages, Gara Bridge Ref 17/1679/14/CU Mr K Britton **No objection, subject to a condition of that the occupant must have 5 years prior residence within SHDC**

2. Installation and operation of two 50kW wind turbines both having a hub height of 36.4m and an overall tip height of 46m at Field at SX 6936 5558, Stone Farm, Ugborough Ref 57/1698/14/F Mr B Luscombe **Object. Prominent location, with adverse visual impact on Diptford Parish, the AONB and Dartmoor National Park; Distraction at a busy & dangerous road and junction; Impact on nearby Listed Building (church); Adverse effect on tourism as it is adjacent to a main tourist route into the South Hams**

3. Householder application for single-storey rear extension and alteration to first-floor window at 4 Wheat Park, Diptford Ref 17/1701/14/F Mr P Parson **No objection**

Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 17.6.14 were ratified

4. Removal of condition 3 of approval 17/1854/11/F to allow business use of stables at Land at SX758 534 Farleigh Meadows, Moreleigh Ref 17/1332/14/VAR Mrs C Furini **Strongly object. Should be consistent with previous highway observations that it was an unsustainable location for commercial activity; The business would generate at least 12 additional car journeys per day as owners visited their horses, plus regular farriers, vets, water bowsers and waste removal lorries; Where full livery is provided, horse lorries and trailers would be regularly visiting to transport horses to events; Welfare issues, as there is no mains electricity or water; Progressive development**

5. Removal of condition 4 of approval 17/0507/13/F to allow business use of sand school at SX758 534 Farleigh Meadows, Moreleigh Ref 17/1333/14/VAR Mrs C Furini **Strongly object. It is noted that DCC Highway observations recognise the unsuitable access and junction, and therefore propose to restrict usage to occupants of the stables – however, if application 17/1854/11/F is granted and livery is provided on site, this will generate additional traffic as horse owners visit the site to ride their horses; Contrary to the previous condition that the gateway would not be enlarged, the opening has been widened considerably; Progressive development; Should be considered in conjunction with existing and previous applications.**

Planning Decisions

6. Retrospective application for alterations to weir at SX7321 5384 north of The Mill House, Gara Bridge, Totnes Ref 17_38-1039-14-F **Conditional approval**

Planning Enforcement

7. Stert Quarry – An occupied caravan had been reported to the Enforcement Officer

14.073 P3, footpaths & highways

1. The UCR from Broadleigh Woods had suffered from forestry operations and would be regarded when logging was completed.

2. Councillors had been impressed at the recent road repairs and surface dressing

3. Complaints had been received of oversized lorries using the lanes, which the Clerk would report to the police

14.074 Playing Field – Funds: Acc 02042009 £7411.45; Acc 00196602 £135.44

14.075 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0645	S Woodman – June pay		156.80
0646	S Woodman expenses: Office £25, travel £27		52.00
0647	Diptford WI – Grant (gazebo)		70.00
648	DALC - Training	5.00	30.00

2 The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 30.5.14	6066.96
<i>Less</i> payments & unrepresented cheques	1616.82
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	4450.14
Santander Account to 31.3.13	12.39
Total funds	4462.53

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	234.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	1034.29

Total uncommitted funds £3428.24

3. Finance Correspondence

Community Council of Devon – Membership would not be renewed

14.076 Correspondence received

1. Rural Housing Policy Review: Questionnaire – To be completed by Cllr Wood
2. Living Options Devon: Volunteer-Ability Award – No nomination
3. Diptford School: Invitation to Wind in the Willows preview 1.30pm 16 July – A number of Councillors would be attending
4. Connecting Devon & Somerset: Parish Briefing – Noted
5. Voluntary sector representative of Devon Children's Alliance Executive Group – No vote would be cast

14.077 Backhill Field, Diptford – Cllr Hill would be asked about progress on negotiations

14.078 Reports on Meetings Attended Cllrs Franklin & Peach attended the AONB Meeting, which was poorly presented

14.079 Correspondence available at the Meeting Noted

1. Clerks & Councils Direct, July 2014

Meeting ended 9.25pm

Date of next Meeting 19.8.14