

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Parish Hall, Tuesday 15 September 2009 at 7.40pm

Police Report No crimes were recorded over the last month. The Street Surgery continues to be held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 8.30-9.30am outside the Rising Sun

Reports from District and County Councillors

County Cllr Black reported that she had attended the: DCC Pensions Committee, which reported healthy pension funds; Environment Scrutiny Committee, where she is a member of a task group to reduce the carbon emissions of schools by 2020; DCC meeting which proposed to improve the security of DCC farm tenants and discussed the proposed waste to energy facility in the South Hams, on which Cllr Black requested details on the ash disposal.

She had joined the Friends of Totnes Library, which was campaigning for a new library in the centre of Totnes and she attended the Totnes Town Council meeting, which discussed the temporary closure of Fore St and High St for 2-3 weeks for pavement replacement and confirmed that she was actively investigating pedestrianisation of the streets.

Locality funding had been granted to relocate the Scrap Store to Totnes and Cllr Black confirmed that £300 would be granted to Diptford Parish Council for signage alterations to divert through traffic away from Diptford.

District Cllr Steer expressed sadness at the tragic death of Cllr Chapell. He reported that the Sherford development had been approved and noted the poor turn-out of Councillors, the press and public at the meeting. Vanguard Consultants had been undertaking an overhaul of the planning service and the lack of enforcement 'teeth' was identified as a priority. He had attended the Committee on Travellers and Gypsies, which was experiencing difficulties in finding suitable sites.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Gopal, Hill, Randall & Savery; District Cllr Steer & County Cllr Black

09.098 To accept apologies for absence None

09.099 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were noted from Cllr Savery: Item 09.107.1 Personal (Applicant a neighbour & former business associate)

09.100 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 18th August 2009, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

09.101 P3 & Footpaths – The P3 contractor would undertake a second cut on Footpath 1 (from the village hall) and lay planings on the unclassified road from Cleeve to Chapplelands.

09.102 Housing Needs Report (Draft) – Would be presented by Rural Housing Enabler John Scott at the October meeting. The Report recommended 9 affordable homes over the next 5 years and it was anticipated to take 3 years before any housing was built. The 'Exception site' opposite Wheat Park was identified as a possible suitable site, subject to the agreement of the landowner.

09.103 Councillor vacancy – The statutory notice had expired and the Clerk would advertise the vacancy in the parish magazine and on the noticeboard, and would write to previous applicants with a view to filling the vacancy at the October meeting.

09.104 Parish Council correspondence – The current distribution system would continue as it was recognised that some parishioners were not computer-literate and would be disenfranchised if all correspondence was conducted by email.

09.105 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0399	S Woodman – August pay		136.49
0400	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £17.20, stationery £0.62	.08	42.82
	Total	.08	179.31

Receipts

BGC	Alliance & Leics - Interest		0.29
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2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 28.8.09	381.93	Earmarked Reserves	
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	190.81	P3 Footpaths	408.40
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00	Playing Field	500.00
Total Lloyds Current Account	191.12	Parish Plan	193.43
Alliance & Leics Acc to 4.6.09	3501.49	Total Reserves	1101.83
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	500.00		
Plus uncleared receipts	0.59		
Total Alliance & Leics Account	3002.08		
Total funds	3193.20	Total uncommitted funds	£2091.37

Finance correspondence

3. Funding request: Young Devon – No funding would be granted

09.106 Correspondence received

1. David Incoll, SHDC: S106 Larcombe Quarry – Decision postponement. The Clerk would request a timescale for the decision
2. SHDC: Gambling Act 2005 Renewal of Statement of Principles 2010-2013 – Noted
3. SHDC: S17 Document (Crime & Disorder Act 1998) - Noted
4. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – Police Authority Liaison Meeting, Follaton House 7.30pm 21.9.09
5. DCC: 20 mph Zones & Limits were appropriate where there were a high number of vulnerable road users and average speeds were generally already lower. Speed data of vehicles passing Diptford Playing Fields showed mean vehicle speeds of 20.1 mph for vehicles travelling towards Diptford and 20.5 mph travelling out of Diptford. As there was good compliance with the speed limit and only one slight personal injury accident had been reported at Diptford Cross in the vicinity of the playing fields in the last ten years (which was not attributed to speed related factors), DCC considered it was not appropriate to introduce speed reduction measures. Councillors noted that minor traffic accidents had not been reported. The Clerk would forward the speed data to the headmaster and Simon Walton, and request any suggestions to improve pedestrian safety.
6. South Hams Strategic Partnership: Greenways & Link Paths – Details were passed to Cllr Franklin
7. DCC: Devon Car Free Day – Tuesday 22.9.09
8. DAPC Training: Cllrs Gopal and Randall would attend the New Councillors Short Course 7-9.30pm 15.10.09 at South Brent at a total cost of £50
9. DAPC AGM, County Hall, Exeter 10.30am-4pm 26.9.09 – No one would attend
10. Devon Rural Network: Rural Devon Profile 2009 – Noted
11. Totnes & Surrounding Area Parish Cluster Meeting 7pm 8.10.09 – Cllrs Foster & Hill would attend. The need for faster Broadband would be proposed as an issue for discussion
12. South Devon AONB Annual Forum 15.10.09 – Cllr Foster would attend

09.107 Planning Applications received

1. Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use of workshop & land for repair & parking of vehicles awaiting repair & decommissioning at The Workshop, Diptford TQ9 7ND Ref 17/1368/09 Mr J Howard **It was confirmed that no activity as described in the application had been undertaken on the land edged red in the application. In addition, a neighbouring parishioner since 1999 had confirmed that, although the applicant would occasionally be seen using the shed to work on his own vehicle, he had never carried out activity which would be construed as commercial use or vehicle dismantling. The absence of any receipts for work carried out on the site was noted**
2. Certificate of Lawful Development for existing use of chalet building incidental to the dwellinghouse at Bradridge Lodge, Diptford TQ9 7PA Ref 17/1411/09 A&E Mayhall **Query why it must be established that the building had been erected as it had received planning permission in 1993 and was completed within the time limits, before the property was sold in 1997. Query why its ancillary use as a bedroom was not a planning consideration but note that, by the applicant's own admission, the building was not used continuously as a bedroom after the occupant left to attend university in 2005**
3. Alterations and extension to dwelling (householder application) at Boreston Foot Cottage, Halwell Ref 17/22/1498/09/F Mr A Cooke **No objection**
4. Erection of agricultural livestock building at Diptford Downs Farm, Diptford Ref 17/01531/09/F Mr B Moore **No objection**

Observations on planning applications considered at the Diptford Parish Council Meeting held on 18.8.09 were ratified

5. Single storey extension to rear of property at 4 Wheat Park, Diptford Ref 17/1393/09/F Mr & Mrs Meek **No objection** 'Existing Survey' provided

Planning Decisions - Noted

6. Householder application for extension to dwelling with velux windows in roof and repositioning of en-suite window at Larcombe Corner, Diptford Ref 17/1008/09/F **Conditional Permission**

7. Householder application & Listed Building Consent for amendment to 17/0671/08/F & 17/0670/08/LB to include additional windows to side elevation of building at Broadmead, Diptford Ref 17/1192/09/F & 17/1191/09/LB **Conditional permission**

09.108 Reports on Meetings Attended

CLr Randall attended the Greater Dartmoor LEAF meeting, in which £1.8m match funding was available over the next 18 months for environmental and community based projects that encouraged innovation and promoted the prosperity of the area. Two village-centred Broadband projects had received match funding from Devon Renaissance and the Clerk would request further details.

09.109 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SHDC – Agenda & Minutes
2. DAPC Newsletter, Sept/Oct 09
3. Devon Countryside Access Forum Annual Report 2008/9
4. DAPC Annual Report 2008-9
5. South Hams Society Bulletin July 2009
6. Community Council of Devon – Village Green, Sept 09 & CCD Review 2008-9
7. DCC Emergency Planning Newsletter, July 2009

Meeting ended 9.45pm

Date of next Meeting 20.10.09