

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 16 November 2010 at 7.30pm

Questions from the Public

1. Holsome Lane Residents repeated their concerns about the parking restrictions on the privately-owned layby adjacent to Holsome Lane, which had provided parking for the whole village, including visitors to church functions. Residents considered the kerbstones may be a breach of planning permission and were advised to contact the Enforcement Officer. The SHDC solicitor had advised that the condition in the planning permission relating to usage was woolly and Cllr Steer would request further advice. A possible easement may have been established through continuous use, although this was a private, civil matter. The residents were advised to contact the highway authority about drainage issues and it was noted that grit was not available for use in icy conditions on the private layby. Cllr Foster had offered to chair a meeting between the parties.

2. A request had been received for a street party in 2012 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Police Report Traffic speeds had been monitored during the police surgery and the 20mph limit had been maintained, although parking around the school may have slowed the traffic. With the value of metal rising, incidents of theft in the South Hams were increasing and parishioners were advised to report any suspicious activity.

Report from County Cllr Black, who had attended the:

1. Southern Environment Scrutiny Committee, which considered the recommendations of the Winter Task Force. Gritting would be increased on certain roads; grit bins would be better monitored; increased levels of grit would be stored; pavements may be gritted as part of the public highway; and farmers would be encouraged to use their farm equipment to clear roads. The public liability of farmers helping on the road was questioned.

2. Budget meetings, which sought to save 28% over 4 years.

3. The Rail Task Group, which sought improvements in the service to reflect its increased usage

4. Incineration Plant Meetings. Lee Mill was the preferred location, with ash being transported to Cheltenham for safe storage. Cheaper options were available with zero landfill.

5. The launch of TQ Recycling – a new Material Recovery Facility for trade waste, which was already proving successful

Report from District Cllr Steer The Tenants Initiative Scheme, in which public sector tenants were given a financial incentive to downsize, was proving successful and releasing houses for families; shared services with West Devon DC had resulted in senior level personnel savings; and a planning application may be submitted for two large wind turbines at Luscombe Cross, visible from parts of Diptford parish.

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Franklin, Gopal, Hill, Randall & Sutherland; District Cllr Steer; County Cllr Black; 5 members of public

10.100 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Savery

10.101 To note declarations of interest in items on the Agenda None

10.102 The amended Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19.10.10, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairmn

10.103 Planning Decisions - Noted

1. Retrospective applications for replacement roof and first floor at Crabdon Manor, Diptford Refs 17/1990/10/F 17/1992/10/LB **Conditional permission**

2. Non material amendment to householder planning consent reference 17/2136/08/F for extension and alterations to dwelling amendment for additional first floor window to east elevation, fitting of solar panels to roof slopes at Gara Lodge, Gara Bridge Ref 17/2018/10/MIN **Permission**

10.104 P3 & Footpaths – Cllr Franklin would be attending the Christmas workshop

10.105 Diptford Playing Field – Resolved not to extend Zurich Municipal All Risks insurance to cover the skate park

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

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0456	S Woodman – Oct pay		137.86
0457	S Woodman expenses: Office £32.68, travel £16.00		48.68
0458	Community First – Amenity Trust public liability insurance		209.74

Receipts

BGC	Alliance & Leics - Interest		0.31
50003	DALC – subscription reimbursed		105.99

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 29.10.10	745.46
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	401.88
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Lloyds Current Account	343.58
Alliance & Leics Acc to 5.10.10	3505.76
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	0.00
Plus uncleared receipts	1000.31
Total Alliance & Leicester Account	4506.07
Total funds	4849.65

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	449.25
Amenity Trust	0.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Total Reserves	592.68

Total uncommitted funds £4256.97

Finance correspondence**3. Resolved to pay Diptford Village Hall hire costs for Ivybridge & District Inter Parish Quiz****10.107 Correspondence received**

1. SHDC: Village Housing Initiative – As a short term incentive for landowners to bring sites forward for affordable housing, up to 2 open market homes may be built as part of the development. Details would be included in the Magazine
2. DCC: Minerals Core Strategy Consultation – details would be included in the Magazine
3. SHDC: The Knowledge – loaned to County Cllr Black
4. SHDC: Cleansing Services – The Clerk would arrange a meeting between Cleansing Management Officer Steve Mason and Cllrs Foster & Franklin

10.108 Reports on Meetings Attended Cllr Foster attended the ‘Tough Choices’ meeting, which discussed how savings of £50m could be achieved

10.109 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. DCC: Devon’s Big Minerals Debate
2. Clerks & Councils Direct, Nov 2010
3. The Playing Field, Autumn 2010
4. South Hams Society Bulletin, Oct 2010
5. South Hams CVS: Voluntary Vine, Oct/Nov 2010
6. Senior Council for Devon: Everyone’s Tomorrow, Oct 2010
7. Trade publications

Meeting ended 9.15pm

Date of next Meeting 21st December 2010