

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Parish Hall, Tuesday Tuesday 16 December 2008 at 7.30pm

Questions from the public Complaints were received concerning:

1. Holsome Park - The lack of progress on planning and enforcement action, which complainants considered a 'Dereliction of duty of the Planning Authority'. It was noted that building waste was accumulating on the site.

2. Larcombe Quarry – Delays in enforcing the S106 Agreement.. It was suggested that the owner may apply for a waste disposal facility on the site.

The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting at SHDC with Stephen Munday, Malcolm Elliott, District & County Councillors and the SHDC legal advisor to discuss both issues.

Police Report Neighbourhood Watch had warned of thefts of tools from containers in the South Hams.

Report from District Councillor Steer SHDC had frozen Council tax and car parking charges for 2009/10. The Community Policy and Development Group were amending the rules for exception sites for one year to allow one house to be built for the landowner or for sale. SHDC hoped to buy the bankrupt Redworth site in Totnes, to provide 14 dwellings to let, and it aimed to buy empty houses to rent to families in need.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Franklin (Vice Chairman), Baggott, Chapell, Savery, Stow; SHDC Cllr Steer

08.090 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Foster, Walton and Hill

08.091 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda None

08.092 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th November 2008, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman

08.093 Planning Applications received – None

Observations on planning applications considered at the Diptford Parish Council Meeting held on 18.11.08 were ratified:

1. Extension and alterations to dwelling at Gara Lodge, Gara Bridge Ref 17/2136/08/F Mr Miller

No objection

Planning Decisions – Noted

2. Erection of single storey timber framed glazed conservatory at Laurel Cottage, Diptford Ref 17/1718/08/F

Grant permission

08.094 Amenity Trust – The annual accounts had been completed. The Police were carrying out a formal investigation into the road safety outside the playing field.

08.095 P3 & Footpaths – P3 surveys must be completed by mid February

08.096 Resolved to adopt the Model Publication Scheme The Clerk was asked to display Parish Council documents on the website, where possible.

08.097 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0363	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £25.20, Postage £6.48, Stationery £0.77	0.10	57.45
0364	S Woodman – November pay		131.29
0365	Diptford Amenity Trust – Insurance premium		541.29
0366	J Foster - reimburse TLC (Exeter)Ltd – Xmas lights (Min. 08.072)	4.27	32.72
	Total	4.37	762.75

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Lloyds Current Account to 28.11.08	5292.27
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	862.75
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total	4429.52

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	399.15
Playing Field	1000.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Total	1592.58

Total Uncommitted funds £2836.94

Finance Correspondence

3. Grant request: Computer Club – Accounts would be requested
4. Diptford website – A contribution of £12 was requested in 2009 to finance the domain name renewal
- 5. Resolved to approve the 2009/10 Budget and Precept of £4,900 (Appendix 08.097.5)**

08.098 Correspondence received

1. DAPC Training: New Councillor Short Course, 7-9.30pm 26.01.09 South Brent £25 – Cllr Chappell would attend
2. SHDC: Totnes & surrounding area Parish Cluster Meeting 7pm 20.1.09 Follaton House - Cancelled
3. SHDC Planning Enforcement Officer – Enforcement action at Larcombe Quarry was held in abeyance while Steve Munday considered the planning issues; it was noted that the earthworks at Ditpford Downs Farmhouse was to accommodate a marquee for a wedding in 2009
4. School Governor's Report – The School Governor was thanked for her report
5. SHDC: Budget Meeting with Town & Parish Councils, 7pm 15.1.09 Follaton House – It was confirmed that Cllrs Chapell and Cllrs Foster or Franklin would attend
6. CPRE & MVF Best Kept Village in Devon Competition 2009 – No entry would be submitted
7. Local Government Review: The Boundary Committee announcement on its recommendation had been postponed to 13.2.09 and the Secretary of State may not make any decision until at least March 2009.

08.099 Reports on Meetings Attended

Cllr Franklin attended the P3 Christmas Workshop, which gave an update on current policy and advised that reduced funding would be available.

08.100 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SHDC – Agenda & Minutes, Magazine
2. DCC Devontalk, Winter 2008
3. Royal Devon & Exeter NHS Annual Report 2007/8
4. Village Green, December 2008
5. Digital TV switchover pack for community organisations
6. The Playing Field, Autumn 2008
7. Trade publications

Meeting ended 9.00pm

Date of next Meeting 20.1.09