

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 December 2014 at 7.30pm

**Questions from the public** were raised in relation to:

1. Agenda item 14.129.1. The failure to consult was unsatisfactory. It was understood that the application had been refused as the site was already subject to planning breach investigations
2. Coombeshead Solar Farm. The site had been sold to Belltown Power, who intended to start development in March 2015 and had confirmed its commitment to the establishment of the Diptford Community Fund

**DCC Cllr Vint** had submitted a report relating to developments in Totnes, and highlighted problems associated with the pedestrian traffic lights at the bottom of Western Way. He had expressed concern in the Devon Waste Plan consultation, as arrangements to recycle incinerator bottom ash had not been detailed.

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Franklin (Chairman), Baggott & Crocker; 5 members of public

**14.126 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllrs Foster, Gopal, Hill & Wood; DCC Cllr Vint

**14.127 To note declarations of interest and Dispensations in items on the Agenda** None

**14.128 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 18.11.14, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

### 14.129 Planning Applications

1. Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to residential dwelling (use class C3) and for associated operational development at Agricultural building at SX7526 5261 Moreleigh **Concerned at the implications of this poorly construed legislation. Lack of consultation was unsatisfactory, as the Parish Council should have been consulted at an earlier stage so that local views could be expressed. The development is unsustainable and undesirable. Understand that the application has been refused as the site is subject to an earlier planning breach notice and that a full planning application would be required**
2. Development of shared electronic base station comprising a 20m high lattice mast, six antennas, two 0.6m DIA dishes and six ground based radio equipment cabinets installed within fenced compound and Type 1 access track (3m wide, 95m long) at Site at SX714 365 Manor Farm, North Huish Ref 38/2891/14/F **Support the increase in network**

### Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 18.11.14 were ratified

3. Listed building consent for refurbishments to include barns conversions to study and utility room. Replacement roof to barn and revised porch, with internal alterations to main house at Lower Holsome, Diptford Ref 17/2816/14/LB Mrs J Littlejohn **Support**

### Planning Decisions Noted

4. Agricultural determination for prior notification of agricultural storage building at: Agricultural building at SX7430 5426 Wheeldon Farm, Halwell Ref 17/2539/14/AG **Prior approval of the siting, design and external appearance of the Agricultural Storage Building is not required**

**3. Planning Review** Noted. The Clerk would ask why the planning breach was still being considered at Wheeldon Farm, 4 years after being reported

**14.130 P3, footpaths & highways** – Patching had been undertaken on the Diptford to Avonwick road. DCC had confirmed that it would replenish the grit bins and supply grit to the Snow Warden

### 14.131 Playing Field

1. Acc 02042009 £7512.71; Acc 00196602 £135.44. The playing field had been cut by Keith Jane.

### 14.132 Finance

1. **Cheques to be passed for payment:**

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0663	S Woodman – Nov pay		156.60
0664	S Woodman expenses: Office £25, travel £28.35		53.35
0665	HMRC - PAYE		119.60
0666	D Jane – Playing field cut		65.00

**2. To Receive the Financial Statement**

Lloyds Current Account to 28.11.14	6157.93
<i>Less</i> payments & unrepresented cheques	401.88
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	5756.05
Santander Account to 31.3.13	12.39
Total funds	5768.44

**Earmarked Reserves**

P3 Footpaths	234.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	1034.29

Total uncommitted funds                      £4734.15

**3. Resolved to approve the 20015/16 Budget as detailed in Appendix 14.132.3, and to request a precept of £5800****Finance Correspondence**

**4. Resolved not to share TAP Funding proposals for: Harbertonford Primary School games-themed mural for playground wall; Totnes Town Council extending access to Youth Services to outlying parishes; nor South Brent Dementia Alliance**

**5. Resolved to pay the 2014-2016 National Salary Award: A one-off payment of £10.81 in December 2014, and salary from 1.1.15 £2401.36 pa (SCP25)**

**14.133 Correspondence received**

1. Diptford Waste works – outcome of meeting with South West Water: The base of the receiving tank would be raised so that untreated waste did not collect there; new covers would be ordered for the second tank, and quotes for new covers for the third tank; the filtration bed walls would be repaired; new planting would reduce odour at a lower level; rats would be controlled; the removal of waste (tanking out) would be undertaken more regularly; and further monitoring would be required

Concern was expressed that the works may not be able to cope with the burden of additional housing.

2. SHDC Our Plan ‘Our Environment & Heritage’ and ‘Our Resources’ consultation to 5.1.15 - Noted

3. DALC: Western Power Distribution stakeholder workshop, Plymouth 20.1.15 - Cllr Crocker would attend

4. Spacemake had confirmed that further information on the housing development opposite Wheat Park should be available in the new year.

**14.134 Backhill Field, Diptford** - Purchase for community use had not been successful

**14.135 Reports on Meetings Attended** None

**14.136 Correspondence available at the Meeting** None

*Meeting ended 8.50pm*

*Date of next Meeting 20.1.15*

## Appendix 14.132.3

## Budget &amp; Precept 2015/16

	Budget 2014/15	Actual to 31.12.14	Projected 2014/15	Budget 2015/16
<b>Receipts</b>				
Precept	5660	5660	5660	5800
Council Tax Support Grant	156	156	156	140
Footpaths (P3)	0	0	0	0
HM Customs & Revenue VAT	144	56	60	61
Interest	0	0	0	0
Grants (TAP)	0	0	1000	0
Other	0	100	100	0
	<b>5960</b>	<b>5972</b>	<b>6976</b>	<b>6001</b>

**Payments**

Clerk's salary	2177	1764	2373	2408
Clerk's expenses	395	297	396	402
Office	451	244	325	330
Playing Field: Trust Reserves	500	0.00	500	500
Maintenance	82	145	145	147
Insurance	517	491	491	498
Grants	329	6548	6548	334
S137 Grants	100	0	0	100
Graveyard maintenance	410	0	410	410
Audit	60	175	175	175
Footpaths (P3)	0	0	0	0
Insurance	205	256	256	260
Subscriptions	179	101	175	178
Non revenue items (planting)	100	7	7	100
Hall hire	106	99	99	100
Other expenses	0	0	0	0
Training	80	25	25	80
Elections	241	0	0	245
Community Lengthsman	0	0	0	1000
Emergency planning	0	0	0	0
	<b>5931</b>	<b>10152</b>	<b>11924</b>	<b>7267</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-4180</b>	<b>-4948</b>	<b>-1266</b>
<b>Council Tax (Band D Equivalent)</b>	<b>23.67</b>			<b>24.25</b>

<b>Projected Reserves</b>			<b>Projected funds 31.3.15</b>	<b>4031</b>
	<b>31.3 14</b>	<b>31.3 15</b>	Less Reserves	2034
P3	234	234	<b>Uncommitted funds 31.3.15</b>	<b>£1,997</b>
Winter Emergency Planning	800	800		
TAP	0	1000		
	<b>1034</b>	<b>2034</b>		

**Notes**

1. Other receipts includes repayment of insurance claim excess
2. Assumes 1.5% inflationary increase 2015/16
3. Council Tax Band D Equivalent 2013/4 239.15 (2014/15 estimate to be advised end 2014)
4. Total reserves should be between 3 and 12 months net expenditure (£2900-£11860)
5. Precept calculation: Total budget requirement less £140 Council Tax Support Grant.
6. Council Tax Support Grant likely to reduce in 2016/17. Precept increases may be capped.
7. TAP application for Community Lengthsman £1500 submitted. £1000 TAP allocation assumed

