

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 February 2010 at 7.30pm

Questions from the Public

1. Sustainable South Brent presented its proposal for a wind turbine at Marley Thatch, which was one of a number of community sustainability projects being introduced.
2. Complaints had been received from a number of parishioners concerning the Site Allocation DPD and, in particular, the short period allowed for the initial consultation
3. Complaints had been reported to the authorities of a vehicle carrying animal carcasses discharging effluent along the lanes

Report from County Cllr Black DCC had set its budget, with the lowest Council Tax rise for years, which would result in cuts across all services; a consultation was being undertaken on the mobile library service, which was likely to have fewer but longer stops and would link in with other facilities, such as the school; a consultation was being undertaken from the 20 February at the Civic Hall on traffic options for Fore Street and High Street, Totnes; the Environmental Task Group was looking at the provision of services during the recent cold weather, and in particular the location of grit boxes; and the boundary review was unlikely to be implemented before the general election, particularly as the decision must be ratified by the House of Lords and DCC was intending to request a judicial review. Exeter had insufficient population to sustain a unitary authority and its implementation would result in higher council taxes in Exeter and the rest of Devon.

No response had been received from the Highway Authority with regard to the signage alterations at Diptford and the Clerk would advise when the initial request was made.

Police Report – No crimes were reported

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Gopal, Hill, Randall & Sutherland; DCC Cllr Black; 3 members of public

10.010 To accept apologies for absence None

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

10.012 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19.1.10 and Appendix 09.137.3 of the Meeting on the 15.12.09, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

10.013 Planning Applications received

1. Resubmission of expired approved application 17/0448/06/F for conversion of traditional barn into residential dwelling at Thorn Farm, Diptford Ref 17/ 0131/10/F Mr & Mrs Hallett **No objection**

Observations on planning applications considered at the Diptford Parish Council Meeting held on 19.1.10 were ratified

2. Replacement of existing log, machine store and stable at The Mill House, Gara Bridge Ref 17-38/0056/10/F Miss J Horne **No objection. Adjoins Diptford Bridleway 3**

Planning Decisions

3. Part retrospective application for extension, demolition and replacement of light industrial units at Creber Industrial Units, Diptford Ref 17/1987/09/F **Withdrawn** The Clerk would ask for the status of the unauthorised development now that the planning application had been withdrawn
4. Agricultural determination for agricultural building over silage pit at Holsome Park, Diptford **Prior approval for siting, design & external appearance not required**

Planning Correspondence

5. SHDC: Enforcement Notice at the Barn/Workshop at Little Curtisknowle Barn – Enforcement Officer Rick Crombie confirmed that there was no material evidence of any continued residential occupation, although he did not enter the premises. He would continue to regularly monitor the premises. Actual evidence or personal testimony regarding residential use was requested, with confidentiality assured.

6. Sustainable South Brent – Submission of Planning Application 45/0015/10/F for a wind turbine at Marley Thatch **Support community energy initiatives**

10.014 P3 & Footpaths – The annual report had been submitted to DCC, with no outstanding matters identified, and the grant for next year was therefore likely to be minimal. Alan Pope had been appointed as the new Rights of Way warden. Cllr Franklin asked that she be advised of any obstructions to rights of way.

10.015 Diptford Playing Field – No report

10.016 Diptford Community Car Scheme – The scheme had merged with the Ivybridge Voluntary Car Scheme, although Diptford drivers would serve Diptford, where possible. A cheque for £120 was returned, representing unused grant funding from the Parish Council (*Receipt 50002*)

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

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0419	S Woodman – January pay		137.86
0420	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £24.00, postage £7.20		56.20
0421	S Franklin – P3 Travel		26.25
	Total		220.31

Receipts

BGC	Alliance & Leics - Interest		0.38
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2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 20.1.10	559.68	Earmarked Reserves	
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	425.17	P3 Footpaths	399.25
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00	Playing Field	500.00
Total Lloyds Current Account	134.51	Parish Plan	193.43
Alliance & Leics Acc to 5.12.09	4502.58	Highway Improvements	600.00
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	0.00	Total Reserves	1692.68
Plus uncleared receipts	1.01		
Total Alliance & Leicester Account	4503.59		
Total funds	4638.10	Total uncommitted funds	£2945.42

Finance correspondence

3. Clerk's salary review – To continue on Sep 21 (£9.941 ph)

10.018 Correspondence received

1. DevonTalk – Request for examples of community involvement in emergency situations
2. DAPC Spring Training Programme – Cllrs Gopal and Randall would confirm attendance at the New Councillors Short Course, South Brent 2.3.10 7-9.30pm £25+VAT per person
3. NALC: Nominations to Buckingham Palace Garden Parties - None
4. DCC – Part-night street lighting, with no lights from midnight to 5am, would be introduced by 22.2.10
5. South Devon & Dartmoor Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership: Grant Funding – details would be forwarded to the Playing Field and Youth Groups
6. SHDC: Recommendations of the Parish Remuneration Panel - Noted
7. DCC: Investing in our Devon: Strategic Plan 2009-2013 – a web link to the Plan would be requested
8. Devon & Cornwall Constabulary: Invitation to meet Supt Sarah Sharpe, Totnes Police Station 26.3.10 4-7pm – Cllrs Foster and Franklin would attend and discuss Parish crime statistics, which did not reflect crimes reported when the local police station was closed
9. DCC: Mobile Library Service Survey – Cllr Franklin would complete the survey

10.019 Reports on Meetings Attended

1. Cllr Sutherland attended the Department of Energy and Climate Change public consultation event, which discussed the problem of reconciling the potential impact of nuclear generation with the environment. Aspects of energy conservation and generation included: the energy implications of biomass; the use of shelter belts to improve microclimates; forestation of uplands, including Dartmoor, over 500ft; and the need for a national land use policy and programme.
2. Cllr Randall and the Clerk attended the DAPC Briefing Meeting on the service delivery pilot at Stokenham and neighbouring parishes. The pilot had proved uneconomic, with the parishes still being reliant on SHDC manpower and services; concern had been expressed that SHDC would move non-statutory services on to Parish Councils; and clusters of Parish Councils may be dominated by the larger Councils.

10.020 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SHDC Agenda & Minutes, Magazine
2. South Hams CVS: Voluntary Vine, March 2010
3. Senior Council for Devon: Everyone's Tomorrow, January 2010
4. The Playing Field, Winter 2010

Meeting ended 8.55pm

Date of next Meeting 16.3.10