

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 16 April 2013 at 7.30pm

## Questions from the public:

1. Complaints were received about potholes, particularly on the ridge road. The public were reminded that they could report potholes by phone or online
2. Damage to the road surface and sign at Shorter Cross and at Marley Head had been caused by contractors erecting the solar farms. There should be a requirement that contractors make a payment before starting any renewable energy development, possibly under S106, to compensate for damage to the highways.

**Police Report:** One crime had been recorded, relating to harassment, alarm & distress

**SHDC Cllr Steer** had submitted a report, in which he discussed the proposed Boundary Review; the aim was to equalise voting numbers, and it was likely that Diptford Parish would be included in a Ward with Moreleigh. Discussions were still proceeding on junction improvements at Shorter Cross, for which planning permission would be required.

## MINUTES

**Present** Cllrs Foster(Chairman), Baggott, Crocker, Franklin & Gopal; 1 member of public

**13.033 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllrs Hill, Peach, Savery; SHDC Cllr Steer

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

**13.035 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19.3.13, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairmn**

**13.036 Planning** - Noted

### Planning Decisions

1. Conversion of barn to provide ancillary accommodation at Lower Horner, Diptford Ref 17/2809/12/F

### Conditional permission

2. Full application for the erection of 15 dwellings (5 affordable dwellings & 10 open market) together with car parking, access, landscaping & associated works at Part field opposite Wheat Park, Totnes Road, Diptford Ref 17/2267/12/F **Conditional permission**

The Clerk would ask why a condition that ‘ The hedge fronting the highway should be maintained at a height of 2.5-3m’, as requested by the Parish Council, had not been included in the Planning Permission. The Clerk would ask the developers if this condition could be included as a covenant on the disposal of the land, or as a condition of any Management Agreement.

**Resolved to request the S106 Sport & Recreation Contribution of £10,000 for the purposes of renovating the tennis court**

### Planning Correspondence

3. Planning Enforcement: 0412/2012 Solar Farm, Blue Post Lane, Harberton – The Traffic Management Plan was being adhered to, and no further action was proposed. Complaints had been received that the panels were too high, and should have been set into the ground, which Cllr Steer was investigating.

The Clerk would complain that the developers had caused damage to the road signs and surface at Shorter Cross, and would request that the hedge is not cut down next year, in accordance with the planning permission

4. SHDC: Planning consultation on Interim Guidance for Renewable Energy Development

Councillors noted that, had the Guidance been in force, a number of the new developments would not have been permitted – for which the community would suffer for the next 25 years.

The Clerk would respond that a S106 agreement should be entered into prior to any renewable energy development to compensate the community for damage to the highways resulting from the works.

Kim Grey has asked that she be consulted on renewable energy proposals.

5. SHDC would be holding a Parish Training Session on Planning Enforcement 10am-1pm 17 May, which Cllrs Foster and Peach may attend

### 13.037 P3, footpaths & highways

1. P3 funding of £430 had been received for improvements to FP1, which was wet and muddy
2. DCC: Temporary restriction (Combeshead Cross to Farleigh Cross, Halwell) 26-30 April – it was noted that the work had been completed

3. Highway repairs to potholes – Councillors emphasised the need for residents to report potholes to the highway authority, and the Clerk would complain about the lack of feedback following online reporting.

3. DCC: Highway verge & grass cutting – No verges were maintained within the 30mph speed limit.

**13.038 Amenity Trust Report** – Funds: Acc 00196602 £135.44; Acc 02042009 £6307.99

### 13.039 Finance

#### 1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0583	S Woodman – March pay		150.33
0584	S Woodman expenses: Office £43.98, travel £41.85	1.16	85.83
0585	DALC - Membership	14.80	114.55
Receipts			
BACS	Devon County Council - PROW		430.00

#### 2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 21.2.13	5545.95
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	3237.71
Plus uncleared receipts	430.00
Total Current Account	2738.24
Santander Account to 20.6.12	12.20
Total funds	2750.44

#### Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	574.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	1374.29

Total uncommitted funds                      £1376.15

### 13.040 Correspondence received

1. Local Government Boundary Commission: Electoral Review of South Hams – Representations by 4.6.13. Deferred to the May meeting, when additional information would be available

2. Devon Wildlife Trust: 2012 Glow-worm survey results in your area – Details would be included in the Magazine

3. S Devon & Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership: Community Safety Forum Event, Rattery Village Hall 1pm 25.4.13 – Cllr Franklin may attend

**4. Resolved to pay £210 towards the AONB Village Signs** Locality funding would be requested at the May meeting

### 13.041 Reports on Meetings Attended None

### 13.042 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. South Hams Society Bulletin, March 2013

*Meeting ended 8.40pm*

*Next Meetings:*

- *Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm 23 April*
- *Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm 21 May, followed by the Parish Council Meeting*