

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Parish Hall, Tuesday 16 September 2008 at 8.15pm

**The Police Report** was read by the Vice Chairman, which detailed 2 crimes within the parish over the previous month, both relating to the theft of power tools. The increase in thefts of domestic and vehicle fuel was highlighted and, with the rise in value of scrap metal, thefts of copper, lead and catalytic converters were occurring.

**County Cllr Date** had sent in a report advising that DCC proposed to install parking meters in High Street and Fore Street, Totnes which, it was hoped, would ensure traffic had a turnover and that this would aid traders.

**District Cllr Steer** commented that, at the SHDC meeting on the Boundary Review, there was a consensus that the status quo should be retained. On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, he was leading an AONB walk from Bickham Bridge, which would be following paths improved by SHDC and the Life into Landscape scheme. The AONB Annual Forum would be held in Yealmpton on 17<sup>th</sup> October and Cllrs Franklin and Stow would attend.

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Franklin (Vice Chairman), Walton, Stow & Hill; District Cllr Steer

**08.056 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllrs Foster & Savery; County Cllr Date

**08.057 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** were noted from Cllr Hill: Item 08.059.5 Prejudicial (owns adjacent property)

**08.058 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2008, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman**

### 08.059 Planning Applications received

1. Reconstruction of bungalow destroyed by fire at Abbey Moor, Moreleigh Ref 17/1658/08/F Mrs Bonnell  
**Support**

2. Erection of single storey timber framed glazed conservatory at Laurel Cottage, Diptford Ref 17/1718/08/F Mr R Hewett  
**No objection**

**Observations on planning applications considered at the Diptford Parish Council Meeting held on 19.8.08 were ratified**

3. Retrospective alterations to planning consent 17/2140/05 at Moonriver Cottage, 3 Gara Bridge Cottages, Gara Bridge Ref 17/1520/08/F Mr & Mrs D Miller  
**No objection**

4. Replacement PVCu windows at The Old Bakehouse, Diptford Ref 17/1566/08/F Mr Parr  
**No objection**

5. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling at Sunrise, Holsome Lane, Diptford Ref 17/1573/08/F Mr & Mrs Biglin  
**Object. Overdevelopment of site; overlooking adjacent properties causing unacceptable loss of privacy. However, design is an improvement on existing dwelling.**

**Planning Decisions** – Noted

6. Provision of stoned surface to existing unmade farm access tracks and hay bale storage area fronting existing pole barn at Agricultural storage area at Frogwell Farm, Diptford Ref 17/1423/08/F  
**Conditional permission**

7. Alterations to dwelling at Storridge Court Farm, Moreleigh Ref 17/1364/08/F  
**Conditional permission**

**08.060 Councillor vacancy: Resolved to co-opt Amanda Chapell**

**08.061 Boundary Review** – The Clerk would express concern to the Boundary Committee that the proposed single Devon Unitary Authority would remove a tier of government, creating a big gap between the County Council and Parish Councils. Although it was intended to bridge that gap by Community Boards, the structure of those boards had yet to be agreed. The Parish Council was firmly opposed to the proposed separate Exeter/Exmouth Unitary Authority as it would remove the heart from the County.

**08.062 P3 & Footpaths** – The Broadley Wood tracks had been reinstated, although the original surface had been lost. The P3 contractor would be clearing drainage channels. The bridge at Ashwell Lane was damaged and the Highway Authority had been informed.

### 08.063 Finance

#### 1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0354	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £32.00, envelopes £0.53	.08	57.53
0355	S Woodman – August pay		128.16
	<b>Total</b>	<b>.08</b>	<b>185.49</b>

## 2. The Financial Statement was received

### Financial Statement

Lloyds Current Account to 1.9.08	3920.44
<i>Less</i> payments & unrepresented cheques	210.69
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3709.75</b>

### Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	519.15
Playing Field	500.00
Parish Plan	193.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>1212.58</b>

**Total Uncommitted funds**

**£2497.17**

### 08.064 Correspondence received

1. SHDC Affordable Housing Surgeries 7<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October. Surgeries 1 hour from 9.30am-5.30pm. Councillors questioned their usefulness to the Parish unless a housing needs survey was undertaken
2. DCC Conference: Reducing, re-using and recycling plastic packaging 28.11.08 – No one would attend
3. CVS Make a Difference Day, 25.10.08 - Noted
4. CCD Rural Health Conference, 22.10.08 – No one would attend
5. Sport South Hams Young Sports Person of the Year Sports Awards 2008 – Details were passed to the Playing Field Group
6. South Hams LDF: Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document – Noted
7. Supt Sarah Sharpe: South Hams and West Devon Policing – The Clerk would thank Supt Sharpe for keeping the Parish Council informed and request future reports
8. SWAN Training events: Powering up communities – No one would attend
9. Devon Strategic Partnership: Devon's sustainable community strategy 2008-2018 - Noted
10. SHDC: South Hams Tree Planting – Applications were to be submitted by 3.10.08 and the Clerk would advertise on the noticeboard and on the website. The Tree Warden, Kim Gray, would be asked what action she had taken
11. Area South Highway Management: Temporary road closure, A381 Wonton Hill 22-26 September - Noted
12. DAPC AGM & Seminar, County Hall, Exeter 27 September – No one would attend
13. DAPC Training: New Clerks Training (2 day) 16<sup>th</sup> Oct & 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 10-4 Exeter; New Councillors Short Course 20<sup>th</sup> Oct Crediton £25 – The Clerk would request details on local courses for new councillors.
14. SHDC: Totnes and Surrounding Area Parish Cluster Meeting 22.10.08 - No agenda items would be submitted. Cllr Hill would attend and details would be passed to Cllr Foster.

### 08.064 Reports on Meetings Attended - None

### 08.065 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SHDC – Agenda & Minutes
2. DCC – Devontalk, Autumn 2008, Annual Report 2007/8
3. DAPC Annual Report 2007/8
4. The Playing Field, Summer 2008
5. Tor Homes – Open Door, Summer 2008
6. DAPC Newsletter, Sept/Oct 08
7. Trade publications

*Meeting ended 9.30pm*

*Date of next Meeting 21.10.08*

Note - These are draft minutes and may be subject to amendment at the next Parish Council Meeting.  
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