

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 16 September 2014 at 7.20pm

DCC Cllr Vint reported on the proposed improvements, crossing and signalling at Redworth Junction. He had requested that a pedestrian underpass be provided using the existing bridge between the station and Castle Street, and the Parish Council would lobby DCC for its introduction.

The Parish Lengthsman service and community self help had been promoted, with Parish Councils joining together to undertake work. However, this raised questions of the use of red diesel on the highway; and if responsibilities were being handed over to Parish Councils, they should have more input into priorities. It was noted that the new Devon Highways website contained out-of date information on the Lengthsman service.

The Clerk would investigate the TAP-funded Lengthsman arrangements of Staverton & Landscope Parish Council, including costings.

BT had made a presentation on Superfast Broadband. The results of an evaluation in Diptford should be known in April/May 2015.

SHDC Cllr Steer reported on contentious planning applications in Totnes, which were likely to result in traffic chaos

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Crocker, Franklin & Hill; DCC Cllr Vint & SHDC Cllr Steer; 1 member of public

14.091 Apologies for absence were noted from Cllrs Baggott, Peach & Wood

14.092 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest were received from Cllr Foster (Item14.094.2) and Cllr Crocker (Item14.094.3)

14.093 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 19.8.14, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

14.094 Planning Applications

1. Householder application for single-storey side extension at Mulberry Cottage, 1 Gara Bridge Cottages, Gara Bridge Ref 17/2164/14/F Ms A Townsend **Support**
2. Demolition of agricultural shed and replacement with larger agricultural shed at Lower Farleigh Farm, Moreleigh Ref 17/2300/14/F Mr J Foster **Support**

Cllr Foster declared a Pecuniary interest and withdrew from the Meeting during the Item

Planning Decisions

3. Installation of up to 45,000 ground mounted solar pv panels (max output 8.88MW), erection of ancillary buildings and structures, and access tracks at Fields at SX753 557 East of Coombeshead Farm, Fields at SX749 550 South of Coombeshead farm and connecting access tracks Ref 17/0265/14/F

Conditional permission

Cllr Crocker declared a Pecuniary interest and withdrew from the Meeting during the Item

Concerns were raised over the highway implications of the development

Planning Correspondence

4. SHDC Our Plan: Sites of development – A resident noted that the site identified as ‘Land at Frogwell Farm’ was owned by DCC and formed no part of Frogwell Farm. SHDC considered that the site had no potential for development.

14.095 P3, footpaths & highways

1. Bridleway 3 had been closed to horse riders due to fallen trees. It was due to reopen by the 22nd September, and Cllr Vint would press for its reinstatement, as the bridleway provided a vital link for horse riders.
2. The hedge reinstated at Shorter Cross included saplings, which would obscure visibility as they matured. Cllr Steer would investigate
3. The hedgerows at Brushford and Rannoch remained untrimmed, and Devon Highways would be taking action in relation to the Brushford hedgerows.

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

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0652	S Woodman – August pay		156.60
0653	S Woodman expenses: Office £25, travel £28.35		53.35
0654	HMRC - PAYE		117.40

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 29.8.14	4121.74
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	327.35
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	3794.39
Santander Account to 31.3.13	12.39
Total funds	3806.78

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	234.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	1034.29

Total uncommitted funds £2772.49

Finance Correspondence

3. Wood Brothers insurance claim: Zurich Insurance appointed DAC Beachcroft Claims Ltd and the claim had been recovered from Wood Bros, including the £100 Parish Council policy excess (Rect 500009)
4. Grant availability deadlines: Community Re-investment Projects Fund 31.12.14; Langage Grant Fund 4.12.14; TAP Fund 31.12.14. The Clerk would consult neighbouring Parish Councils about submitting a joint TAP application for a Lengthsman service. A Cluster Meeting was due to be held in Diptford on Tuesday 14th October, and it was suggested that TAP be included as an agenda item.
5. Resolved to grant Ivybridge & District Community Transport Association £100 (Chq 0655)
6. Resolved to renew the internal audit contract with South & West Internal Audit

14.097 Correspondence received

1. SHDC: Our Plan workshop 10-1 Friday 19 September – No one would attend
2. Annual P3 Autumn Workshop, Parke 14th October – Ham Samford would be invited to attend, together with P3 representative James Hill

14.098 Backhill Field, Diptford purchase for community use – No progress

14.099 Resolved to amend Standing Order 71, as detailed in Appendix 14.099

14.100 Resolved to revise the Members Code of Conduct, as detailed in Appendix 14.100

14.101 Reports on Meetings Attended None

14.102 Correspondence available at the Meeting Noted

1. DALC Annual Report 2013-2014
2. South Hams Society Bulletin, August 2014

Meeting ended 8.35pm

Date of next Meeting 21st October 2014

Appendix 14.099 Amendments to Standing Order 71

Replace ‘There shall be no audio or video recording or photographs of the meeting without the express approval of the Council.’

With: ‘A person may not orally report or comment about a meeting as it takes place if he is present at the meeting of a parish council or its committees but otherwise may:

- a) film, photograph or make an audio recording of a meeting;
- b) use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later;
- c) report or comment on the proceedings in writing during or after a meeting or orally report or comment after the meeting.’

Appendix 14.100 Revisions to the code of conduct

PART 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Public Duty and Private Interests: An introduction

Definitions

2. In this Code:

‘**close associate**’ includes someone you are in either regular or irregular contact with over a period of time who is more than just an acquaintance and who is someone a reasonable member of the public might think you would be prepared to favour or disadvantage

‘**family**’ includes your parents; parent-in-law; son/daughter; brother/sister; son/daughter-in-law; stepson and stepdaughter; grandparent; grandchild; nephew/niece; uncle/aunt; or any of the above of a partner; any partners of these people

PART 2 INTERESTS

Registration of Interests

7.3 Where a matter arises at a Meeting which affects the wellbeing or financial interest or position of you, any relevant person, member of your family or close associate (other than a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) more than it would affect the majority of people living within the ward or electoral division affected by the matter.

- (d) Where you have an interest under **Paragraph 7.3** you shall not take part in the discussion or vote on that matter save that you may speak on the matter before withdrawing from the Meeting room if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the Meeting