

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Parish Hall, Tuesday 17 November 2009 at 7.30pm

Police Report No crimes had been recorded. The Police Street Surgery was still running at the Rising Sun from 8.30-9.30am every 1st and 3rd Monday

Report from District Cllr Steer SHDC was spearheading a website campaign to abandon the proposed business rate increases. Planning permission had been granted for the bungalow at Larcombe Quarry (Ref 17/1597/09/O). Daniel Sutherland was congratulated on becoming a Parish Councillor.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Hill & Sutherland

09.122 Daniel Sutherland was co-opted and completed the Declaration of Acceptance

09.123 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Randall, District Cllr Steer & County Cllr Black

09.124 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were received from Cllr Foster in respect of Item 09.130.1: Prejudicial (applicant)

09.125 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 20th October 2009, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

09.126 P3 & Footpaths – Cllrs Franklin and Foster may attend the P3 Christmas Workshop, 27.11.09 Aveton Gifford. Alan Pope had been appointed as the new Rights of Way warden for the area.

09.127 Diptford Playing Field – The Parish Council was reimbursed £511.34 in respect of the Zurich insurance premium of £181.34 and Out on a Limb invoiced payment of £330.

09.128 Finance

1. Cheques to be passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0401	S Woodman – October pay		137.86
0402	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £24.00, stationery £1.94, postage £3.60, Printer ink £4.99	.25	59.53
0403	Alliance & Leicester – Transfer		1500.00
	Total	.25	1697.39

Receipts

BGC	Alliance & Leics - Interest		0.25
BGC	SHDC - Grant		300.00

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 30.10.09	2425.77
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1726.14
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Lloyds Current Account	699.63
Alliance & Leics Acc to 5.10.09	3002.08
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	0.00
Plus uncleared receipts	1500.50
Total Alliance & Leicester Account	4502.58
Total funds	5202.21

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	408.40
Playing Field	500.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Highway Improvements	600.00
Total Reserves	1701.83

Total uncommitted funds £3500.38

Resolved to transfer the £300 SHDC grant into the Highway Improvements Reserve

09.129 Correspondence received

1. SHDC: Devolved services across the South Hams. DAPC would be holding two events in January. It was noted that, as a result of staffing reductions, the Lengthsman service was overstretched. The Clerk would ask Totnes Town Council about possible cluster arrangements to provide services.

2. Diptford School Governor – Community Governors were co-opted by other governors ‘..with a view to obtaining someone from the local business community or widening the representation and skills of the Governing body’. The Clerk would thank Kathy Burkin for representing the Parish Council as School Governor.

3. Diptford tub planting – Resolved to reimburse Ham Sampford £21.98 for the cost of plants and bulbs (Chq 409)

4. DCC: Street lighting part-night lighting policy. The Clerk would ask DCC Cllr Black for Diptford to be included in the scheme
5. DCC: SW Love Food Hate Waste campaign - Noted
6. SHDC: Introduction of systems thinking into the Development Control and Conservation Service/Activities - Noted
7. SHDC: Vanguard Review of Development Management Service – Communication with Town/Parish Councils. The Clerk would respond that communication had greatly improved, and would provide advice in the Parish Magazine on accessing the planning officer reports.
8. South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust: Foundation Trust consultation - Noted
9. DAPC: Empowering Communities in Devon Conference 25.11.09 – No one would attend
10. SHDC: Parish Remuneration Panel to be held 24.11.09 - No issues would be submitted
11. DCC: Invitation to meet DCC Leader John Hart, 6.30pm 7.12.09 Dartmouth
12. DCC Highways: Edge of road failure near Oakenham Bridge – The Structures Team was in the process of producing a repair scheme, although its budget was currently stretched to the limit, and the road was being regularly monitored. It was noted that both sides of the lane were now sinking and drainage from the field may be causing the problem. The Clerk would request urgent repairs as the current road restriction was an accident hazard and the road provided a main access into Diptford.
13. **Resolved to grant Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride £50 (chq 410).** Publicity details on the scheme would be requested. It was noted that the scheme did not provide a service to medical appointments, which was supplied by the Community Car Scheme
14. SHDC: Rural Broadband connectivity – SHDC Economic Development Officer Michael Cozens had responded that, if the current ‘ring-system’ broadband trials were successful, then the project would be offered to similar rural communities. Diptford, as one of the worst served parishes in the South Hams, would be a clear case for the technology.
15. SHDC: South Hams Business Forum, 6.30pm 26.11.09 Follaton House – Cllr Baggott may attend

09.130 Planning Applications received

1. Agricultural building at Land adjacent Farleigh Farm, Moreleigh Ref 17/1847/09/F Mr J Foster
No objection *Cllr Foster left the meeting during the Resolution*
2. Part retrospective application for extension, demolition and replacement of light industrial units at Creber Industrial Units, Diptford Ref 17/0987/09/F Tilley Inflatable Design & Engineering Ltd **No objection.**
Criticism that the application was part retrospective and that much of the work had already been completed

Planning Decisions - Noted

3. Householder application for alterations and extension to dwelling at Boreston Foot Cottage, Halwell 17-22/1498/09/F **Conditional permission**
4. Erection of agricultural livestock building at Diptford Downs Farm, Diptford 17/1531/09/F **Permission**
5. Use of chalet building incidental to the dwellinghouse at Bradridge Lodge, Diptford Ref 17/1411/09/CLE
Certificate of lawful use or development

09.131 Reports on Meetings Attended None

09.132 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SHDC Agenda & Minutes
2. South West Lifelong Learning Network, Issue 10
3. DAPC Newsletter Nov/Dec 09
4. The Playing Field, Autumn 2009
5. South Devon AONB Unit Annual Report 2008-2009

Meeting ended 9.05pm

Date of next Meeting 15.12.09