

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 17 December 2013 at 7.30pm

## MINUTES

**District Cllr Steer** had submitted a report. The Avonwick road had reopened and complaints had been received on the removal of the diseased trees. DCC Highways were investigating complaints that the unauthorised widening of the entrance at Horner Down had resulted in rubble on the road. Enforcement action was being taken against the caravan at Mt Zion.

**County Cllr Vint** had submitted a report on highway issued in Totnes. He had followed up the complaint about the damage caused by Wood Bros and, following advice from DCC, the Clerk would request details of their insurance company.

**Questions from the Public** Objections were raised to planning application 17/2955/13/RM

**Present:** Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Franklin, Gopal, Hill & Peach; 5 members of public

**13.118 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Baggott, SHDC Cllr Steer & DCC Cllr Vint

**13.119 Personal declarations of interest** were noted from Cllr Hill (13.125) & Cllr Gopal (13.121.1)

**13.120 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19.11.13, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

### 13.121 Planning

#### Planning Applications

1. Householder application for replacement of modern roof windows and replacement with roof glazing at Creber Barn, Diptford Ref 17/2810/13/F & 17/2811/13/LB Mr & Mrs N Botley

**Object: This Listed Building has already been subject to retrospective applications and enforcement measures in relation to its glazing; the proposal would alter the character of the building; concern at reflections from the windows**

2. Approval of reserved matters following outline approval 17/1533/12/O for erection of new dwelling house at Green Acre, Diptford Ref 17/2955/13/RM Mr D Bell

**Object: The marked increase in size, from 4 to potentially 6 bedrooms, is disproportionate to the character of the surrounding properties and to the size of the plot; overlooking adjoining properties to the west and north, resulting in loss of amenity (we have been advised that there is a covenant restricting openings on the west elevation); no windows should be provided on the eastern elevation, to protect the privacy of Anchor Cottage; query shared rights of access to the site. Any damage arising from the works should be repaired; as the gateway into the village, careful design and landscaping of the site was needed.**

It was noted that a planning application was still awaited in respect of the proposed solar farm at Coombeshead Farm, pending completion of archaeological surveys

#### Planning Decisions - Noted

3. Change of use of barns to ancillary guest accommodation/studio/play room and workshop to include landscaping, removal of covered yards and erection of implement shed at Beenleigh Manor, Diptford Ref 17/2163/13/F **Grant permission**

4. Listed building consent for alterations/consolidation/repairs to barns and conversion to ancillary accommodation to include associated services, landscaping and implement shed at Beenleigh Manor, Diptford Ref 17/2164/13/LB **Consent**

The Clerk would request a progress report on planning approval 17/2267/12/F for the erection of 15 dwellings opposite Wheat Park, Totnes Road, Diptford.

**13.122 Planning Review as given in Appendix 13.122**

#### 13.123 Amenity Trust Report

Funds: Acc 00196602 £135.44; Acc 02042009 £6909.57

The Clerk would request that SHDC continue grass cutting following the school's declared intention to continue using the playing field.

**13.124 P3, footpaths & highways – None**

**13.125 TAP Funding** – North Huish and South Brent Parish Council would support the TAP application for Diptford Short Mat Bowling Club electric mat roller

### 13.126 Finance

#### 1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0611	S Woodman expenses: Office £25.85, travel £28.35	0.14	25.85
0612	S Woodman – November pay		151.98
0613	JW Baron	100.00	600.00
0614	HMRC (PAYE)		113.40

#### 2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 29.11.13	6180.37
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1019.58
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	5160.79
Santander Account to 31.3.13	12.39
Total funds	5173.18

#### Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	874.29

Total uncommitted funds                      £4298.89

**3. Resolved to approve the 20014/15 Budget as detailed in Appendix 13.126.3, and to request a precept of £5660.** The Clerk would ask DCC Cllr Vint about the availability of Locality Funding.

#### Funding requests

4. Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride – No grant
5. Victim Support – No grant

#### 13.127 Correspondence received

1. PCSO Barker: Monthly crime reports ceased – The Clerk would complain to the Crime Commissioner and request details of his plans, as the interaction between the police and local community had reached a low point. The further dilution of police services in rural areas was contrary to his commitment towards reducing rural crime.

**13.128 Reports on Meetings Attended - None**

**13.129 Correspondence available at the Meeting - None**

*Meeting ended 9.10pm*

*Date of next Meeting 21.1.14*