

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Parish Hall, Tuesday 17 February 2009 at 7.30pm

Questions from the Public:

1. Michael Hicks, and Executive Member at SHDC, introduced himself as a candidate for Totnes Rural Electoral Division in the June Devon County Council elections.

2. Planning Application Ref 17/0168/09/F – Larcombe Quarry.

Residents objected to the proposal on the grounds that: the S106 Agreement restricted the land to rural uses ie it was a greenfield site and therefore not appropriate for the proposed business; any pollution would affect the local private water supplies; access was inadequate, along 1 mile of single track lane with few passing places and some distance from the main road system; the applicant anticipated a 50% increase in road movements, which would result in a substantial increase in the possibility of accidents, damage to hedgerows and obstruction; the Devon County Plan showed no need for such land use in the area; and the proposed development was inappropriate along a lane with residential users.

The applicant responded that: SHDC had accepted the Quarry was a brownfield site; the validity of the S106 was queried; there would be no change as the site had been used since 2005 for repairing cars, and there were already 70 cars on the site; the business could continue to operate without the need for planning permission, but the applicant had wished to be open and clarify the situation; and he did not rule out the possibility of applying to extend the use to vehicle breaking in the future.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Chapell, Franklin, Hill & Stow; 7 members of public

09.014 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Savery & SHDC Cllr Steer

09.015 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were noted from Cllr Chapell: Item 09.017 – Prejudicial (land ownership)

09.016 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th January 2009, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

09.017 Planning Applications received

1. Retrospective application for car and commercial repairs – Use of building A for office & storage of parts; building B for repairs and use of yard for storing vehicles at Larcombe Quarry, Larcombe Lane, Diptford Ref 17/0168/09/F Mr A Broadway **No objection, subject to clarification and additional information being provided. The current status of the permission on the land was unclear and insufficient information had been provided in the application, including an indication of the number of vehicles permitted on the site (3 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstention) NB This decision reviewed at the Parish Council Meeting on 17.3.09**

09.018 Planning enforcement: Holsome Park and Little Curtisknowle Barn – Revised landscaping plans had been received for Holsome Park and the Clerk would respond that they did not address the issue of material buried on the site. No progress report had been received on Little Curtisknowle Barn.

09.019 Councillor Vacancy – A vacancy had arisen following the resignation of Cllr Walton and would be filled by co-option. The statutory Notice had expired and the Clerk would advertise the vacancy.

09.020 P3 & Footpaths – A tree was overhanging Bridleway 3 and the landowner would be informed

09.021 Diptford Parish Plan – Councillors would review the Plan and report items requiring updating to the March Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk would request a Housing Needs Survey.

09.022 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0371	S Woodman – January pay		131.29
0372	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £22.40, magnets £38.53	5.03	85.93
0373	DAPC - Training		25.00
0374	Day Signs	12.00	92.00
	Total	17.03	334.22

Receipts

BGC	Alliance & Leics - Interest		0.04
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2. The Financial Statement was received:

Lloyds Current Account to 30.1.09	738.39
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	349.22
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total	389.17
Plus Alliance & Leics Acc to 5.2.09	3500.04
Total	3889.21

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	384.50
Playing Field	920.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Total	1,497.93

Total Uncommitted funds £2391.28

Finance Correspondence

- 3. Resolved to grant Diptford Pre-school Playgroup £150 (chq 375)**
- 4. Resolved to contribute £28 towards the SLCC membership renewal (chq 376)**
- 5. Clerk’s annual salary review – the clerk would remain on salary point LC1 SCP20

09.023 Correspondence received

- 1. Rural Services Network – Accept offer of free membership
- 2. Travellers camp at Marley Head, South Brent: complaint against possible planning permission - Noted
- 3. DAPC training: Power of well being briefing – No one would attend
- 4. Small Green Steps Award 2009 – Details were passed to Cllr Hill
- 5. Royal Garden Party 7.7.09 – No nomination
- 6. SHDC: Totnes & Surrounding Area Parish Cluster Meeting, Follaton House 7pm 26.2.09 – Following the deferment of the Boundary Committee announcement to the 15th July, it was requested that the meeting be restored to its original schedule
- 7. SHDC: Development Control User Group meeting – date altered to 29.4.09
- 8. SW Planning Aid: Planning for Non-Planners – Request free training & advice and offer to provide venue at the Village Hall
- 9. SHDC: South Hams Local Development Framework – Development Policies DPD – Regulation 25 - Noted

09.023 Reports on Meetings Attended Councillors had attended a site meeting at Sunrise to view the revised plans prior to submitting the planning application. The revised plans were preferable to the original plans and the consultation was useful.

09.024 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

- 1. SHDC – Agenda & Minutes, Leaflet ‘Fraud, theft or corruption’

Meeting ended 9.05pm

Date of next Meeting 17.3.09