

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 17 April 2012 at 7.30pm

## Questions from the Public

1. Objections were raised to planning application 17/0668/12/F Erection of 2 bedroom house at land adjacent to Stert Cottage, Diptford
2. Complaints were received of recent damage to Gara and Clam bridges. The Highway Authority would be asked for better weight/size restriction signage and enforcement, including the possibility of bollards to restrict access. Loddiswell and North Huish Parish Councils would be included in the discussions. It was noted that the parapet of the railway bridge at Bickham, which was damaged last year, had still not been repaired.

**Police Report** No crimes were reported for March. Advice was given on securing bikes and ensuring valuables were not on display in parked cars.

## MINUTES

**Present** Cllrs Foster(Chairman), Franklin, Gopal, Hill & Peach; 2 members of public

**12.032 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Crocker

**12.033 To note declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** None

**12.034 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20.3.12, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

### 12.035 Planning Applications

1. Full planning application for solar PV development consisting of the installation of ground based racking systems comprising 1406 tables, mounted solar panes comprising 36,556 modules, power inverter systems, transformer stations, substation, deer/security fencing and associated access gates, and CCTV security cameras mounted on free standing support poles at Marley Thatch Farm, South Brent Ref 39\_45/0706/12/F TGC Renewables Ltd **Object: Loss of visual amenity over a wide area, including the Dartmoor National Park and AONB; Excessive development; Unacceptable loss of good quality farmland**
2. Erection of 2 bedroom house at land adjacent to Stert Cottage, Diptford Ref 17/0668/12/F Mrs C V ranch **Object: Overdevelopment of a very small site; loss of traditional stone wall; inadequate parking and vehicular access; loss of privacy to adjacent properties; query sewage arrangements and capacity of mains sewage system; boundaries on location plan incorrect; believe there is a well in the garden**
3. Retrospective application for the installation of 3.84kw ground mounted solar PV array at Coombeshead Farmhouse, Diptford Ref 17/0740/12/F Mr G Goodwin **No objection – although object in principle to retrospective applications**

### Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 20.3.12 were ratified

4. Householder application for construction of sun lounge at Holsome Park, Diptford Ref 17/0460/12/F Mr GT Lethbridge **No objection**

### Planning Decisions

5. Installation of 4kw ground mounted PV array in field adjacent to existing dwelling. PV system to provide power to existing dwelling at Farleigh Court, Moreleigh Ref 17/0187/12/F **Conditional permission**

**12.036 P3 & Footpaths** – ‘Unmetalled Road’ signs had been erected to meet legal requirements. A horse stile or concrete post may be erected on the bridleway to Curtisknowle to prevent its use by 4 wheel drive vehicles.

**12.037 Diptford Playing Field** – A ‘Clear Up’ day had been held, when the bark was renewed and the tennis courts swept.

In the annual inspection report, most of the defects related to the skate ramps. It would be suggested to the Playing Field Group that, prior to the next inspection, someone be employed to carry out repairs and clean up the equipment. The continued existence of the grind rail would be queried.

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

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
0523	S Woodman – March pay		145.57
0524	S Woodman expenses: Office £25.50, travel £39.15	0.08	64.65
0525	SHDC – Uncontested Parish election May 2011		111.55
0526	DALC - Membership	14.35	111.35
0527	DPFA - Membership		36.50
0528	Playsafety Ltd – Playing field inspection	16.20	97.20
0529	Community First – Amenity Trust Public Liability insurance		491.40
0530	S Franklin (Veaseys) – Diamond Jubilee printing		40.00
<b>Receipts</b>			
BGC	DCC – P3 grant		750.00
BGC	HMRC – VAT repayment		361.63

**2. The Financial Statement was received**

Lloyds Current Account to 30.3.12	2704.24
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1239.35
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
<b>Total Current Account</b>	<b>1464.89</b>
Santander Account to 6.3.12	3511.31
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>4976.20</b>

**Earmarked Reserves**

P3 Footpaths	1178.50
Amenity Trust	500.00
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Diamond Jubilee	536.00
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>3014.50</b>
<b>Total uncommitted funds</b>	<b>£1961.70</b>

**12.039 Correspondence received**

- SHDC: Preparatory actions to introduce Dog Control Orders - Noted
- SHDC: Infrastructure Planning – Infrastructure needs identified: Inadequate/non-existent Broadband; Limited sewage capacity; Inadequate highways, particularly along the ridge road, which would only be alleviated by better access through Totnes, especially Redworth junction.
- St John Ambulance: Offer of defibrillators from £1195 + VAT; and free defibrillator demonstration – No purchase
- Community Council of Devon: Devon Oil Collective – details would be included in the Parish Magazine
- SHDC Development Forum to consider the proposals in relation to a Totnes Community Windfarm, 10am-12 noon, Wed 18 April Follaton House - Noted
- DALC: General Power of Competence briefing, 10am-12 noon Friday 20 April, Ivybridge – The Clerk was attending
- Totnes on the Move Roadshow, Totnes Methodist Church, 10am-3pm Sat 28 April – Noted
- Development Forum: Totnes Community Windfarm 10am, 18 April – Noted
- Totnes Ring & Ride AGM 7pm 24 April Follaton House – Noted
- South Hams Connect, 10-12 noon 8 May Rattery Village Hall – Noted
- DCC Highways: Road closure 2 June Diptford Court to Diptford Cross (Diamond Jubilee street party)
- Super Cluster Meeting 10 May, 7pm Rattery Village Hall – Cllr Peach would attend

**12.040 Reports on Meetings Attended** Cllr Peach attended the opening of South Brent Caring, which was making a good start, with grant funding and volunteers.

**12.041 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted**

- Community Council of Devon: Village Green, Spring 2012
- Clerks & Councils Direct, March 2012

*Meeting ended 9.10pm*

*Date of next Meetings:*

- *Annual Parish Meeting, Tuesday 15 May 7.00pm*
- *Annual Parish Council Meeting, Thursday 17 May 7.00 pm*
- *Parish Council Meeting, Thursday 17 May 7.30pm*