

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall  
Tuesday 17 June 2014 at 7.30pm

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Questions from the public** Concern was raised on the planning applications at Farleigh Meadows. Access to the site was poor and a DIY livery business would result in 16 additional car journeys per day as owners visited their horses, plus vets, farriers etc. Full livery was costly and therefore only used for competition horses, which would result in horse lorries or trailers accessing the site. In the previous fortnight, a lorry visiting the site had damaged the hedge opposite the entrance, with two recent car accidents as vehicles left the site. Welfare concerns include lack of running water. The proposals represented progressive development on agricultural/amenity land and it was doubtful if an established business would be forthcoming.

**DCC Cllr Vint** submitted a report on the options for improving the crossings and signalling at Redworth Junction, and it had been decided to select a Signalised option to increase pedestrian safety.

**Present:** Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Franklin, Gopal, Hill, Peach & Wood; SHDC Cllr Steer;  
1 member of public

**14.058 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Peach & DCC Cllr Vint

**14.059 Declarations of interest and Dispensations in items on the Agenda** were noted from Cllr Foster:  
Item 14.061 (Personal)

**14.060 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 20.5.14, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

### 14.061 Planning Applications

1. Removal of condition 3 of approval 17/1854/11/F to allow business use of stables at Land at SX758 534 Farleigh Meadows, Moreleigh Ref 17/1332/14/VAR Mrs C Furini **Strongly object. Should be consistent with previous highway observations that it was an unsustainable location for commercial activity. The business would generate at least 12 additional car journeys per day as owners visited their horses, plus regular farriers, vets, water bowsers and waste removal lorries. Where full livery is provided, horse lorries and trailers would be regularly visiting to transport horses to events; Welfare issues, as there is no mains electricity or water; Progressive development**
2. Removal of condition 4 of approval 17/0507/13/F to allow business use of sand school at SX758 534 Farleigh Meadows, Moreleigh Ref 17/1333/14/VAR Mrs C Furini **Strongly object. It is noted that DCC Highway observations recognise the unsuitable access and junction, and therefore propose to restrict usage to occupants of the stables – however, if application 17/1854/11/F is granted and livery is provided on site, this will generate additional traffic as horse owners visit the site to ride their horses; Contrary to the previous condition that the gateway would not be enlarged, the opening has been widened considerably; Progressive development; Should be considered in conjunction with existing and previous applications.**
3. Retention of mobile home and installation of key worker's chalet for equestrian business (three year permission) – resubmission of 17/0420/14/F at SX758 534 Farleigh Meadows, Moreleigh Ref 17/1334/14/F Ms C Furini **Strongly object. Original objections stand; No mains electricity (a condition of the previous approval); No mains water or sewage facilities; Should be considered in conjunction with existing and previous applications; Progressive development; Inconsistent highway observations – traffic movements are likely to increase if a livery commercial business is introduced, with at least 12 additional car journeys per day as owners visited their horses, plus regular farriers, vets, water bowsers and waste removal lorries. Where full livery is provided, horse lorries and trailers would be regularly visiting to transport horses to events**

Parish Council representation at the Planning Committee determining these applications would be requested

### Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 20.5.14 were ratified

4. Listed Building Consent for replacement windows at Bradridge House, Diptford Ref 17/1119/14/LB Mr G Hyde **No objection**

### Planning Decisions - Noted

5. Erection of manure storage building at Holsome Park, Diptford Ref 17/0887/14/F **Conditional permission**

6. Circular 14/90 application for erection of 33kV overhead line supported by wooden poles at SX7474 5574 Higher Coombe, Diptford Ref 17/0797/14/OHL **Approval**

### Planning Correspondence

7. Helen Smart: Enforcement liaison – Alex Which would provide details of the proposed hedgebank at Blue Post Solar Farm; James Kershaw (Environmental Health) would be investigating the floodlighting at Hatchlands Farm; and Wendy Ormsby would be visiting Farleigh Meadows with Richard Jackson.

**14.062 P3, footpaths & highways** – DCC Highways Darren Cole had followed up highway complaints in the Parish: The owners of the Manor House would remove the fallen tree to clear the buddle hole; the hedge at Rannoch would be cut back in September; and the hedge at Brushford would be cut back by the end of July, and the Clerk would send advice on undertaking a ‘high cut’ of the hedge. The DCC Rural Grass Cutting Policy was noted.

**14.063 Playing Field** – Funds: Acc 02042009 £7411.21; Acc 00196602 £135.44

### 14.064 Finance

#### 1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0642	S Woodman – May pay		156.80
0643	S Woodman expenses: Office £31.36, travel 40.50		71.86
0644	HMRC - PAYE		117.20

#### 2 The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 30.4.14	6384.29
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1625.35
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	4758.94
Santander Account to 31.3.13	12.39
Total funds	4771.33

#### Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	234.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	1034.29

Total uncommitted funds                      £3737.04

### Finance correspondence

**3. Resolved to grant £70 towards a gazebo for village events, subject to satisfactory arrangements for ownership and insurance**

#### 14.065 Correspondence received

1. CAB: Outreach service – would not be requested
2. SHDC: Our Plan – details of the consultation would be included in the Magazine
3. Diptford Primary School – Use of school field. Headteacher Tony Calcutt emphasised that community use must only be with the prior written consent of the school, and that use will be at the users/organisers own risk.

**14.066 Backhill Field, Diptford** – The Parish Council tender had been rejected, and offers over £50k were invited.

**Resolved not to submit an increased offer**

**14.067 Reports on Meetings Attended** Cllr Hill, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, had met with the school to discuss closer working with the village. He was organising speakers to visit the school.

**14.068 Correspondence available at the Meeting** None

*Meeting ended 9.55pm*

*Date of next Meeting 16.7.14*