

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Parish Hall, Tuesday 18 November 2008 at 7.30pm

## Questions from the public

1. It had been noted that vehicles were accumulating in the former scrapyard at Larcombe Quarry and the level of activity was increasing. Banger racing was taking place and health & safety issues were raised as the track was adjacent to the highway, with minimum protection for spectators. The Clerk would investigate the complaints
2. A mobile home had been noted at Diptford Green. SHDC had been advised and the situation would be monitored.
3. Substantial earthworks were taking place at the former Diptford Downs farmhouse and the Clerk would establish whether planning permission was required.

**Police Report** Two burglaries were committed in the parish over the previous month and Neighbourhood Watch had reported 16 similar burglaries throughout the South Hams. Isolated houses were burgled during daylight hours, when occupants were out, and high value goods and cash were taken.

## Reports from District and County Councillors

District Cllr Steer reported the opening of the Harbertonford Village Hall extension. SHDC had achieved the second highest recycling rates in the country; 57.07% of waste was recycled, amounting to 19,000 tonnes. Civil Enforcement Officers would be visiting to control parking in Diptford.

County Cllr Date had been involved in interviewing for financial advisers for Devon County's investment funds. The Playgroup was applying for a DCC grant, and the current refurbishment of the hand bells received DCC funding.

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Foster(Chairman), Franklin, Hill, Chapell, Savery, Walton & Hill; SHDC Cllr Steer; DCC Cllr Date

**08.079 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllrs Stow & Baggott

**08.080 No declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** were noted

**08.081 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

### 08.082 Planning Applications received

1. Extension and alterations to dwelling at Gara Lodge, Gara Bridge Ref 17/2136/08/F Mr Miller **No objection** (4 For, 1 Against)

**Planning Decisions** – Noted

2. Reconstruction of bungalow destroyed by fire at Abbey Moor, Moreleigh Ref 17/1658/08/F **Conditional permission**

**08.083 Measures to control traffic speeds** The Clerk would suggest to the highway authority that the 20mph speed limit be extended to Diptford Court and to the far side of the playing field. The 30mph sign should be relocated to Diptford Green. At Christone Cross, the verge should be reshaped and the Avonwick sign altered to direct traffic via Shorter Cross.

**08.084 Amenity Trust** – The Diptford Playing field Group AGM would be held on 24.11.08

**08.085 P3 & Footpaths** – Cllr Franklin would be attending the Annual Parish Paths Partnership Christmas Workshop at Meadowbrook, Dartington on 24.11.08. Survey forms would be completed by mid February.

### 08.086 Finance

#### 1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0359	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £17.20,	0.00	42.20
0360	S Woodman – October pay (including £23.47 gross back pay)		150.07
0361	Audit Commission	8.75	58.75
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8.75</b>	<b>251.02</b>

## 2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 31.10.08	5543.29
<i>Less</i> payments & unrepresented cheques	251.02
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>5292.27</b>

## Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	399.15
Playing Field	1000.00
Parish Plan	193.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>1592.58</b>

**Total Uncommitted funds**

**£3699.69**

### Finance Correspondence

3. Clerk's salary award – An interim award of 2.45% had been agreed from 1.4.08, pending arbitration. The Clerk's salary would increase to £9.468ph (£1969.34pa)
4. Ivybridge & District Inter Parish Quiz 2009 – The account was in surplus and no financial support was required. It was confirmed that the Parish Council would pay for the Hall hire when the quiz was held in Diptford.
5. Grant request: Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride – No grant funding as it did not serve the parish.

### 6. Resolved to grant South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau £100

### 7. Alliance & Leicester Instant Community Reserve Account: Resolved that Cllrs Foster & Franklin and the Clerk would be signatories

### 08.087 Correspondence received

1. SHDC Residents' parking permits – Valid 4pm to 10am all week at a charge of £10
2. SHDC Budget Meeting with Town & Parish Councils 7pm 15.1.09, Follaton House – Cllr Chapell and Cllrs Foster or Franklin would attend
3. Communities & Local Government: Codes of conduct for local authority members & employees (consultation) – No comments
4. Beverley Sugden would be appointed Tree Warden. Greater liaison with the Parish Council would be requested, including a report to the Annual Parish Meeting.
5. RNIB 'Secret Garden Day' fundraising proposal. Details would be passed to Ham Sampford.
6. SHDC: Local Government Review – In the South Hams, 10% Parish & Town Councils were in favour of the Devon Unitary proposal, 65% against and 25% with no opinion.

### 08.088 Reports on Meetings Attended

1. Cllrs Foster, Franklin and Hill attended the SHDC Parish Cluster Meeting, which discussed future housing development plans in the South Hams. The agenda was poor and attendance at the meeting low.
2. Cllr Hill attended the South Hams Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment meeting.

### 08.089 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SHDC – Agenda & Minutes
2. South Devon AONB Annual Report 2007-8
3. DAPC Newsletter Nov/Dec 08
4. Tor Homes – Open Door Autumn 2008

*Meeting ended 8.50pm*

*Date of next Meeting 16.12.08*