

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 18 March 2014 at 7.20pm

Questions from the Public

1. Objections were raised to planning application 17/0420/14/F (Agenda item 14.028.1)
2. Complaints were received on dogs running loose in the village, and the Clerk would highlight the problem in the magazine

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Franklin (Vice Chairman), Hill, Peach & Wood; 1 member of public

14.024 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Baggott, Foster & Gopal

14.025 Mark Wood was co-opted as Parish Councillor and completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

14.026 To note declarations of interest and Dispensations in items on the Agenda None

14.027 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18.2.14, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

14.028 Planning

Planning Applications

1. Temporary retention of mobile home for equestrian purposes and installation of timber chalet for key worker and Land at SX7581 5346, Farleigh Meadows, Moreleigh Ref 17/0420/14/F Ms C Furini **Strongly Object: Not a key worker; Previous consents precluded business/commercial use; Non-compliance with previous consents; Progressive development towards creating a permanent residence; Site unsuitable for the proposed uses, with no water or sewage services; Dangerous access. Enforcement action is requested at the earliest opportunity**
2. Listed Building consent for replacement of corrugated iron roof with natural slate in centre section of south range of barns at Beenleigh Manor, Diptford Ref 17/0575/14/LB **Support**

Planning Decisions - Noted

3. Approval of reserved matters following outline approval 17/1533/12/O for erection of new dwellinghouse at Green Acre, Diptford Ref 17/2955/13/RM **Conditional permission**

14.029 P3, footpaths & highways

1. Appointment of Deputy Snow Warden – Deferred to the April Meeting
2. Webland Lane damage – DCC Highways responded they were unable to pass the damage back to the contractors of the solar farm, as it was more likely to be the result of recent weather conditions
3. Cllr Vint would request the re-categorisation of lanes to Larcombe and at Curtisknowle, to ensure their continued maintenance.
4. The Clerk, in the magazine, would remind landowners of their responsibility to cut back roadside hedges. She would ask the owner to remove the oak tree from the river.

14.030 Playing Field Maintenance

1. Grass cutting quotation from Keith Jane: £65 per cut once a month – Quotations would be reviewed in January
2. SHDC jet washing quotation: £200+VAT, undertaken in Nov/Dec. The Clerk would establish whether SHDC already provided the service

14.031 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

| Cheque | Description | VAT | Gross |
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| 0624 | S Woodman – February pay | | 156.80 |
| 0625 | S Woodman expenses: Office £31, travel £54 | | 85.00 |
| 0626 | Diptford Amenity Trust (Reserve) | | 500.00 |
| 0628 | HMRC (PAYE) | | 115.80 |
| 0629 | S Hill - planters | | 71.73 |
| 0630 | ASAP Locks – Noticeboard repairs | | 30.00 |

2. The Financial Statement was received

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| Lloyds Current Account to 20.2.14 | 4542.78 |
| Less payments & unrepresented cheques | 1171.91 |
| Plus uncleared receipts | 0.00 |
| Total Current Account | 3370.87 |
| Santander Account to 31.3.13 | 12.39 |
| Total funds | 3383.26 |

Earmarked Reserves

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| P3 Footpaths | 74.29 |
| Winter Emergency Planning | 800.00 |
| Total Reserves | 874.29 |

Total uncommitted funds £2508.97

3. Funding request: Churchyard grass cutting – A copy of the accounts would be requested, together with more details of the £400 payment in December 2012

14.032 School Governor's Report The school is thriving, with 81 pupils and Ofsted assessment as a 'good school with some outstanding features'. The Pre-School is also thriving, with a waiting list of children wishing to join, and additional teaching space is being sought to meet the demand. The school field has been levelled and is available for community use out of school hours - users should first contact the school.

School results have been very good, and well above average, with another good set of results predicted in the May 2014 SATS tests. Pupils have taken part in a local netball tournament, gymnastic competition, swim marathon and public speaking event. Each week, they hold a web conference with their French partner school, although anticipated lower broadband speeds may be a concern.

Forthcoming events include PE sessions with Plymouth Argyle Community Trust, Cheerleading club, netball and football matches against Federation schools, a technology competition at Langage Power Station, zoo trip and residential trip for older pupils. Community links continue through the church, Kurling Club and Avon tennis club.

14.033 Correspondence received

- 1. Resolved to send out agenda and minutes electronically from 1.4.14.** Individual Councillors must confirm consent to the arrangement.
- Community Radio Station: Partnerships with villages & community organisations – No radio reception in the parish
- Rural Services Network: Invitation to join a Rural Sounding Board – No one would join
- Local Government Boundary Commission: Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for SHDC – Diptford Parish would be incorporated into a South Brent ward, with two members. The recommendations, subject to parliamentary approval, would be implemented in May 2015
- South Brent Parish Council: Beating the Inner (Diptford) Bounds 17.5.14 – Details would be advertised
- South Hams Communities Coming Together: Putting ideas into action 1 April – No one would attend
- SHDC: Local planning validation checklist consultation to 9.5.14 - Noted

Cllr Foster joined the meeting

- SHDC: Community Re-investment Projects Fund 3013/14 – Not eligible

14.034 Reports on Meetings Attended Cllr Foster attended the Cluster Meeting, which considered TAP funding applications, and each application was reduced by 2.5%. Diptford would host the Cluster Meeting on Tuesday 14 October, when a discussion of Neighbourhood Planning would be requested. The Clerk would request Cllr Vint to look into the feasibility of Parish Cluster funding of a lengthsmen

14.035 Correspondence available at the Meeting - Noted

- Clerks & Councils Direct, March 2014
- South Hams Society Bulletin, February 2014

Meeting ended 9pm

Date of next Meeting 15 April & Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 29 April