

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 18 May 2010 at 7.30pm

Questions from the public

1. Complaints had been received about the illegal occupation of Stert Quarry Farm, and a portacabin was noted in the quarry. The SHDC Enforcement Officer had been advised.
2. Planning Application 17/0823/10 Turbine at Broadley Farm. Questions were raised about the adequacy of the wind and the planning implications of its location within the AONB

Report from District Cllr Steer The election count in Totnes had been faster than previously. Cllr Baverstock had been appointed Chairman at the SHDC AGM. Faster processing of planning applications and enforcement action should result from the Vanguard Review.

Police Report A questionnaire was completed on the preferred opening hours of Totnes Police Station.

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Hill, Randall & Savery; SHDC Cllr Steer; 3 members of public

10.047 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gopal

10.048 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were noted from Cllr Franklin: Item 10.050.1 Personal (lives in the vicinity)

10.049 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20.4.10, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

10.050 Planning Applications received

1. Installation of 5Kw Evance R9000 turbine, mounted on free-standing 15m galvanised steel mast on a 2.5m² concrete foundation. Turbine is a three-bladed horizontal-axis propeller design with a rotor diameter of 5.4m at Broadley Farm, Diptford Ref 17/0823/10/F Mr G Gilmore **No objection. Support renewable energy, but query if sufficient wind and note site lies within the AONB**

Observations on planning applications considered at the Diptford Parish Council Meeting held on 20.4.10 were ratified

2. Certificate of lawful proposed use for siting of mobile home to be used as residential accommodation ancillary to the dwellinghouse at Creber Farm, Diptford Ref 17/0664/10/CLP Mr M Gopal **No objection, subject to a condition that the mobile home is to be used only as ancillary to the dwelling house**
3. Listed Building Consent for alterations to window fenestration on Ryes Cottage and Little Thatch, Diptford and internal alterations to ground and first floor bathrooms Ref 17/0711/10/LB Mr P Swallow **No objection. Details of the Planning Application were unclear and some work had already been completed**

10.051 P3 & Footpaths – The new P3 warden was retiring

10.052 Diptford Playing Field – Arrangements were being made to collect the free skateboard ramp from Dartmouth. The Clerk would establish whether planning permission was required.

10.053 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0431	S Woodman – April pay		137.86
0432	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £24.00, stationery £1.04, postage £7.20, ink £14.99	2.38	48.23
0433	Community First		278.67
0434	Devon Assoc of Local Councils	11.99	105.99
0435	Playsafety Ltd (Amenity Trust – Rospa)	13.13	88.13

Receipts

BGC	Alliance & Leics - Interest		0.29
BGC	HMRC – VAT repayment		60.63
BGC	SHDC – 1 st Instalment Precept		2544.01

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 30.4.10	2815.92
Less payments & un-presented cheques	717.88
Plus un-cleared receipts	0.00
Total Lloyds Current Account	2098.04
Alliance & Leics Acc to 6.5.10	3504.28
Less payments & un-presented cheques	0.00
Plus un-cleared receipts	0.29
Total Alliance & Leicester Account	3504.57
Total funds	5602.61

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	449.25
Amenity Trust	0.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Highway Improvements	600.00
Total Reserves	1242.68

Total uncommitted funds £4359.93

3. Resolved to approve the 2009/10 Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance**4. Resolved to appoint Ken Abraham as Internal Auditor**

10.054 Rutland Telecom: Next Generation Broadband to rural areas A fibre optic cable would be required from the Gara Bridge exchange to the Diptford BT box, which would provide average speeds of 24Mbps. Rutland required £500 in advance plus expenses, together a commitment for the projected £50,000 cost.

Alternative solutions included using the fibre optic supply to the school; and a community hub. Cllr Baggott would investigate the possibilities.

10.055 Correspondence received

1. SHDC LDF Rural Areas Site Allocations DPD (Publication Stage) – About 10 dwellings proposed by 2016 at Wheatpark. The Clerk would respond that, having completed a Housing Needs Survey, there was an obvious need for affordable housing and the Parish Council would support suitable development for local people.
2. Avon Estuary Forum Meeting, Thurlestone 25.5.10 – Details passed to Cllr Sutherland
3. CCD: Evaluation of the Rural Housing Enabler Programme – Questionnaire to be completed by the Chairman
4. Police Authority Liaison Meeting, Dartmouth 24.5.10 - No one would attend

10.056 Reports on Meetings Attended - None**10.057 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted**

1. SHDC Agenda & Minutes
2. The Playing Field, Spring 2010
3. DCC: Helping you to make work play – Are you entitled to benefits, tax credits or help with childcare costs?
4. SW Ambulance Service NHS: Twentyfourseven, Spring 2010
5. South Hams CVS: Voluntary Vine, April-June 2010
6. DALC Newsletter Man/June 2010
7. Trade publications

Meeting ended 9.05pm

Date of next Meeting 15.6.10