

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 19 October 2010 at 7.30pm

**Cllr Baverstock, Chairman South Hams District Council**, described how he became a District Councillor 3½ years ago and specialised in licensing, the Scrutiny Committee and Salcombe Harbour Board. He has championed the needs of children and young people and is a representative on the Children's Trust of Devon, which is currently trying to accommodate a £3.1m reduction in the DCC children's budget.

The Locality Bill and 'Big Community' raised the question of the definition of 'community'. Cllr Baverstock believed that the Parish Council represented the community level and the increase in responsibilities was likely to be considerable. Parish Councillors were thanked for being the 'eyes and ears' of the community, which was invaluable to SHDC.

Cllr Baverstock undertook to investigate complaints into the inadequate provision of car parking in Totnes. In response to a question about low energy organic farming, Cllr Baverstock considered that current technology was expensive but was gradually becoming more accessible and within reach of the average farmer.

**Questions from the Public** Holsome Lane residents expressed concern about the loss to the village of parking and turning space as a result of restrictions on the privately-owned layby adjacent to Holsome Lane. Residents and visitors had parked cars on the land for over 20 years and Cllr Steer would ask the SHDC Solicitor for clarification of any legal rights. Following complaints over the different height of the resurfaced area and kerb stone, resulting in altered drainage, the Highway Authority had responded that the matter was low priority. Tuckers Meadow residents had submitted a letter confirming ownership of the land and proposing to erect a 'Private Parking' sign. The Clerk would ask for details of the sign.

**Report from District Cllr Steer**, who had been pleased to meet the new shared Chief Executive, Richard Sheard, although David Incoll would be missed. With a review of joint services, savings in Landscape and Leisure were likely. Industrial units had been approved at Wrangaton, which may provide more local jobs. Finally, parishioners were warned about slippery conditions caused by mud and leaves on the roads, particularly at Marley Head.

**Police Report** 4x4 vehicles and motorbikes had been reported using the bridle path at Gara Bridge and parishioners were asked to report registration numbers to the police. With the value of metal rising, incidents of theft were increasing and parishioners were asked to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

## MINUTES

**Present** Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Gopal & Sutherland; District Cllrs Baverstock & Steer; 3 members of public

**10.088 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllrs Hill, Randall & Savery

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

**10.090 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14.9.10, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

**10.091 Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 14.9.10 were ratified**

1. Retrospective application for replacement of storm damaged agricultural building with new agricultural building at Crabdon Manor, Diptford Ref 17/1990/10/F Harefold Ltd **No objection**
2. Retrospective listed building consent for replacement roof and first floor at Crabdon Manor, Diptford Ref 17/1992/10/lb Mr R Hay **No objection**

**Planning Decisions - Noted**

3. Temporary use of land for 2 years for the stationing of 2 residential caravans to be occupied as a single unit during erection of dwelling at site at Larcombe Lane, Diptford Ref 17/1462/10/F **Conditional permission**

**Planning correspondence**

4. Stert Quarry, Thorn Farm, Diptford – SHDC Enforcement Officer had visited the quarry and was satisfied that no one was living on the site

**10.092 P3 & Footpaths** – Cllr Franklin reported that motorcycles and a 4x4 had been using the bridleway to Gara Bridge and the Police had been advised. Details on the usage of bridleways would be given in the Newsletter.

