

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 19 November 2013 at 7.30pm

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

District Cllr Steer reported on SHDC's T18 Project, with big changes, including a 24% cut in staffing. Frontline services would be safeguarded and Locality Officers would produce faster results.

The Sherford development had been signed off and would start in late spring/early summer 2014, with 20% affordable housing. The Avonwick road should be reopened by Christmas, and was drastically changed by the removal of diseased larches.

At the Super Cluster Meeting, Cllr Hart had confirmed that a list existed of roads that would not be repaired, with the remainder of the roads to be repaired over the next four years. The Clerk would ask for a list of those roads in Diptford which would not be repaired.

Questions from the Public The applicant of 17_23/2323/13/F explained her proposals.

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Crocker, Franklin, Gopal, Hill & Peach; District Cllr Steer, 2 members of public

13.107 To accept apologies for absence None

13.108 To note declarations of interest and Dispensations in items on the Agenda

Cllr Hill: Item 13.114 Personal

13.109 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8.10.13, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

13.110 Planning

Planning Applications

1. Erection of 2 no. wind turbines (estimated output of 0.011MW) with 18.3 metres hub height, 24.8 metres tip height and associated infrastructure at Land at SX27455 5853 East Moore Farm, Diptford Ref 45/2495/13/F Mr D Ashworth **No objection to the proposal, but concerned at the continual proliferation of planning applications for wind turbines and solar panel farms and the visual intrusion of the concentration of these developments**

2. Retrospective application for agricultural buildings and improvement of farm access at Beenleigh Meadows Farm, Harberton Ref 17_23/2323/13/F Ms S Bailey **Object. Concerned at hygiene arrangements and possible pollution risk. No agricultural justification for the facilities or buildings. It would appear the applicants are trying to justify the use of the existing buildings and the Parish Council queries the longterm intentions and purposes of the site**

Planning Decisions

3. T1, T2, T3 – Sycamore- Crown lift to approximately 25 feet high at The Copse, Curtisknowle Ref 17/2368/13/TW Mr J Howard **Conditional consent granted**

Planning Correspondence

4. Dr Sarah Wollaston MP & Rt Hon Gregory Barker MP: Solar farms - Noted

13.111 Amenity Trust Report

1. Funds: Acc 00196602 £135.44; Acc 02042009 £6909.57

2. SHDC: Grounds maintenance at Diptford Play Area & Recreation Field – From October 2014, SHDC would withdraw the free grounds maintenance service. The Clerk would ask SHDC & Keith Jane for a quotation to carry out the grass cutting.

13.112 P3, footpaths & highways – James Hill had taken on all responsibility as P3 representative and had attended the P3 workshop. James Baron would lay planings on FP1 during the next week.

Vegetation had been cleared from the river wall along the lane to Avonwick, and the Clerk would ask for the saplings to be removed, as they will destabilize the wall.

The Clerk would ask for adequate notice of the Lengthsman's next visit so that residents could be consulted on highway repairs.

13.113 Diptford Square walled garden – Ham Sampford had been instructed to carry out the repair works and Zurich Municipal would attempt to claim against Wood Brothers Travel Ltd. The Clerk would write to

DCC and the school, requesting that they take into account the poor response from Wood Bros when renewing contracts for school transport.

13.114 TAP Funding Diptford Short Mat Bowling Club had submitted a funding request for an electric mat roller at a cost of £4920. As club members came from the surrounding parishes of South Brent, Moreleigh and North Huish, the Clerk would ask those Parish Councils if they were willing to submit a joint TAP application.

13.115 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0608	S Woodman – October pay		151.98
0609	S Woodman expenses: Office £48.00, travel £27.00	1.83	75.00

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 31.10.13	6407.35
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	226.98
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	6180.37
Santander Account to 31.3.13	12.39
Total funds	6192.76

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	574.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	1374.29

Total uncommitted funds £4818.47

Funding requests

3. Resolved to grant the Voluntary Car Scheme £100 (*chq 610*)

4. Resolved to replace the barrels in the Village Square, up to the value of £200

13.116 Correspondence received

1. SHDC: Parish Training Workshop, 10am-1pm Wednesday 11 December Follaton House – Cllr Foster would attend
2. Devon Highways & Traffic Management: Highway Safety awareness training, Stover Country Park Tuesday 3 December – Cllr Savery, the Snow Warden, would be asked to attend
3. DCC: Mobile library consultation – Visits would be reduced from 2 to 4 weekly.
4. Police: PC Hopper has been replaced by PC Gary Addelsee as Neighbourhood Beat Officer. The Clerk would invite PC Addelsee to the Parish Council Meeting and ask that the monthly reports be resumed.
5. Avonwick Community Emergency Plan - Noted

13.117 Reports on Meetings Attended

1. Cllr Peach attended the Super Cluster Meeting, which detailed budget cuts in DCC's Tough Choices and SHDC's T18 Project. In recent years the DCC budget had been cut from £600 million to £500 million and a further £100 million must be cut, which would affect frontline services such as buses, highways, the mobile library, youth services and day care. Government Funding to SHDC had been reduced by 13.5% for the 2013/14 financial year and would be likely to reduce by a further 15.3% in the 2015/16 year, leaving a funding gap of £2.35m over the next four years.

There was general agreement about the proliferation of solar panels, which were concentrated in the Diptford area. The secretive approach from BT towards Broadband provision was discussed, and it was noted that North Devon had benefitted, while South Hams was given low priority.

2. Cllr Peach attended the public consultation on the future of health and community services, as part of the local engagement plan.

13.118 Correspondence available at the Meeting - Noted

1. Healthwatch Voices, Issue 2
2. DCC: Travelling in Winter 2013/14
3. Clerks & councils Direct, November 2013

Meeting ended 9.15pm

Date of next Meeting 17.12.13