

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 19 February 2013 at 7.15pm

Presentation by Beatrice Campbell on the South Brent Community Centre TAP funding bid of £3000 for an automatic door opener at the Old School Community Centre

Questions from the public:

1. A request had been received to move back the hedge at Shorter Cross to improve visibility, and Cllr Steer would ask the landowner.
2. Following complaints about Broadband speeds, Cllr Peach would submit an article in the magazine urging users to register their speeds.

Police Report: No crimes were recorded in January, and 1 incident log relating to a tree in the road. Advice was given on preparing vehicles for winter; a new way to report fraud; and the Police Street Surgery

SHDC Cllr Steer:

1. SHDC Council Tax would increase 3.5%, adding £4.83 pa to the Band D Council tax
2. SHDC Councillors were awarded a 1% increase in allowances, which Cllr Steer would decline
3. A major funding gap was forecast for 2013/14, and savings included closing public toilets during winter months. No front line services would be cut.
4. The planning application for 2 turbines at Luscombe Cross had been refused. SHDC would be producing its policy on renewable energy at Easter.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present Cllrs Franklin(Vice Chairman), Baggott, Crocker, Gopal, Hill & Peach; SHDC Cllr Steer, 1 member of public

13.011 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Foster

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

13.013 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15.1.13, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman

13.014 Planning

Planning Decisions - Noted

1. Householder application for removal of existing porch and replacement with new porch/utility extension at Etheridge Bungalow, Diptford Ref 17/2817/12/F **Conditional permission**
2. Listed Building Consent for installation of log burning biomass boiler system into barn building at Broadley Farm, Diptford Ref 17/2636/12/LB **Conditional permission**

13.015 P3 & Footpaths – The surveys and returns had been completed. It was noted that two vehicles had become stuck along the UCR, and the police had been advised.

13.016 Amenity Trust Report – Funds: Acc 00196602 £135.44; Acc 02042009 £6307.76. The Charity Commissioners Annual Return had been completed

13.017 Neighbourhood Plan – A Neighbourhood Plan would not be prepared for Diptford

13.018 Annual Parish Meeting – SHDC Tree Officer Simon Putt would be invited to make a presentation on the 23 April

13.019 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0572	S Woodman – January pay		145.57
0573	S Woodman expenses: Office £41.00, travel £37.80		78.80
0574	SLCC - Membership		31.12
0575	James Baron – P3	167.80	1006.80

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 21.1.13	5848.32
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1740.29
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	4108.03
Santander Account to 20.6.12	12.20
Total funds	4120.23

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	144.29
Amenity Trust	500.00
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	1444.29

Total uncommitted funds £2675.94

3. Resolved to increase the Clerk's salary to Sep24 [£2254.92pa] with effect from February 2013

4. Resolved to remove the Amenity Trust Reserve and pay the £500 reserves to the Amenity Trust.

Annual transfers to the Amenity Trust would be made in February

5. Budget forecasts – Emergency Planning would be included as a payment heading; a detailed breakdown of Amenity Trust expenditure would be provided.

13.020 Correspondence received

1. Resolved to support the TAP funding application for the automatic door opener at the Old School Community Centre, South Brent

2. Highway repairs: Gara Bridge – it was noted that the bridge had suffered further damage; & lane from Bickham Bridge to Diptford – as a low category road, repair work may not be carried out for some considerable time

3. AONB Management Plan Workshop, Diptford Village Hall 20 February – Cllr Peach would attend. The Clerk would request the AONB gateway signage

4. Devon Best Kept Village Competition 2013 & Pam Parker Map Competition – No submission

5. Police & Crime Commissioner: Police & Crime Plan – No response

6. Electoral review of South Hams – a reduction from 40 to 30 District Councillors was proposed

7. SHDC: Parish Council Allowances – Noted

8. SHDC: Town & Parish Council Pecuniary Interests Register of Interest Forms were available on the SHDC website

9. SWW: WaterFuture – No response

10. SHDC: Grass cutting arrangements – With DCC being responsible for highway verge maintenance, SHDC would have greater capacity to undertake regular maintenance/repair works for parish councils. Councillors considered TAP funding should not be used to pay for DCC or SHDC services.

11. SHDC: Changes to housing allocation policy – Support the policy relating to local housing needs. Armed Forces Personnel rehousing should not take precedence over local need.

12. SHDC: Parish Council Planning Workshop, Follaton House 10am 27 March – Cllr Peach may attend.

13.021 Reports on Meetings Attended None

13.022 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. Clerks & Councils Direct, January 2013

2. NHS South West Ambulance Service: 247

3. Senior Council for Devon: Everyone's Tomorrow, January 2013

Meeting ended 8.50pm

Date of next Meeting 19 March 2013