

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 19 March 2013 at 7.30pm

Questions from the public:

1. The applicant of planning ref 17/2889/12/F explained the application
2. Concern had been expressed at dog walking on private pasture land at Bickham Bridge, where sheep and lambs were grazing. Details would be included in the magazine

Police Report: No crimes were reported in February

DCC Cllr Black: The DCC budget had reduced by 2.8% in 2013/14, with a further 7% reduction next year. The Highways budget would be cut by 8%, although it was hoped that Central Government would provide additional funding for the flooding. The number of lengthsman throughout Devon had been increased.

Complaints were received about the repair of potholes. Temporary repairs were ineffective, and only the reported potholes were filled, leaving other potholes nearby unfilled. An item would be included on the April agenda.

More children were being taken into care, although no extra funding was available. Rural poverty was highlighted and, as the welfare reform required claims to be made online, rural residents would be further disadvantaged. Funding for Broadband was being spent on Exeter industrial estates, and not to improve access in rural areas.

The AONB signs for the village would be provided shortly, partly funded by SHDC.

SHDC Cllr Steer: Complaints had been received about solar panels and wind turbines, and SHDC would be producing its policy on renewable energy by Easter. The Archimedes Screw at Gara Bridge was fitted, but its operation had been delayed pending more surveys and an amended planning application. The hedge at Shorter Cross would be allowed to grow to conceal the solar panels, and negotiations were proceeding on moving back the hedge to improve visibility.

Parish Councillors had been invited to visit the Beenleigh Meadow site to discuss developments. The affordable housing development opposite Wheat Park had been delayed as the developers were querying the requirement to pay SHDC's legal costs.

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster(Chairman), Crocker, Franklin, Hill, Peach & Savery; SHDC Cllr Steer, DCC Cllr Black; 3 members of public

13.023 To accept apologies for absence None

13.024 Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Foster: Item 13.026 (neighbour)

13.025 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19.2.13, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

13.026 Planning

Cllr Foster left the meeting

1. Resubmission of planning ref 17/2889/12/F for sand school for private use at Land at SX758 534, Farleigh Meadows, Higher Farleigh, Moreleigh Ref 17/0507/13/F Miss C Furini **No objection**
Complaints had been received that the site was being used for the storage of building materials, with possible residential use, and the Clerk would request enforcement action.

Cllr Foster returned to the meeting

Planning Correspondence

2. SHDC: Field shelter, Rannoch – Planning permission was not required

13.027 P3, footpaths & highways – The P3 returns had been submitted, and FP57 (Moreleigh Road to Curtisknowle Road) had failed, as the footpath had not been reinstated after ploughing. An electric fence had now been removed. The Warden would monitor the situation with a view to enforcement. The path at Farleigh had been completed.

The road from Diptford Cott to Diptford had been repaired, although a further section of the road may need repairs.

Snow Warden Cllr Savery had gritted the lanes several times, and Councillors expressed their thanks.

13.028 Amenity Trust Report – Funds: Acc 00196602 £135.44; Acc 02042009 £6307.99. A well-attended working party had completed the outstanding works, although additional work was required to the half pipe.

13.029 Finance**1. Cheques passed for payment:**

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0576	S Woodman – February pay		150.33
0577	S Woodman expenses: Office £37.00, travel £37.80		74.80
0578	HMRC - PAYE		111.55
0579	Diptford Village Hall (hall hire, including £15 Parish Quiz hire)		111.00
0580	Community First – Playing Field Public Liability Insurance		491.40
0581	Diptford Amenity Trust (transfer from reserves)		500.00

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 21.2.13	5545.95
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	2877.00
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	2668.95
Santander Account to 20.6.12	12.20
Total funds	2681.15

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	144.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	944.29

Total uncommitted funds £1736.66

3. Resolved to grant Ivybridge & District Inter Parish Quiz £10 and room hire costs (Chq 582)**13.030 Correspondence received**

1. Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Draft Plan 2013/14 Consultation – No response
2. Cornish Mutual: Community South West £1500 grant - Noted

13.031 Reports on Meetings Attended

Cllr Peach attended the :

1. Cluster Meeting, in which TAP funding was granted towards the automatic door opener at the Old School Community Centre. The scheme would continue next year.
2. AONB Workshop, which discussed the Annual Plan

13.032 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. Clerks & Councils Direct, March 2013

Meeting ended 9.10pm

Dates of next meetings: Parish Council Meeting 16 April, Annual Parish Meeting 23 April