

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 19 April 2011 at 7.30pm

Police Report No crimes were reported in March

Report from District Cllr Steer The shared services with West Devon had resulted in a reduced number of Heads of Service. The Parish Council was thanked for its help over the last 4 years and Councillors thanked Cllr Steer for his support.

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Franklin (Vice Chairman), Baggott, Gopal & Randall; District Cllr Steer. The retiring Parish Councillors were thanked for their help over the last 4 years.

11.034 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Foster, Hill & Sutherland.

11.035 To note declarations of interest in items on the Agenda None

11.036 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15.3.11, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman

11.037 Planning Applications

1. Householder application for side two storey extension to provide kitchen/diner on ground floor and relocated fourth bedroom with additional bathroom on first floor at Etheridge Farmhouse, Diptford Ref 17/0718/11/F Mr & Mrs M Taylor **No objection**

2. Retrospective application for wildlife pond at Daisy Hills, Diptford Ref 17_23/0721/11/F Mr D Langley **Object: Possible flooding risk to neighbouring properties. Concern over the engineering construction of the pond.**

3. Householder application for development of triple garage and guest accommodation at Ashwell Barn, Halwell Ref 17/0753/11 Mr C Bishop **Concerned that the development could become a separate dwelling**

11.038 P3 & Footpaths – The new warden, Paul McFadden had inspected the rights of way and would be contacting landowners

11.039 Diptford Playing Field – The Rospa Play Area Safety Inspection Report (March 2011) identified: Trip hazards along the edge of tarmac surfaces; timber generally needing preservative; warning notices needed on all sports equipment; bird fowling; excessive weed growth; projecting bolt thread to basketball post; loose goalposts; broken handhold on play equipment; the junior seat needed replacing and the toddlers seat was too high. None of the defects identified were ‘High Priority’

11.040 Annual Parish Meeting 5.4.11 – Arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee in June 2012 were discussed and volunteers had come forward to form a steering group. The Clerk was thanked for arranging such a successful meeting.

11.041 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0474	S Woodman – April pay		141.44
0475	DPFA - Membership		35.00
0476	DALC - Membership	13.66	107.66
0477	Playsafety – Playing field inspection	16.20	97.20
0478	Community First – Playing field Public Liability insurance		466.20
0479	S Woodman expenses: Office £32.68, travel £54		86.68

Receipts

BGC	Santander - Interest		0.37
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2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 31.3.11	591.91
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1039.31
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Lloyds Current Account	-447.40
Santander to 4. 3.11	4007.46
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	500.00
Plus uncleared receipts	0.31
Total Santander Account	3507.77
Total funds	3060.37

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	449.25
Amenity Trust	0.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Total Reserves	592.68

Total uncommitted funds

£2467.69

It was noted that the first half of the precept would be credited in April, and therefore no transfer would be necessary from the Santander account

Finance Correspondence

3. Jackie Bellard appointed auditor. The Annual Return must be submitted by 20.6.11, and the Clerk was arranging the internal audit.

11.042 Correspondence received

1. Community Council of Devon: Invitation to join the Members Forum – Deferred to the May meeting
2. HM Coastguard Modernisation Consultation: response to Diptford PC submission - Noted
3. South Hams CVS: Request for Parish Councillor ‘Specific point of contact’ – Deferred to the May meeting
4. DCC: Devon Tithe Map Project & Tithe Apportionment Transcription by Volunteers – Details would be passed to Maggie Luscombe, Diptford & North Huish History Society

11.043 Reports on Meetings Attended None

11.044 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SW Ambulance Service NHS – Twentyfourseven, Edition 13
2. South Hams Society Bulletin, March 2011
3. The Good Councillor’s Guide
4. S Devon & Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership – Community Safety Newsletter, Feb 2011
5. Voluntary Vine, April-June 2011

Meeting ended 8.30pm

Date of next Meeting 17.5.11