

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Parish Hall, Tuesday 19 May 2009 at 7.20pm

Police Report Chaos in the lanes had resulted when road works were carried out at Christone Cross and inadequate road closure and diversion signs were displayed. The Neighbourhood Beat Officer had advised the Clerk that some of the signs had been removed. The white lining had not been reinstated and represented a safety hazard, and the Clerk would ask for it to be completed as soon as possible.

Reports from District and County Councillors

County Cllr Date reported on a meeting he had attended with the Adult Social Services to find a suitable base in Totnes; and he advised that the Kevic Foundation Governors held £80,000 pa to distribute to pupils and projects.

District Cllr Steer reported on a meeting with travellers and gypsies, which discussed their likely eviction and the requirement for SHDC to find them alternative sites. The Marley Head site was overcrowded and did not receive DNPA support. The Holsome Park landscaping proposals were close to agreement and the planning application at Larcombe Quarry had been withdrawn. Two applications for the Locality Funds had now been received from Diptford. Cllr Steer hoped that everyone would support the Diptford Horse Show.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Chapell, Franklin, Gopal & Hill; District Cllrs Hicks & Steer, County Cllr Date; 1 member of public

09.056 To accept apologies for absence None

09.057 To note declarations of interest in items on the Agenda Cllr Hill: Item 09.066.5 Prejudicial – owns adjacent land

09.058 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st April 2009, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

09.059 Councillor Vacancy – Cllr Stow had resigned. The Clerk would thank Cllr Stow for his hard work; advertise the vacancy on the noticeboard and in the Parish Magazine; and ask the previous applicants if they were interested in applying.

09.060 Annual Diptford Parish Meeting - Issues raised at the Meeting:

1. Funding request from Bloom in Diptford – Details of the amount of funding would be requested and it would be suggested that a design competition could be held by, for example, the school
2. Funding request from the PCC to purchase a high-speed printer – A formal grant application would be requested, supported by recent accounts
3. Heart resuscitation training from the Red Cross – had been arranged by the WI
4. Direction signs to the Village Hall – the request had been passed to the Village Hall Committee
5. BT phone box outside the school – BT had confirmed that the phone would remain in operation in order to comply with Ofcom regulations. The phone only accepted BT Phone Cards and Clerk would request that, as the cards were not available in the village, alternative cards should be accepted.

09.061 Housing Needs Survey – The Councillors would distribute the survey forms and the Clerk would place an item in the Parish Magazine explaining why the survey was being undertaken and confirming its confidentiality

09.062 P3 & Footpaths – Footpath 57: Steve Malec would be writing to the landowner at Weeldon Farm requiring 1m clearance through the field; a gatepost would be replaced.

09.063 Diptford Playing Field – No report

09.064 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0383	S Woodman – April pay		136.49
0384	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £24.00, stationery £1.94	0.25	58.14
0385	Community First - Insurance		248.98
0386	JW Baron – P3	17.10	131.10
0387	SLCC Enterprises Ltd – Regional Conference	2.03	15.53
	Total	19.38	590.24

Receipts

BGC	Alliance & Leics - Interest		0.29
BGC	SHDC - Precept		2450.00

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 27.4.09	2457.56
Less payments & unpresented cheques	680.24
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total	1777.32
Plus Alliance & Leics Acc to 6.5.09	3500.61
Plus uncleared receipts	0.29
Total	5277.04

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	488.40
Playing Field	920.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Total	1601.83

Total Uncommitted funds £3675.21

Finance Correspondence**3. Resolved that the 2008/9 Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance be approved****4. Resolved to transfer £920 from the Diptford Parish Council to the Diptford Amenity Trust bank account, and to transfer £500 into the Playing Field Reserve**

5. The Clerk had achieved the CiLCA qualification and, in accordance with Clause 7 of the Contract of Employment, was awarded one addition salary point to SCP21 (£2047.34 pa) from 1.4.09

6. Resolved that Sue Husband, Ann Morton, Mike Palmer, V Norris and Val Haddy be removed as signatories from the Parish Council of Diptford bank account 00147997**09.065 Correspondence received**

1. DCC: Highway Maintenance 2009/10 – the budget allocation for 2009/10 had increased by over 9.5%. The Clerk would query the figures and complain at the cost of the mailshot.

2. Devon County Highways: New finger arms at Christone and Bradridge Cross and new signs at Shorter Cross to direct Avonwick/Totnes traffic away from Diptford. Due to funding constraints, non urgent work such as the proposed changes, had been put on hold. If the Parish Council financed the work, the estimated cost would be £964.32. The safety implications of the proposal were recognised, as through traffic would be diverted away from the entrance to the playing field.

Resolved to apply to DCC and SHDC for Locality Funding to finance the signage

3. SHDC: South Hams LDF Site allocation DPDs and Community Engagement Programme. Comments requested on the range of sites identified; the findings of the initial site assessment and the range of villages identified for development. Diptford was excluded as there was no shop in the village. The Prince's Foundation would hold a workshop on Wed 10 June. Cllr Hill already attended the Sustainable Threshold Assessment Panel, which was discussing the allocations.

4. Common Players – Request to perform 'Heathen Harvest' in September/October 2009 passed to the Village Hall Committee

5. Planning Aid Session, The Watermark, Ivybridge 6.30pm Thursday 28th May – Cllrs Foster and Chapell would attend

6. Equality & Human Rights Commission – The Parish Council was required to pay 'due regard' to race, disability and gender equality

09.066 Planning Applications received

1. Householder application for addition of an open lean-to porch to existing entrance at Murtwell Farm Cottage, Diptford Ref 17/0722/09/F Mr J Hummerstone **No objection**

2. Retrospective application for engineering works to culvert stream and make safe access between OS6433 and 6119 at Field southwest of Craxon at SX736561, Holsome Park, Diptford Ref 17/1163/08/F Mr GT Lethbridge – Revised plans **No objection**

Planning Decisions - Noted

3. Extension of existing drive, re-instatement of original entrance and associated works at Murtwell Farm Cottage, Diptford Ref 17/0488/09/F **Conditional permission**

4. Retrospective application for amendments to Listed Building Consent 17/2238/06/LB at Combeshead Farmhouse, Diptford Ref 17/0366/09/LB **Grant permission**

5. Resubmission of 17/1573/08/F for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling at Sunrise, Holsome Lane, Diptford Ref 17/0382/09/F **Conditional permission**

09.067 Reports on Meetings Attended

1. The Clerk had attended the SLCC Regional Conference, in which SHDC Chief Executive David Incoll had explained the Council's intention to renovate its playgrounds with a view to handing over responsibility for their maintenance to the Parish Councils

2. Cllr Hill had attended two Sustainable Threshold Assessment Panel meetings and the DAPC meeting

09.068 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SHDC – Agenda & Minutes, Totnes & Area Parish Cluster Meeting Minutes
2. DCC Leaflets – Money Matters; Farming and the public highway; Roadside hedge & tree management
3. The Playing Field, Spring 2009
4. Devon & Torbay Post Office Task Force – Challenging the cuts: Final report, January 2009
5. DAPC Newsletter, May/June 2009
6. Tor Homes – Open Door, Spring 2009
7. Trade publications

Meeting ended 8.50pm

Date of next Meeting 15.6.09