

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Parish Hall, Tuesday 20 January 2009 at 7.30pm

Questions from the public Mr Broadway responded to the issues discussed during the meeting held between SHDC and the Parish Council with regard to Larcombe Quarry on the 19.1.09:

- Permission had formerly been given for the mobile home to be taken across fields, although subsequently there was a misunderstanding about arrangements. The home was being used as a rest room and tap room, in accordance with planning approval 17/2212/90/3
- The quarry was not being used as a scrapyards, but for the repair of vehicles in connection with his hobby of banger racing. Car breaking would not take place on the site until all necessary permissions were obtained
- The stone crusher was on the site for repairs, which was consistent with the existing planning permission for the repair of vehicles
- Since 2005, when he repurchased Larcombe Quarry, he was not aware that any vehicles visiting the site had damaged the access lane. In 1996, he improved the lane to accommodate lorries. Anticipated traffic movement, should planning permission be granted, would amount to 5 vehicles per day and one lorry over 18 tons per week
- The longterm intention was to use the Quarry for car & commercial repairs and breaking. However, this was dependent on obtaining the necessary planning permission and Environment Agency license. A decision was awaited as to whether SHDC or DCC would determine his current planning application
- Mr Broadway considered that the current S106 restriction of agricultural use only did not revoke the previous planning permissions on the site.

Report from District & County Councillors

SHDC Cllr Steer reported that there was likely to be a surplus in the SHDC budget due to the lower take-up of concessionary bus fares, together with a saving of £110,000 through keeping posts vacant (although this may affect services in the long run). Expenditure of £70,000 had been reserved for likely consultancy fees in respect of the Goveton Windfarm appeal. The future of its savings in the Icelandic Bank would be known shortly. The possibility of a travellers' site close to the Parish boundary was being considered, and Cllr Date added that District Councils were being pressed to identify sites for travellers.

DCC Cllr Date had contacted the DCC solicitor to expedite consideration of the Larcombe Quarry planning application, and the highway authority concerning damage to Larcombe Lane.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Chapell, Franklin, Hill & Savery; SHDC Cllr Steer; DCC Cllr Date; 2 members of public

09.001 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Walton, who had tendered his resignation. The Clerk confirmed that the statutory vacancy notice had been displayed.

09.002 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda: Prejudicial interests (adjacent land ownership) were declared in respect of Item 09.004.1 from Cllr Foster, and Item 09.005 from Cllrs Chapell & Savery.

09.003 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th December 2008, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

09.004 Planning Applications received

1. Resubmission and amendments to approval 17/1658/08/F for reconstruction of bungalow destroyed by fire at Abbey Moor, Back Road, Morleigh Ref 17/2365/08/F Mrs R Bonnell **No objection**

Planning Decisions – Noted

2. Extension and alterations to dwelling at Gara Lodge, Gara Bridge Ref 17/2136/08/F **Conditional permission**

09.005 Planning enforcement: Holsome Park and Larcombe Quarry

1. Holsome Park Acceptable plans were awaited from the landscape architects before the planning application could be determined. Tipping activity ceased about 9 months ago and no more tipping would take place as sufficient or excessive tipping material was already on site. Concern was expressed at the existence of non-inert material and its effect on water quality and the Clerk would raise these concerns with the Environment Agency and request that water quality be monitored over the next 10 years.

09.006 Measures to control traffic speeds – DCC Highways had responded that the current 30mph and 20mph zones in Diptford were supported under the DCC speed limit policy, but extending those zones would not be supported.

The proposed works at Christone Cross, changing the direction of the Avonwick sign to divert traffic away

from Diptford, could not be funded in the current financial year and the Clerk would request that the works be included in the programme for the next financial year.

The complaint concerning speeding vehicles near the playing fields would be considered once the outcome of the formal investigation on the site had been completed. Cllr Foster confirmed that the warning signs were now ready to be displayed and it was:

Resolved that the Parish Council pay for the Playing Field signage

09.007 Annual Parish Meeting – The Meeting would be held on the 28th April or 5th May and SHDC Leader John Tucker would be invited to talk on the ‘Future of Diptford within the South Hams’.

09.008 Amenity Trust – AGM to be held on 17.2.09. As Simon Walton had resigned as councillor, he would no longer be a Trustee. However he had agreed to continue as chairman of the Working Group.

09.009 P3 & Footpaths – P3 expenditure in 2008/9 amounted to £135, mostly relating to drainage works, leaving a balance of £384.50. All paths passed inspection, with surface improvements and drainage works projected for bridleway BR3 at Gara Bridge. The cost of those works would be over £3000 and Diptford P3 had offered a contribution.

09.010 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0367	S Woodman – December pay		131.29
0368	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £25.20, Postage £6.48, PAYE £3.16		59.84
0369	Cllr Franklin – P3 expenses 2008/9		15.00
	Total		206.13

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 29.12.08	4429.52
<i>Less</i> payments & unpresented cheques	206.13
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	0.00
Total	4223.39

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	384.50
Playing Field	1000.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Total	1577.93

Total Uncommitted funds

£2645.46

Finance Correspondence

3. Resolved to amend Financial Regulation 5.3 and Standing Order 39, as shown in Appendix 09.010.3

4. Resolved to transfer £3,500 from the Lloyds TSB Account to Alliance & Leicester Account (Chq 370)

5. Resolved to purchase 20 Super Strength Notice Board Magnets at a total cost of £38 (incl VAT)

09.011 Correspondence received

1. Archaeological finds of Diptford & North Huish Parishes – Meeting 7.30pm 5.2.09 Diptford Parish Hall
2. Communities & Local Government: Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity (consultation) – No response
3. SHDC: Devon Home Choice – Devon wide choice based lettings scheme. The scheme, being phased in from autumn 2009, would advertise available Council and Housing Association homes through Devon Home Choice each week and applicants would be able to bid for homes suiting their requirements. Homes would be offered to those assessed as being in most need.
4. SHDC Parish Cluster Meetings – the January 2009 meetings had been cancelled due to the Boundary Committee postponing the announcement on its recommendations to the 13.2.09.
5. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – Police Authority Liaison Meeting, Kingsbridge Rest Centre 7.30pm 26.1.09. SHDC Cllr Steer would be attending
6. SHDC: South Hams Local Development Framework Regulation 25 - Noted

09.012 Reports on Meetings Attended None

09.013 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SHDC – Agenda & Minutes, Magazine
2. SHDC Development control & Conservation User Group: Minutes of Meeting on 15.10.08
3. DAPC Newsletter, Jan/Feb 09
4. Tor Homes – Open Door, Winter 2008/9
5. South Hams Society Bulletin, Dec 2008
6. DCC – Emergency Planning Newsletter, Dec 2008

Meeting ended 9.30pm

Date of next Meeting 17.2.09

Appendix 09.010.3

Amended Financial Regulations

5. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS AND CHEQUES

5.1 The Council's banking arrangements shall be made by the RFO and approved by the Council. They shall be regularly reviewed for efficiency.

5.2 A schedule of the payments required, forming part of the Agenda for the Meeting, shall be prepared by the RFO and, together with the relevant invoices, be presented to Council. If the schedule is in order it shall be authorised by a resolution of the Council. If more appropriate the detail may be shown in the Minutes of the Meeting.

5.3 Cheques drawn on the bank accounts in accordance with the schedule referred to in paragraph 5.2 or in accordance with paragraph 6.4, shall be signed by two members of Council. In addition, cheques drawn on the Alliance & Leicester bank account shall be countersigned by the Clerk.

Amended Standing Orders

39. Resolutions on Expenditure

- a) Any resolution which, if carried, would, in the opinion of the Chairman, substantially increase the expenditure upon any service which is under the management of the Council, or which would involve capital expenditure, shall, when proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council
- b) The Clerk has authority to spend up to £50 on Clerk's requisites without prior reference to the Council.
- c) The P3 Committee can spend up to the amount of uncommitted grant reserves without prior reference to the Council
- d) The Clerk may transfer up to £1000 between Diptford Parish Council Bank Accounts without prior authorisation