

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 20 November 2012 at 7.30pm

Questions from the public

- A complaint had been received of sheep worrying in the Moorcott area, and an item would be included in the Magazine
- BT had responded to complaints about slow Broadband speeds, and the Clerk would submit a further letter of complaint
- Complaints had been received on the inadequate Lengthsman service, with blocked drains and gulleys causing flooding and the deterioration of roads. The Clerk would highlight the problem to DCC Cllr Black.
- Cars parked at Larcombe Corner were reducing visibility and causing a hazard to other road users. The Clerk would write to the occupiers, requesting more considerate parking.

Police Report No crimes were reported during October. Advice was given on securing property against opportunist thieves.

District Cllr Steer

- The Gypsy & Travellers Group, of which he was a member, were looking at a site in Plymouth
- Cllr Steer had been elected Vice Chair to the Renewable Energy Task & Finish Group, which aimed to develop a strategy towards renewable energy. The Clerk would ask for a progress report on the improved visibility splay at the junction with Totnes Road, as requested by the Parish Council as part of the application for the solar farm at Hatchlands Farm, Harberton (Ref 23/1754/12)

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Franklin, Gopal, Hill & Peach; District Cllr Steer

12.108 To accept apologies for absence None

12.109 A disclosable pecuniary interest was noted from Cllr Gopal in respect of item 12.111.1

Resolved to grant a dispensation for up to 4 years is requested in respect of all Councillors to determine the budget and precept

12.110 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 16.10.12, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

12.111 Planning Applications

1. Provision of agricultural building at Creber Farm, Diptford Ref 17/2580/12/F Mr & Mrs M Gopal

No objection Cllr Gopal left the meeting during the item

2. Erection of agricultural building at Daisy Hills, Diptford Ref 17_2611/12/F Mr A Langley **No objection.**

Existing building and shipping container to be removed

Where applications were received after the agenda had been compiled, the neighbours would be advised.

Planning Decisions – Noted

3. Provision of agricultural/equestrian building in yard and widening of gateway at Land at SX 7276 5575, Mill Lane to Willowbrook Cross along C85, Diptford Ref 17/1763/12/F **Conditional permission**

4. Householder application erection of garage, retention of oil tank and retrospective extension of residential curtilage at Primrose Place, Diptford Ref 17/2014/12/F **Conditional permission**

5. Works to trees subject to TPO 3309 at Avonwick Station, Diptford ref 17/2277/12/TW **Grant of exemption**

12.112 P3 & Footpaths – A post had been erected at the start of the bridleway to prevent access by 4x4s, and the keys would be held by Cllrs Franklin & Peach. The hedge along the UCR at Lower Farleigh had been cut back, and the surface would be scraped later in the winter. A gate on Footpath 4 required replacing. Cllrs Franklin & Peach attended the P3 Workshop. P3 surveys must be submitted by February.

12.113 Amenity Trust Report – The benches had been collected from the Square

12.114 Resolved to adopt the revised Standing Orders, as given in Appendix 12.114

12.115 The status of unapproved minutes Unapproved minutes would be displayed on the website and replaced once approved at the following meeting.

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

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0557	S Woodman – October pay		145.57
0558	S Woodman expenses: Office £37.00, travel £37.80		74.80

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 31.10.12	7524.56
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	235.70
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	7289.19
Santander Account to 20.6.12	12.20
Total funds	7521.76

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	1178.50
Amenity Trust	500.00
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	2478.50

Total uncommitted funds £4822.89

Finance correspondence

3. Resolved to grant £150 towards the school Kurling club (*chq 559*)

4. Resolved to grant Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride £40 (*chq 560*)

12.117 Correspondence received

- SHDC: Community Emergency Plans – No progress. At the Neighbourhood Watch meeting on the 2 December, a list of vulnerable residents would be compiled
- South Hams Business Forum, 6.30pm 28.11.12 Follaton House – Cllr Foster would attend
- SHDC: Dog Control Order pre-consultation event, Follaton House 6pm 26.11.12 – Cllr Gopal may attend
- SHDC: Planning 10/10 Survey – The Clerk would complete the survey and provide the weblink to all Councillors
- SHDC: Northern Area additional Cluster Meeting 23.1.13. Further TAP Funding applications should be submitted by 2.1.13 – Cllr Peach may attend

12.118 Reports on Meetings Attended Cllr Peach attended the Northern Area Cluster Meeting, at which South Brent Caring was awarded TAP funding.

12.119 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

- Clerks & Councils Direct, November 2012
- Devon Senior Voice, October 2012

Meeting ended 9.10pm

Date of next Meeting 18.12.12

Appendix 12.114 Revised Standing Orders (Extract)**33. Disorderly Conduct**

- All members must observe the Code of Conduct which was adopted by the council on 17.7.12, a copy of which is annexed to these Standing Orders.**
- No member shall at a meeting persistently disregard the ruling of the Chairman, wilfully obstruct business, or behave irregularly, offensively, improperly or **in such a manner as to bring the Council into disrepute.**
- If, in the opinion of the Chairman, a member has broken the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Order, the Chairman shall express that opinion to the Council and thereafter any member may move that the member named be no longer heard or that the member named do leave the meeting, and the motion, if seconded, shall be put forthwith and without discussion. **If a member reasonably believes another member is in breach of the code of conduct, that member is under a duty to report the breach to the District Council's Monitoring Officer.**
- If either of the motions mentioned in paragraph c is disobeyed, the Chairman may adjourn the meeting or take such further steps as may reasonably be necessary to enforce them.

57. Interests

All members must observe the Code of Conduct which was adopted by the Council on the 17.7.12, a copy of which is annexed to these Standing Orders.

- If a candidate for any appointment under the Council is to his knowledge related to any member of or the holder of any office under the Council, he and the person to whom he is related shall disclose the relationship in writing to the Clerk. A candidate who fails so to do shall be disqualified for such appointment, and, if appointed, may be dismissed without notice. The Clerk shall report to the Council or to the appropriate committee any such disclosure.
- The Clerk shall make known the purpose of Standing Order 61 to every candidate.

78. Code of Conduct on Complaints

The Council shall deal with complaints of maladministration allegedly committed by the Council or by any officer or member in such manner as adopted by the Council except for those complaints which should be properly directed to the District Council's Monitoring Officer for consideration.