

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 20 March 2012 at 7.30pm

Peter Swallow, Hopwood Swallow Architects provided a progress report on the development proposals for the land opposite Wheat Park. Site and environmental surveys had been undertaken and the pre-application process with SHDC had started, with a planning application being submitted at the end of May. It was intended to have one access onto the lane, with the development in a courtyard arrangement, enclosed by hedging.

Debbie Holloway, SHDC Affordable Housing Enabler confirmed that she had already received local interest for the proposed affordable housing. The tight timescale was due to grant availability from the Homes & Communities Agency. All the new rented properties on the site would be allocated to parishioners, with priority being given to local people in the sale of any shared ownership homes

Questions from the Public Complaints had been received about the car for sale parked at Oakenham Bridge. The Police intended to take no action, and the Clerk would contact the vendor about removing the vehicle.

Police Report No crimes were reported in February. Residents were urged to display 'No cold caller' stickers if they did not want strangers knocking on their door, which were available from Crime Prevention (tel 101). PIN numbers and bank account details should never be revealed to doorstep callers.

Responsibilities for overseeing parking issues were clarified: The Police deal complaints concerning vehicles causing obstruction or parked in a dangerous position; whereas the local council deals with parking on yellow lines, on-street pay & display, clearway offences, limited waiting times and residents' parking issues.

An opportunity to 'have your say' was available on www.devon-cornwall.police.uk. Community Messaging was being promoted to make the community a safer place, and details would be included in the Newsletter.

Police Street Surgeries would be held at the Old Rising Sun 8.30-9.30 on Monday 2 & 16 April and 21 May.

Report from County Cllr Black The budget had resulted in significant savings and job losses throughout DCC. Totnes on the Move was holding a Community Day Event on Saturday 28 April, which would include traffic proposals for Totnes. Funding had been secured for Totnes Library. Discussions had taken place on the Kevics school uniform relating to colour, affordability and durability.

Report from District Cllr Steer Devolving services to Town and Parish Councils had been discussed, although Parish Councils had fewer resources and were less keen on the proposals.

More evidence was required before any enforcement action could be taken at Stert Quarry Farm or Little Curtisknowle. The planning application at Beenleigh Meadow had been withdrawn and a new application was expected relating to joint agriculture & tourism use. It had been noted that a cafe was being built on the site.

The lengthsman and small street sweeper had been cleaning the lanes throughout the parish.

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Franklin (Vice Chairman), Baggott, Crocker, Hill, Peach & Savery; District Cllr Steer, County Cllr Black, 3 members of public

12.021 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Foster

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

12.023 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21.2.12, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman

12.024 Planning Applications

1. Replacement fodder storage building at Diptford Downs Farm Ref 17/0381/12/F Messrs BT & WR Moore
Object, as proposal reduces visibility at road junction. Plans inaccurate

2. Installation of a 16 panel ground mounted solar PV array in the field to the south of Grey Hills, Diptford Ref 17/0437/12/F Mr N Zeiher **No objection**

3. Householder application for construction of sun lounge at Holsome Park, Diptford Ref 17/0460/12/F Mr Lethbridge **No objection**

Planning Decisions Noted

4. Householder application for the installation of solar panels on roof at Bearscombe Cottage, Halwell Ref 17/3262/11/F **Conditional permission**

5. Erection of a dwelling (revised scheme for planning permission 17/2343/11/F at Little Larcombe Farm, Diptford Ref 17/2343/11/F **Conditional permission**)
6. Erection of 10kW turbine on a 15m tower at Wagland Farm, Halwell Ref 17/2296/11/F **Conditional permission**
7. Householder application for amendments to planning approval reference 17/2083/04/F to change pitched roof to rear extension to flat roof to act as balcony, omit door from elevation and add obscured glass window, replace window with door in rear elevation, alter position of window in front elevation at 1 Wheat Park, Diptford Ref 17/2434/11/F **Conditional permission**
8. Householder application for rear two storey extension with reinstatement of existing stone barn as garaging and store at Frogwell Farmhouse, Diptford Ref 17/3205/11/F **Conditional permission**

12.025 Annual Parish Meeting – The Meeting would be held on Tuesday 15 May at 6.30pm, with SHDC Affordable Housing Enabler Debbie Holloway would present affordable housing options. A separate display and consultation would be undertaken by the developers of the land opposite Wheat Park.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held at 7pm on Thursday 17 May, followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

12.026 P3 & Footpaths – No report

12.027 Diptford Playing Field – A complaint had been received about dog fouling on the tennis court, which the Clerk would include in the Magazine

12.028 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0518	S Woodman expenses: Office £29.32, travel £39.15, Garden party £10		78.47
0519	SLCC - Membership		33.00
0520	S Woodman – Feb pay		145.57
0521	HMRC - PAYE		108.13
0522	Diptford Village Hall – Hall hire		87.00
Receipts			
BGC	DCC Locality funding – Diamond Jubilee celebrations		600.00

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 29.2.12	1303.65
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	452.17
Plus uncleared receipts	600.00
Total Current Account	1451.48
Santander Account to 6.3.12	3511.31
Total funds	4962.79

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	428.25
Amenity Trust	500.00
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	1728.25

Total uncommitted funds £3234.54

Net Diamond Jubilee funding would be placed in an Earmarked Reserve

3. Grant request: Domestic Violence & Abuse Service – No grant

12.029 Correspondence received

1. Community Council of Devon: offer assistance to undertake a review & update of the Parish Plan – the offer would be reviewed in 2013
2. Diamond Jubilee Service & Garden Party, Exeter – Val & John Haddy would be attending
3. SHDC: Community Messaging – details would be included in the magazine
4. Devon & Cornwall Housing Group: Request for local interest in buying the new affordable homes at Jubilee Cottages, Higher Moor Development, Avonwick – details would be included in the magazine
5. DCC: Road closure Diptford Court Farm to Diptford Cross 23-27 April. Noted
6. South Brent & District Caring Drop-in, Old School Community Centre, South Brent 3.30-7.00pm 4 April

12.030 Reports on Meetings Attended Cllr Franklin and the Clerk attended a reception at Devon County Hall, in recognition of the Parish Council's involvement in the Snow Warden scheme.

12.031 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. Clerks & Councils Direct, March 2012

Meeting ended 9.30pm

Date of next Meeting 17 April 2012