

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Parish Hall

Tuesday 20 April 2010 at 7.30pm

**Police Report** No crimes had been recorded for the Parish in March. The value of scrap metal had increased, resulting in incidents of thefts and parishioners were asked to report suspicious activity. The Police Street Surgery continued on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from 8.30-9.30am outside the old Rising Sun Inn

**Report from County Cllr Black**, who had recently attended meetings concerning:

1. Westcountry Homes, which provided Supported Social Housing for those with mental illnesses at Redworth House. The scheme was effective as recovery levels were good.
2. The introduction of residents parking in Totnes on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Cllr Black would follow up complaints of parking on both sides of Plymouth Road, and Cllr Steer would investigate why tiered parking had not been provided as part of the Southern Area Development scheme.
3. The consultation on Totnes High Street, in which 80% respondents wanted some change and 71% wanted some pedestrianisation. A proposal to stop the right turn from High Street to Plymouth Road was being considered in order to stop a 'rat run'.
4. Kevic's proposal to install an Archimedes Screw on the River Dart to provide electricity for the school, cutting its £70,000 electricity costs. A classroom would be situated by the weir.

**Report from District Cllr Steer** Little progress had been made on negotiations for DCC staff to use some Follaton House offices. Members of the Robert Owen Foundation had worked in the gardens at Dartmouth and, as a result, one member had been taken on as an apprentice. The Open Spaces Committee had completed works at Ivybridge Playing Field, followed by Kingsbridge, Dartmouth and Totnes. SHDC was investigating sharing Landscape and Leisure Services with West Devon. The Chief Executive would retire at Christmas.

## MINUTES

**Present** Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Gopal, Randall, Savery and Sutherland; SHDC Cllr Steer and DCC Cllr Black

**10.032 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Hill

**10.033 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** were received from Cllr Gopal: Item 10.035.3 Prejudicial (land owner and applicant) and Cllr Foster: Item 10.035.2 Prejudicial (land owner and applicant)

**10.034 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16.3.10, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

### 10.035 Planning Applications received

1. Householder application to demolish existing first floor extension and replace with larger room. Rebuild single flue chimney stack to rear elevation. Siting of new garden shed at Bonneys, Diptford Ref 17/0498/10/F Mr T Baker **Support**
2. Proposed agricultural building at Farleigh Farm, Diptford Ref 17/1487/09: amended drawings siting the proposed building 10m in a southerly direction and detailing more extensive landscape proposals. Planning permission had been granted, subject to conditions.
3. Certificate of lawful proposed use for siting of mobile home to be used as residential accommodation ancillary to the dwellinghouse at Creber Farm, Diptford Ref 17/0664/10/CLP Mr M Gopal **No objection, subject to a condition that the mobile home is to be used only as ancillary to the dwelling house.** *Cllr Gopal left the room during the resolution*
4. Listed Building Consent for alterations to window fenestration on Ryes Cottage and Little Thatch, Diptford and internal alterations to ground and first floor bathrooms Ref 17/0711/10/LB Mr P Swallow **No objection. Details of the Planning Application were unclear and some work had already been completed**

### Observations on planning applications considered at the Diptford Parish Council Meeting held on 16.3.10 were ratified

5. Resubmission of 17/0323/10/F for part retrospective application for extension, demolition and replacement of light industrial units at Creber Industrial Units, Diptford Ref 17/0323/10/F Mr P Tilley **No objection**

### Planning decisions - Noted

4. Replacement of existing log, machine store and stable at The Mill House, Gara Bridge Ref 17-38/0056/10/F **Conditional permission**
5. Householder application for installation of three rooflights and boiler flue at Avon Barn, Curtisknowle Ref 17/2039/09/F **Conditional permission**

**10.036 P3 & Footpaths** – Contact had been made with new warden Alan Pope. Works at Oakenham Bridge had taken longer than anticipated because the road collapsed. Potholes were being filled when reported and there was now only one Lengthsman for the whole District. The Clerk would ask for a map of buddle holes in the Parish so that they could be monitored.

**10.037 Diptford Playing Field** – With the granting of £4,000 from the Big Lottery Fund, all funding had now been assembled for the skate ramp. A second hand skate ramp was available from Dartmouth, which was free to collect and would be professionally reassembled, and the Youth Group offered to help refurbish it. County Cllr Black may be able to provide funding through the Airport Fund.

The Community First Public Liability Insurance was renewed at a cost of £175 (Chq 429) and the Devon Playing Field Association Membership renewed at a cost of £35 (Chq 430). The skate ramp would be added to the insurance once installed.

### 10.038 Finance

#### 1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0427	S Woodman – March pay		137.86
0428	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £24.00, stationery £2, HMRC (PAYE) £28.39	0.30	79.39
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>217.25</b>

#### Receipts

BGC	Alliance & Leics - Interest		0.34
BGC	DCC – P3		50.00

#### 2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 31.3.10	723.53	<b>Earmarked Reserves</b>	
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	337.25	P3 Footpaths	449.25
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00	Amenity Trust	0.00
<b>Total Lloyds Current Account</b>	<b>386.28</b>	Parish Plan	193.43
Alliance & Leics Acc to 4.3.10	4503.59	Highway Improvements	600.00
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1000.00	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>1242.68</b>
Plus uncleared receipts	0.69		
<b>Total Alliance &amp; Leicester Account</b>	<b>3504.28</b>		
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>3890.56</b>	<b>Total uncommitted funds</b>	<b>£2647.88</b>

### 10.039 Correspondence received

1. Diptford Parish Hall Committee – Cllr Hill would be appointed Parish Council representative
2. SHDC: Totnes & surrounding area Parish Cluster Meeting, 7pm 26.5.10 Follaton House. Cllrs Baggott, Foster and Franklin would attend
3. Audit Commission: Wayne Rickard had been appointed as the external auditor. The Annual Return to be submitted by 21.6.10 and, as the Clerk had received no response from Caroline Sumner, she would ask Keith Stowe to carry out an internal audit.
4. Alliance & Leicester to be transferred to Santander UK plc from 28.5.10
5. SLCC Regional Conference, Plymouth 18.5.10 £55 – the Clerk would not attend

**10.040 Reports on Meetings Attended** Cllr Foster had attended the Diptford Parish Lands Eleemosynary Charity, in which he learnt that, as no response had been received to a letter sent to the Parish Council, Mr Crocker and Mr Hocking had been appointed as Parish Council representatives. The Clerk would advise the Charity that the Parish Council had no knowledge of these representatives and would request a copy of the constitution.

### 10.041 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SHDC Agenda & Minutes
2. Devontalk, Spring 2010
3. Senior Council for Devon: Everyone's Tomorrow, April 2010
4. South Hams Society Bulletin, March 2010
5. RD&Express, March 2010
6. Trade publications

*Meeting ended at 9.15pm*

*Date of Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm 11.5.10*

*Date of Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.00pm 18.5.10, followed by the Parish Council Meeting*