

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 20 July 2010 at 7.30pm

Questions from the Public

1. The resurfacing of the unadopted visibility splay at Holsome Lane had affected surface drainage and the Highway Authority was investigating the matter.
2. The Clerk would determine Highway Authority policy with regard to farm vehicles widening lanes by scraping along the hedgebanks
3. The Computer Club had found the projector loaned by Cllr Savery extremely useful, and the Clerk would send a letter of thanks
4. Complaints had been received that SHDC had not responded with regard to the suspected illegal occupation at Stert Quarry, and Cllr Steer would investigate the matter.

Report from District Cllr Steer Cllr Steer expressed sympathy at the sad death of the School caretaker. Applications for the Chief Executive (jointly with West Devon DC) had been shortlisted. Further proposals for the future of Baltic Wharf, Totnes would be considered on the 21st July. Organisers were congratulated on the successful Diptford Horse Show & Gymkhana

Police Report No crimes were reported in June. The Clerk would include details of the Crimestoppers service in the Magazine.

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Franklin (Vice Chairman), Baggott & Sutherland; District Cllr Steer

10.068 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Foster & Randall

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

10.070 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15.6.10, as previously circulated, were confirmed by the Vice Chairman

10.071 Planning Applications received

1. Planning permission to replace extant consent 17/0744/07/F for conversion of barn to dwelling at Redundant Barn, Lower Bearscombe Farm, Halwell Ref 17/1473/10/F Mr T Hayford **No objection**
2. Temporary use of land for 2 years for the stationing of 2 residential caravans to be occupied as a single unit during erection of dwelling at Site at Larcombe Lane, Diptford Ref 17/1462/10/F Mr & Mrs R Soper **Support. Query extent of applicant's land ownership**

10.072 P3 & Footpaths – Paul McFadden had been appointed as the new warden. The drainage and safety of Category 12 Roads (green lanes) were being surveyed, although no funding was available for their maintenance.

10.073 Diptford Playing Field – Amenity Trust balance as at 21.5.10 £5501.46. Receipts: £4000 Lottery Funding; £200 Diptford Horse Show & Gymkhana; and £100 DCC fee. The second hand skate ramp had been erected and fenced off until the ROSPA inspection and insurance cover had been arranged. Both All Risks insurance through Zurich Insurance and Public Liability insurance through Community First (Zurich) would be required in respect of the skateboard equipment, and it was

Resolved to pay a premium of up to £300 to Community First in respect of the revised Public Liability insurance cover

The Playing Field Group was praised for its hard work and achievement in providing the skate boarding facility.

10.074 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0439	S Woodman – June pay		137.86
0440	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £25.20, postage £3.84, HMRC (PAYE) £103.38		157.42

Receipts

BGC	Alliance & Leics - Interest		0.30
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2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 30.6.10	2098.04
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	527.02
Plus unleared receipts	0.00
Total Lloyds Current Account	1571.02
Alliance & Leics Acc to 6.7.10	3504.87
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	0.00
Plus unleared receipts	0.00
Total Alliance & Leicester Account	3504.87
Total funds	5075.89

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	449.25
Amenity Trust	0.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Highway Improvements	600.00
Total Reserves	1242.68

Total uncommitted funds **£3833.21**

3. Annual Return for the year ended 31.3.10 – External Auditor’s Certificate & opinion

The audit had been completed, and the District Auditor drew the attention of the council to the following:

Only staff costs, such as travel & subsistence should be included in Box 4; a full explanation, supported by a relevant analysis, should be provided to explain variances in Section 1 of the Annual Return; and the Council must pay HMRC directly for the Clerk’s PAYE & NI.

10.075 Correspondence received

1. DALC: Empowering Communities in Devon – A Local Perspective, Kennford 7.9.10 £15 – No one would attend
2. Community Spaces (England) Funding Opportunity – Details had been passed to the Playing Field Group
3. Parish Emergency Planning Support Session, South Hams 23.9.10 – Details would be passed to Cllr Hill
4. Presentation by Delyth Jenkins Evans, SHDC Monitoring Officer, Down Thomas 26.7.10 – No one would attend
5. Greater Dartmoor LEAF Community Facilities Fund availability – It had been confirmed that Diptford lay within the LEAF area and the Clerk would pass details to the playgroup and school, and include details in the Magazine

10.076 Reports on Meetings Attended - None**10.077 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted**

1. SHDC Agenda & Minutes
2. Clerk & Councils Direct, July 2010
3. S Devon & Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership Newsletter, May 2010
4. Office for National Statistics – 2011 Census: Councillor Handbook
5. Senior Council for Devon: Everyone’s Tomorrow, July 2010
6. South Hams Society Bulletin, July 2010
7. Voluntary Vine, July-Sept 2010
8. DALC Newsletter, Jul/Aug 2010
9. DEFRA: Being a good employer – A guide for Parish & Town Councillors
10. Trade publications

Meeting ended 8.40pm

Date of next scheduled Meeting 14.9.10