

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Parish Hall, Monday 21st April 2008 at 7.30pm

Questions from the Public - None

Police Report was read by the Chairman, which detailed the burglary of a boat from an insecure barn and emphasised the need to ensure outbuildings were secure and property locked away.

Reports from District and County Councillors

District Cllr Steer reported on the Boundary Review, in which SHDC was proposing a rural authority comprising South Hams, Teignbridge and West Devon District Councils. Cluster Meetings, when the Parish Councils would be consulted, would be held in May. He had recently attended the South Hams meetings relating to Sherford, and Plymouth City Council had already approved the site within its boundary. Households would be advised on the 12th May of new waste collection arrangements. Four South Hams beaches had achieved Blue Flags. It was Real Nappy Week, during which the use of real nappies was being encouraged, rather than disposable nappies which ended up in landfill sites. He had reported potholes on the road between Diptford Downs and Kiln Cottage and would advise Devon CC of potholes in the lane outside the church.

County Cllr Date had attended the County Scrutiny Group concerning the proposed relocation of Dartington College and it was intended to take the matter to Parliament as the £20-£30m cost of the move could be better spent maintaining the College in its current location. He attended the Totnes Lifelong Learning Committee, which identified Totnes as one of the best areas for adult and community learning, although attendance had dropped following the introduction of the new regime. Devon County Council's proposal for the Boundary Review was a unitary rural organisation. Cllr Date was thanked for the DCC grant towards the computer suite and confirmed that £10,000 had been allocated in 2008/9 for grants in his ward.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Franklin, Hill, Savery, Preston-Day & Stow, District Cllr Steer; County Cllr Date; 1 member of the public

08.014 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Walton and the Police

08.015 To note declarations of interest in items on the Agenda - None

08.016 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd March 2008, as previously circulated, were confirmed as amended and signed by the Chairman

08.017 Planning Applications received

1. Appeal: Conversion of barn to single dwelling at Field at SX769 548, North of Horner Farm, Halwell Ref 17/1881/07/F Messrs M&R Ireland Appeal Ref APP/K1128/A/07/2061553/NWF – to be held a Follaton House 10am 13.5.08 – Details were given to Cllr Foster
2. Amendment to approvals 17/2131/07/F and 17/2132/07/LB for rear extension to dwelling (addition of first floor bedroom) at Broadmead, Diptford Refs 17/0670/08/LB and 17/0671/08/F Drs G&C Gribbon **Support**

Planning Decisions – Noted

3. Listed Building Consent for replacement of two windows, re-roofing of shed/garage and demolition of lean-to shed at Church House, Diptford Ref 17/0202/08/LB **Conditional Permission**
4. Provision of horse exercise area at Field west of Beech Grove at SX758540, Beech Grove, Halwell Ref 17/0204/08/F **Conditional Permission**
5. Demolition of workshop & office building and erection of bungalow at Scrap yard at Larcombe Lane SX748581, Diptford Ref 17/0762/07/O **Refuse**
6. Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land for vehicle breaking and car and commercial repairs at Scrap yard at Larcombe Lane SX748581, Diptford **Withdrawn**

08.018 Councillor Vacancy – Cllr Val Haddy has resigned due to community and family demands and was thanked for her hard work. The Clerk had displayed the Notice advertising the vacancy.

08.019 Amenity Trust – The Chairman read out a Report on the Playing field Group meeting on the 10th March, which considered that the Treasurer should be a Trustee, and therefore a Parish Councillor, and that Parish Councillors should be responsible for signing cheques. Councillors considered such a condition may be inflexible, although it was a matter for the Group to decide. The Clerk and Cllr Hill would follow up the £100 annual fee due from Devon CC for the school use of the playing field.

Moss removal, weeding and pruning had been undertaken by the Group and further works to the Playing Field would include improved drainage and restocking chippings beneath the climbing frame and picnic table. It was noted that the Playing Field was now in very good order.

08.020 Resolved to adopt the Standing Orders as detailed in Appendix 08.020

08.021 Financial Regulations – The proposed Regulations would be considered at the June Meeting, when the 2008/9 budget would be revisited.

08.022 Annual Parish Meeting – The Headteacher, Tony Callcut, would be asked to speak at the meeting on the school's involvement within the community.

08.023 Finance

1. The following cheques were passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0336	S Woodman – March pay		124.96
0337	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £16, PAYE £59.64		100.64
0338	Diptford Parish Hall		66.00
	Total		291.60

Receipts:

Receipt	Description	VAT	Gross
BGC	HM Revenue & Customs – VAT repayment		57.39
BGC	DCC – P3 Footpaths grant		235.00

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Financial Statement

Lloyds Current Account to 19.3.08	3673.13
<i>Less</i> payments & unrepresented cheques	291.60
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	57.39
Total	3438.92

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	519.15
Playing Field	500.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Total	1212.58

Total Uncommitted funds £2226.34

Finance Correspondence

3. Resolved to grant St Mary's Church, Diptford with North Huish Parochial Church Council £250 (Chq 339) towards the cost of the churchyard maintenance, Parish News and church clock. The Clerk would ask that costings be provided in the next funding request. A parishioner had complained that the Minutes were no longer published in the Parish Newsletter.

4. Resolved to grant Ivybridge & District Inter Parish Quiz £25 (Chq 340), with up to £25 being payable for hall hire and refreshments when the Quiz is held in Diptford

5. Notice of Annual Audit for the year ending 31.3.08 – Return must be submitted by 30.6.08

08.024 Correspondence received

- Local Government Review: Boundary Committee timetable, SHDC & DCC comments - Noted
- Headteacher, Diptford Parochial C of E Primary School – Expressed how welcome he had been made by the community and identified the problem of dog fouling outside the parish hall.
- Diptford Parish Hall Committee – A Member would be nominated at the Annual Parish Council Meeting
- Devon Calor Village of the Year – No application would be submitted
- DAPC: The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 – Section 70 required that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of a parish council could not be chosen from amongst members who had been co-opted ie they must have stood for election
- South Devon AONB: Management Plan review workshops 28 April, 1st May – Details were passed to Cllr Savery
- SHDC: National Bus Pass – Arrangements where passes had not been delivered on time
- Community Council of Devon: 21Century Multi Use Community Buildings – Field visit, Ivybridge & South Brent 14.7.08. Cllrs Franklin and Hill may attend
- CPRE recruitment – Membership would not be requested
- Police Authority Liaison Meeting, Ivybridge 28.4.08 7.30pm – No one would attend
- Devon NHS: The Way Ahead – Meeting, Newton Abbot Racecourse, 9.30am & 1.00pm 16.5.08 - No one would attend
- Devon NHS: Local Involvement Network Meeting, Totnes Civic Hall 10am 7.5.08 - No one would attend
- Greater Dartmoor Community Led Development: Funding application to the Rural Development Programme for England 2007-13 – Consultation event, The Watermark, Ivybridge 10am-12pm 22.4.08 - No one would attend
- Broadley Woods conifer thinning – Following complaints about the damage to lanes, Fountains plc had responded that, on completion of the works, the contractors, Euroforest, would reinstate blocked drains, regrade the bridleway and tracks and re-erect any signs that had been removed. It was noted that, although felling had been completed and the machinery removed, the timber still awaited removal. In addition, in moving machinery across the river, damage had been caused which was now being investigated.

15. Communities in Action: Request for Key Holder and assistant to update and maintain Diptford's information on the database – Cllr Hill would ask Jane Gillett if she was interested

16. Devon NHS: Health & Social Care Devon Town Profiles – No feedback provided

08.025 Reports on Meetings Attended - None

08.026 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SHDC – Agenda & Minutes
2. Devon Talk, Spring 2008
3. Devon NHS – The Way Ahead: A strategic framework for health and social care
4. Devon Rural Transport Partnership – Winter Newsletter 2008
5. South Hams CVS – Voluntary Vine, March/April 2008
6. DCC – Statement of Accounts 2006/7
7. Village Green, March 2008
8. DAPC Newsletter, March/April 2008
9. DCC Emergency Planning Newsletter, Issue 4
10. Standards Board – Town and Parish Standard, March 2008
11. Halwell & Moreleigh Parish Plan 2007
12. DCC Devon inTouch April 2008
13. Trade publications

Meeting ended 10.00pm

Date of next Meeting 19.5.08 at 7.00pm – Including the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.