

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Parish Hall, Tuesday 21 July 2009 at 7.30pm

Questions from the public

A parishioner had noted that Primrose Place was being advertised for sale and queried whether it had ever been occupied. A Certificate of Lawful use as a permanent dwellinghouse had been granted in September 2007 based on its continuous use as a residence over 4 years, and neighbours were asked to react more quickly to breaches in planning law.

Complaints had been received that someone was placing dog waste, in unsealed bags, in a parishioner's brown and grey bins. The Clerk would include an item in the newsletter highlighting this antisocial behaviour and the legality of placing waste in other people's bins

Police Report Two crimes had been reported over the previous month, including domestic assault and the theft of ducks, although it was noted that crimes reported when the South Brent Police Station was closed were not included within the parish statistics. The Police Surgeries would continue through the summer.

Sightings in the Parish of the bright yellow flatbed truck would be reported to the police.

Reports from District & County Councillors

District Cllr Steer reported that SHDC would be carrying out a review of its planning development control and enforcement service, and that he was a member of the review panel; the twisted playing field warning sign at Cross Farm would be reinstated; and, following the fatal accident at Aveton Gifford, drivers were asked to drive slowly in the lanes.

County Cllr Black had been appointed as a member on the following DCC Committees: Environment & Economy, Devon Conservation, Investment & Pension Fund, and Procedures.

She attended the: Devon Waste Conference, in which schools were identified as responsible for 50% of carbon emissions in Devon and would act as a focus for new waste initiatives; the Villages Enquiry by Design Workshops; and a meeting with the Baltic Wharf developers, whose proposal of 250 new homes (possibly in addition to the 400 dwellings already allocated to Totnes) could have serious traffic implications for Totnes.

Cllr Black had joined the Youth Group at Mansion House, which had received DCC Locality funding with a view to opening the Pulse Centre on a Saturday night. Cllr Gopal added that he hoped to establish a youth group in Diptford and was seeking support.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Chapell, Franklin, Gopal, Hill, Randall & Savery; District Cllr Steer; County Cllr Black

09.081 Jeremy Randall was co-opted and completed the Declaration of Acceptance

09.082 To accept apologies for absence None

09.083 Declarations of interest in items on the Agenda were received from Cllr Chapell: Item 09.088.4 Prejudicial (land ownership)

09.084 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 16th June 2009, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

09.085 P3 & Footpaths – Cllr Franklin would be attending the workshop at Rattery Village Hall, at which new financing arrangements would be discussed. Vegetation was currently overhanging the bridleway.

The Parish Lengthsman's service was currently over-stretched due to sickness, and drainage work in the lanes was likely to suffer, with a consequent deterioration in the road surface. Cllr Black would investigate.

09.086 Diptford Playing Field – The Family Day was held on the 4th July; the lines on the tennis court have been rewhitened; SHDC funding had been granted towards the skate park, with a grant application to be submitted to DCC; and a £300 donation had been received from the Diptford Horse Show, with match funding to be provided from Barclays Bank.

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

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0391	S Woodman – June pay		136.49
0392	S Woodman expenses: Internet/phone/computer £25, travel £17.20, HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE) £102.36, Postage £14.40		162.65
0393	DAPC Membership	10.05	102.05
	Total	10.05	401.19

Receipts

BGC	Alliance & Leics - Interest		0.29
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2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 30.6.09	570.63
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	401.19
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Lloyds Current Account	169.44
Alliance & Leics Acc to 6.5.09	3500.61
Plus uncleared receipts	0.88
Total Alliance & Leics Account	3501.49
Total funds	3670.93

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	408.40
Playing Field	500.00
Parish Plan	193.43
Total	1101.83

Total uncommitted funds £2569.10

Finance correspondence**3. Resolved to grant British Red Cross £50 towards the training session (chq 394)****09.088 Correspondence received**

1. Rural Community Network – weekly digest to be emailed direct to Councillors
2. SHDC: ‘Inquiry by Design’ – Councillors attending the workshops who offer land have an interest for development purposes and are in breach of paragraph 6(a) of the Code of Conduct
3. SHDC: Seagull proof sacks to be delivered to all houses on the sack refuse collection. Complaints were received that, in the area covered by the Kingsbridge collection, bin collection was erratic and both the landfill and recyclable bins were emptied into the same refuse lorry
4. Larcombe Quarry – A response was awaited on the enforcement of the S106 Agreement from the Chief Executive and Cllr Fielden, Chairman of the Development Committee
5. SW Planning Aid/RTPI: Awards for Community Involvement 2009 – No entry would be submitted
6. SHDC: Boundary Review – the original timetable had been put aside so that additional matters could be evaluated and it was unlikely that the review would be completed before the general election

09.089 Observations on planning applications considered at the Diptford Parish Council Meeting held on 17.03.09 were ratified

1. Extension to dwelling with velux windows in roof and repositioning of en-suite window at Larcombe Corner, Diptford Ref 17/1008/09 Mr J Yunnie **No objection**
2. Resubmission of 17/1225/09/F. Householder application for alteration and extensions to dwelling at Larcombe Cottage, Diptford Ref 17/0225/09/F Dr & Mrs P Veliupillai & Rogers **No objection**
3. Amendment to 17/0670/08/F & 17/0671/LB to include additional windows to side elevation of building a Broadmead, Diptford Ref 17/1191/09/F & 17/1192/09/F **No objection**

Planning Decisions - Noted

4. Householder application for addition of an open lean-to porch to existing entrance at Murtwell Farm Cottage, Diptford Ref 17/0722/9/F **Conditional permission**

09.090 Reports on Meetings Attended Cllr Foster attended the Diptford & North Huish Local History Society Meeting, in which the Parish Council was presented with the book on ‘The Archaeological finds of Diptford and North Huish Parishes’

09.091 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted

1. SHDC – Agenda & Minutes
2. DCC - Devontalk, Summer 2009; Highway surface dressing
3. Parish Paths Partnership, Spring Newsletter 2009
4. DAPC Newsletter, Jul/Aug 09
5. RD & Express, May 2009
6. Senior Council for Devon – Everyone’s Tomorrow, June 2009
7. Trade publications

Meeting ended 9pm

Date of next Meeting 15.09.09 (a Meeting may be held in August to consider planning applications)