

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm

**Questions from the Public** Concern had been expressed that no Police report had been issued to the Parish Council or Neighbourhood Watch following the break-in at Creber industrial estate. The Police had responded that this was a targeted burglary and Diptford was not vulnerable.

**County Cllr Vint** submitted a report in which he outlined his input in relation to: Affordable housing in the devolution prospectus; the Devon Minerals Plan; and river contamination from Hemerdon mine. An overspend was projected for DCC adult and child care services.

## DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Crocker, Franklin, Hill, Lethbridge & Peach

**16.105 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Parker Davidson

**16.106 To note declarations of interest and Dispensations in items on the Agenda** None

**16.107 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 8.11.16, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

### 16.108 Planning Applications

1. Proposed demolition of two Devon Lady classrooms and the proposed construction of a single storey extension to the rear of the existing building at Diptford Primary School, Diptford Ref 3300/16/FUL The Link Academy Trust **Support the improvement in infrastructure and new buildings. Supporting statement should include traffic management provisions, as strong reservations that, if the school expanded significantly, existing traffic problems would worsen. Existing planning permission 2699/15/DCC was not properly represented in the planning application and should be rescinded if the current application was approved.**

2. Householder application for proposed two storey rear extension at Little Orchard Cottage, Diptford Ref 3613/16/HHO Mr & Mrs Roberts **Neutral**

**2. Enforcement Review** It was noted that cases dated back to 2010. Stert Quarry was a major concern.

### 16.109 Playing Field

Diptford Amenity Trust Acc 02042009 £8594.81; Acc 00196602 £135.44

**16.110 P3, footpaths & highways** Lanes had been well swept and ploughed

### 16.111 Finance

#### 1. Cheques approved for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0774	S Woodman – Nov pay		172.43
0775	S Woodman – Travel £28.35, Office £33.67		62.02
0776	D Jane – Grass cut		70.00
<b>Receipts</b>			
BGC	Santander – Interest Nov		0.26

#### 2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 21.10.16	4456.30
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	582.84
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	3873.46
Santander Account to 7.11.16	1019.98
Total funds	4893.44

#### Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	874.29

Total uncommitted funds                      £4019.15

3. Cllr Baggott verified the bank statements and reconciliations

### 16.112 Correspondence received

1. SHDC: BT Payphone removal draft decision notice – draft decision notices had been displayed to remove the Diptford payphone, but retain the Gara Bridge payphone. A final decision would be made in mid-December.

2. The Pensions Regulator: Declaration of compliance completed

**16.113 Reports on Meetings Attended**

1. Cllr Parker Davidson attended the Highways Town & Parish Conference, which identified:
  - Insufficient funds to manage the roads and rights of way, with further budget cuts planned
  - Change in maintenance category of the road network and use of risk assessment in road maintenance. Minor rural roads would be allowed to deteriorate further, while maintaining other roads for the longer term
  - Closer working with communities, with improved communications. Enable local communities to take on more responsibility in the face of falling budgets and rising demand.
2. Cllrs Foster & Peach attended the SHDC Town & Parish Council Event, which discussed:
  - DCC need to make savings, with no additional funding for social care
  - The appointment of Fusion Lifestyle as the new operator for SHDC leisure provision
  - Progress on setting up the Local Authority Controlled Company
  - The devolution debate, which had stalled over the requirement for a Mayor
  - Affordable housing, and the failure to provide infrastructure for new housing.

**16.114 Correspondence available at the Meeting None**

*Meeting ended 8.55pm*

*Date of next Meeting 10.1.17*