

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 8 October 2013 at 7.30pm

Police Report One crime of note in September, relating to theft of fuel from a motor vehicle. Sheep rustling had been reported in North Huish, and Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Geoffrey Hyde was compiling a Farmer Alert list.

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Hill & Peach

13.097 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Crocker & Gopal; SHDC Cllr Steer

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

13.099 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17.9.13, as previously circulated, were confirmed as amended and signed by the Chairman

13.100 Planning

Planning Applications

1. Change of use of barns to ancillary guest accommodation/studio/play room and workshop to include landscaping, removal of covered yards and erection of implement shed at Beenleigh Manor, Diptford Ref 17/2163/13/F **No objection**

2. Listed building consent for alterations/consolidation/repairs to barns and conversion to ancillary accommodation to include associated services, landscaping and implement shed at Beenleigh Manor, Diptford 17/2164/13/LB **No objection**

The Clerk would complain that she had not received the above planning applications for consultation

13.101 P3, footpaths & highways – James Hill would take on the role of P3 Coordinator. Planings would be laid on FP1 in October.

The Clerk would ask for vegetation to be cleared from the river wall along the lane to Avonwick.

Complaints had been received about the inadequate diversion signing at Avonwick. In addition to the highway repairs, diseased larch trees adjacent to the road would be removed. Traffic calming measures at Avonwick were being trialed.

13.102 Diptford Square walled garden damages claim – Progress report awaited

13.103 Christmas tree & lights Cllr Foster would arrange the tree, and the lights would be illuminated from 4-11pm.

Resolved to spend up to £200 on additional Christmas tree lights

13.104 Finance

1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0604	S Woodman – September pay		151.98
0605	S Woodman expenses: Office £25.00, travel £13.50		38.50
0606	Playsafety Ltd – Annual ROSPA inspection	16.00	96.00
0607	SHDC – AONB Sign		210.00

Receipts

BGC	SHDC – 2 nd Precept		2750.00
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2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 30.8.13	4653.26
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	995.91
Plus uncleared receipts	2750.00
Total Current Account	6407.35
Santander Account to 31.3.13	12.39
Total funds	6419.74

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	574.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	1374.29

Total uncommitted funds £5045.45

13.105 Correspondence received

1. SHDC – Super Cluster Meeting 6.30pm 11.11.13; Cllrs Foster & Peach would attend. Suggested agenda items: Proliferation of solar panels in the countryside & Broadband update
2. SHDC – Proposed reduction in Council Tax Support Grant to Diptford Parish Council by 13.54%, from £180 in 2013/14 to £156 in 2014/15
3. Totnes on the Move: Rural bus services – Proposals included shelter and information at bus stops on fast routes, and encouraging mixed media travel by providing bicycle locking stands and short period parking at bus stops
4. AEE Renewables: Coombeshead Solar Farm – Trust Fund. The Fund should run for a maximum of 30 years, and not in perpetuity. The funding criteria should not be restricted to fuel poverty, but should include other community benefits, such as improved broadband and longterm parking provision. The level of funding should be sufficient to be meaningful to the community and proportionate to the income generated by the development. It was emphasised that discussions on funding did not imply support for the proposed planning application.
5. SHDC: Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (including Employment & Traveller Sites) – submissions by 25.10.13. The Clerk would request a progress report on the proposed housing development opposite Wheat Park
6. SHDC: Connecting Communities Network – the project aimed to help communities gain independent advice and knowledge, with a network of mentors. Details available at www.connectingcommunities.org.uk
7. Broadband speeds – No timescale had been given for improvements to Broadband speeds in the Parish. Cllr Hill would be arranging an update meeting, including adjacent parishes. An agenda item on Broadband speeds would be suggested for the November Super Cluster Meeting.

13.106 Reports on Meetings Attended None

Meeting ended 9.10pm

Date of next Meeting 19.11.13