

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 7.30pm

Questions from the Public

1. Concerns were raised in relation to planning application 17/2435/15/F.
2. Leaves and mud had built up on the lane beyond the archway at Curtisknowle, which DCC vehicles were unable to access.

SHDC Cllr Steer reported on the:

1. Introduction of the new SHDC planning IT system
2. Deadline for TAP applications of 12 noon 18 December
3. Special Council Meeting to consider working with other authorities in the Housing Market Area to demonstrate that housing requirements had been met. A Joint Local Plan was proposed, involving Plymouth City Council, SHDC, West Devon Borough Council and Dartmoor National Park, to better meet the housing needs of the wider area.
4. Proposal for Devolution for the heart of the South West, including all District Councils in Devon & Somerset, Plymouth & Torbay Unitary Authorities, Devon & Somerset County Councils, Dartmoor & Exmoor National Parks and the Local Enterprise Partnership.

Councillors expressed concern that infrastructure needs were not being taken into account in relation to housing developments.

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Crocker, Franklin, Hill, Parker Davidson & Peach; SHDC Cllr Smerdon; 1 public

15.118 Apologies for absence were accepted from SHDC Cllr Steer & DCC Cllr Vint

15.119 Declarations of interest were noted from Cllr Peach: Item 15.121.1 (Personal)

15.120 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10.11.15, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

15.121 Planning Applications

1. Householder application to repair and rebuilding of former stable block to form two bay garage and storage over at The Old Smithy, Curtisknowle Ref 17/2435/15/F Mr & Mrs S Murphy

Stongly object. Excessive size; adverse effect on listed bridge & AONB; concern that the building would be used as a dwelling; when opened, the garage doors would obscure highway visibility, causing safety concerns to the 8 properties beyond the archway and in contravention of DCC guideline HR124; and concern that the building may be used as a dwelling.

An open-fronted garage in keeping with the locality would be preferred

2. Single storey school building, providing a classroom and toilet facilities for the Diptford Pre-school within the grounds of Diptford Primary School. The proposed building will replace a wooden shed and two existing white domed canopies that cover an area of existing concrete playground at Diptford Primary School, Diptford Ref DCC/3808/2015

Strongly support. The hedge should be retained

3. Prior Notification Application for change of use of two agricultural buildings to two residential dwellings at Springfield Farm, Moreleigh Ref 17/2463/15/AGDPA Mr & Mrs Cook & Mrs Darke

Without more detail, it was difficult to comment. As there was no direct water supply (contrary to the application details), a new water supply would be needed.

4. Appeal: Installation of ground-mounted solar arrays (total site area 94000m²), estimated output 5 megawatts and associated infrastructure, cable route and Distribution Network Operator substation at Land at SX769 596, Lower Blakemore Farm, Harberton Ref 23/2373/14/F New Energy For the World GmbH Appeal Ref APP/K1128/W/15/3135465 **Strongly object. Cumulative negative visual impact of solar farms in the area; negative impact on users of the public highway (green lane); industrialisation of the countryside; inappropriate use of good quality farmland.**

5. Waste transfer station, site office buildings, external skip storage area, weighbridge, packaged sewer treatment plant and importation of soil/rubble to raise site levels at Blue Post, Higher Plymouth Road, Avonwick Ref DCC/3814/2015 Woodys Eco Recycling Ltd **Object. The traffic movement plan was inconsistent with weight restriction on local roads. Concern over the environmental impact, including noise and water pollution**

The objections would be relayed direct to Cllr Vint and members of the DCC Planning Committee.

Planning Decisions Noted

6. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 (joinery details) of planning consent 17/2814/14/F at Lower Holsome, Diptford Ref 17/1066/15/DIS, 17/1067/15/DIS **Approved**

7. **Planning review** Concern was expressed that no progress had been made over 5 years.

15.122 Playing Field

1. Acc 02042009 £8015.89; Acc 00196602 £135.44
2. Replacement climbing frame & roof repairs – A TAP grant would be submitted in relation to the climbing frame, and the roof repairs would be deferred
3. Tree removal around the tennis court – Cllr Foster had instructed Out on a Limb to undertake the work

15.123 P3, footpaths & highways The Lengthsman had visited the Parish and all outstanding highway maintenance had been completed. The Clerk would ask Diptford PCC to remove vegetation from the Glebe wall, as it was a safety hazard

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

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0713	S Woodman – Nov pay		165.24
0714	S Woodman expenses: Office £25.00, travel £28.35		53.35
0715	D Jane – Grass cut, playing field		170.00
Receipts			
BGC	Santander - Interest		0.39

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 30.10.15	4918.55
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	621.58
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	4296.97
Santander Account to 24.11.15	1013.35
Total funds	5310.32

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	874.29

Total uncommitted funds £4436.03

3. Resolved to grant Totnes & Dartmouth Ring & Ride £50 (Chq 716)

4. 2016/17 Budget & precept – Councillors would be consulted prior to publication of the January agenda

15.125 TAP Schemes

1. **Community Road Warden Scheme** Cllr Crocker would instruct contractors KJ Thulborn Ltd to undertake the identified highway repairs up to the value of £1000 and a meeting would be arranged with Highway Neighbourhood Engineer Alan Martin. Partner Parish Councils would be reminded of the TAP procedure and deadline for claims.
2. Resolved to submit a TAP application for £2,500 for the replacement climbing frame. Additional funding would be requested from SHDC & DCC Locality funding and the Diptford Community Trust Fund.

15.126 The Parish Councillor vacancy, following the resignation of Mark Wood, would be reported in the magazine

15.127 Correspondence received

1. Locality Officer: Mobile Library visits 12 January & 8 March – details would be included in the magazine
2. Hodgson Property Consultants: Housing development opposite Wheat Park, Diptford – The response would be reproduced in the magazine, and the Clerk would express disappointment at the lack of progress, as the Parish Council had given the development its full support to meet identified housing need in the parish. She would note that the planning permission would be expiring in March 2016.
3. Devon Wildlife Trust: Road verges project – No response
4. SW Devon: New IT planning systems go live - Noted

15.128 Reports on Meetings Attended Cllrs Baggott & Parker Davidson attended the DCC Tough Choices meeting, which discussed devolution, the effect of the minimum wage on the provision of DCC Care Services, and the proposal to reintegrate Torbay. DCC needed to save £35m in 2016/17 and options included the sale of DCC properties and greater Parish Council self-help.

15.129 Correspondence available at the Meeting

Meeting ended 9.45pm

Date of next Meeting 12.1.16