

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 8th August 2017 at 7.30pm

Questions from the Public None

SHDC Cllr Smerdon reported on a consultation from the 14.8.17 on the proposed merger with West Devon District Council. This would result in: a reduction in the number of WDDC Councillors; few staffing implications; operational savings of £1½m pa; Council Tax would be increased to equalise with WDDC, although there may be transitional arrangements. Local events would be held explaining the proposals, including in South Brent. Unitary Authority proposals were not supported by DCC.

Cllr Foster noted the significant unauthorised development at Stert Quarry Farm, and that no action had been taken in relation to the unauthorised development at Larcombe View.

DCC Cllr Hosking reported on the:

- £14.6m highways funding towards the North Devon Link road and street lighting
- Children services contract, with tenders for a single contractor
- Railway improvements to the southwest, including dual energy trains. The Dawlish line would be secured
- ‘Heart of the Southwest’ devolution proposals had been dropped due to rival bids from District Councils

The Gara Bridge proposals were awaited, and it was noted that further damage had been inflicted on both Gara and Stretchney Bridges. Xmas tree signage had yet to be removed at Blue post and no action had been taken on the illegal dumping.

Cllr Hosking advised that funding for signage was only available when safety was affected. He received feedback on poor Broadband reception to the south of the Parish, which he would follow up.

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllr Foster (Chair), Baggott, Franklin, Lethbridge, Parker Davidson & Peach; SHDC Cllr Smerdon & DCC Cllr Hosking

17.078 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Hill

17.079 Declarations of interest were noted from Cllr Foster: Items 17.081.2-3 (Personal)

17.080 The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 11.7.17, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

17.081 Planning Applications

Planning Applications considered at the Meeting held on the 11.7.17 were ratified

1. Listed Building Consent to replace casement windows on the south & west elevations at Broadmead, Diptford Ref 2014/17/LBC Mrs C Gribbin **Support**
2. Use of land for siting a timber chalet as accommodation for a key worker in support of an equine breeding business for an initial period of 3 years (Re-submission of withdrawn application 0355/17/FUL) at Farleigh Meadows, Diptford Ref 2012/17/FUL Mrs C Furini **Object. Unsuitable location on steep slope with no basic services to support a breeding business, such as electricity or water; Increased traffic along narrow lanes for visiting vets, farriers, feed deliveries etc; Unenforceable agreement with DCC Highways that customers would not visit the site; One of a series of applications with the aim of enabling the applicant to live on the site.**
3. Variation of condition 3 of planning consent 17/1854/11/F to allow stables to be used for an equine business at Farleigh Meadows, Diptford Ref 2267/17/VAR Mrs C /Furini **Object. Unsuitable location on steep slope with no basic services to support a breeding business, such as electricity or water; Increased traffic along narrow lanes for visiting vets, farriers, feed deliveries etc; Unenforceable agreement with DCC Highways that customers would not visit the site; One of a series of applications with the aim of enabling the applicant to live on the site.**

Planning Decisions Noted

4. Variation of condition number 1 following grant of planning permission 17/0768/15/AGDPA to allow changes to approved plans at Amity Farm, Cricketens **Conditional permission**

17.082 Diptford Amenity Trust & Playing field

1. Diptford Amenity Trust Acc 02042009 £7597.22; Acc 00196602 £135.44
2. Land sale – The purchaser had queried the site plan, which the Clerk would resend to both the solicitor and purchaser

17.083 P3, footpaths & highways

1. Roadside hedge cutting – The Clerk would write to owners of overgrown roadside hedgerows along Holsome Lane, Mill Lane and Rannoch

17.084 Finance**1. Cheques approved for payment:**

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0810	S Woodman – July pay		179.90
0811	S Woodman – Travel £43.20, Office £40.39		83.49
0812	IAC Audit & Consultancy Ltd	30.00	180.00
0813	K Jane – Grass cutting		70.00
0814	Diptford PCC – Replace cheque 00789		400.00
0816	Devon & Cornwall Newspapers Ltd – Recruitment	17.60	105.60
0818	SJB Signs – Playground safety sign	3.60	21.60
Receipts			
BGC	Santander – Interest July		0.08
BGC	DALC – Transparency Code office equipment		510.00

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 21.7.17	5679.63
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	1166.69
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	4512.94
Santander Account to 6.7.17	1020.66
Total funds	5533.60

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Community Lengthsman	1020.00
Total Reserves	1894.29

Total uncommitted funds 3639.31

It was noted that the two cheques to Diptford Village Hall had still not been cashed.

3. Resolved that the Clerk may purchase the laptop and scanner/printer, at a net cost of £510, subject to confirmation from the new Parish Clerk

17.085 Correspondence received

1. SHDC: Consultation on Taxi Licensing Policy – No response

17.086 Resolved to appoint Zoe Oldman as Diptford Parish Clerk with effect from the 1.9.17 on SCP 22 (£10.739ph). Existing Clerk, Sarah Woodman, would continue employment to the 14.9.17 to arrange the handover.

17.087 Reports on Meetings Attended None

17.088 Correspondence available at the Meeting None

17.089 Resolved to change the date of September Meeting to the 5.9.17

Meeting ended 9pm

Date of next Meeting 5.9.17