

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm

## Questions from the Public

Planning application 38/2891/14/F for a phone mast at Manor Farm, North Huish would be determined imminently. Parish Councillors expressed the need for this facility as it would improve mobile reception in Diptford, and the Clerk would forward these views to the Planning Officer.

**Cllr Steer** reported: the continued influx of solar farm applications in the District before the 1.1.16 reduction in tariffs; the Sherford development would be starting; the Enforcement Team was becoming more effective; and SHDC would be discussing the issue of refugees.

## DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Franklin, Hill, Parker Davidson, Peach & Wood; SHDC Cllr Steer; Cllr David Gabriel, North Huish PC Vice Chair; 1 public

**15.089 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Crocker, Baggott & DCC Cllr Vint

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

**15.091 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11.8.15, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

### 15.092 Planning Applications

1. Erection of timber frame agricultural building at Little Beeches, Holsome Lane, Diptford Ref 17/1730/15/F Mr & Mrs Haddy **Support. Improvement to the usability & quality of the land and its surroundings**

#### Planning Decisions Noted

2. Non material amendment (number/location of panels, access track layouts and number of transformer stations) for planning approval 17/0265/14/F (Solar farm) at Fields at SX753 557 East of Coombeshead Farm, Fields SX749 550 South of Coombeshead Farm and connecting access tracks 17/3224/14/MIN **Non Material Amendment Granted**

3. Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (C3) and associated operational development at Horner Barn at SX769 548 Halwell Ref 17/1576/15/AGDPA **Prior Approval Not Required**

4. Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (Class C3)(class Q) at Springfield Farm, Moreleigh Ref 17/1471/15/AGDPA **Refuse**

5. Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (C3)(Class Q9a)only at The Barn, Murtwell Farm, Diptford Ref 17/1416/15/AGDPA **Refuse**

#### Planning Correspondence

6. SHDC: No requirement under the Regulations to consult on Prior notification applications under Part 3W of the General Development Order 2015 – The Clerk would respond that, despite the Regulations, the Parish Council should be consulted in relation to Prior Notification applications as it could provide useful information and should be given the opportunity to have its say. SHDC had a moral obligation to consult, in the spirit of ‘working together’ and ‘localism’.

7. Proposed additional school building – Councillors supported the proposal for a permanent, timber clad building for use by the pre-school and early years. Funding had been secured

8. A complaint had been received in relation to the approval for a barn at Higher Coarsewell, Ugborough (Ref 38/1622/15/F) and the Clerk would complain that the Parish Council should have been informed of the application as it would affect the Parish

### 15.093 P3, footpaths & highways

**Resolved to adopt the Community Road Warden Scheme, as detailed by DCC**, which had a broader remit than the lengthsman scheme. In conjunction with North Huish Parish Council, the warden vacancy would be advertised, with a deadline of 13.10.15.

### 15.094 Finance

#### 1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0703	S Woodman – August pay		165.44
0704	S Woodman expenses: Office £25, travel £28.35		53.35
0705	Grant Thornton - Audit	20.00	120.00
0705	D Jane – Grass cut, playing field		70.00

**2. The Financial Statement was received**

Lloyds Current Account to 31.7.15	4436.25
<i>Less</i> payments & unrepresented cheques	1968.43
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	2467.82
Santander Account to 31.7.15	1012.39
Total funds	3480.21

**Earmarked Reserves**

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	874.29

Total uncommitted funds                      £2605.92

**15.095 Correspondence received**

1. SHDC: The 2015/16 TAP process would not require Parish Councils to submit joint applications; repeat bids would not be considered; and applications would be determined by County & District Councillors only. The deadline for applications was the 18 December, and the Totnes Cluster Area was allocated £20,346.70. Applications would be discussed at the October meeting, including repairs to the shelter roof in the playing field, and highway sign cleaning.

2. SHDC: Licensing policy consultation to 6.11.15, <http://southhams.gov.uk/article/10322/Licensing-Policy-Public-Consultation> - details would be included in the magazine

3. SHDC: Draft gambling statement of principles consultation to 23.10.15, [www.southhams.gov.uk/shconsultations](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/shconsultations) - details would be included in the magazine

4. DCC: Devon Minerals Plan consultation to 16.11.15, <https://new.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/> - details would be included in the magazine

5. Recycle Devon: Say No to Junk Mail Leaflets & Letterbox Stickers – to be requested for the village hall

**15.096 Reports on Meetings Attended** Councillors had met Dai Antill, Localities Engagement Officer, who would be submitting a report to the magazine

**15.097 Correspondence available at the Meeting** None

*Meeting ended 9pm*

*Date of next Meeting 13.10.15*