

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 7.30pm

DCC Cllr Vint had submitted a report on ice on the roads, DCC boundary changes, devolution and the Devon Minerals Plan. Government funding to DCC will be cut by 17.4% in 2016/17 and proposals for cutting the 'Place Budget' by £9.5m were being considered, mostly in relation to the highways budget. SHDC Cllr Steer reported on devolution proposals. The Government grant to SHDC was being reduced, and an officer had been appointed to raise income while maintaining frontline services.

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin & Lethbridge; SHDC Cllr Steer

16.012 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Crocker, Hill, Parker Davidson & Peach; DCC Cllr Vint

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

16.014 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12.1.16, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

16.015 Co-option of Louise Lethbridge as Parish Councillor and completion of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

16.016 Planning Applications

1. Readvertisement (revised plans received) Householder application to repair and rebuilding of former stable block to form two bay garage and storage loft over at The Old Smithy, Curtisknowle Ref 17/2435/15/F

Strongly object. The only modification to the initial application is to lower the ridge roof and gable end, which marginally reduces the height of the building, but the overall footprint with a second storey storage facility and staircase is exactly the same.

The outward opening doors remain on the plans which are contrary to Devon CC policy HR124 (DCC Structure Plan Policy TR10). This requires that a 6 metre space is provided in front of outward opening hinged garage doors. The proposed door arrangement will open out and obstruct vision for traffic exiting from the lower level archway or when turning the sharp corner from Follett's Farm. An open fronted garage (without doors) would be preferred, which would allow vehicles to be parked off road on the current parking area, clear of the roadway, without obstructing access or risking highway safety.

Usage of the building should be restricted to garage and ancillary storage only.

2. Householder application for single storey, partial replacement, extension to the side, refurbishment and construction of new double garage at Green Acre, Diptford Cross to Laurel Cottage, Diptford Ref 3109/16/HHO Mr & Mrs Titford **No objection**

3. Householder application for rear extension, single storey to provide boot room, rear access and garden room and change of use to domestic curtilage at Etheridge Farm Barn, Etheridge to Slipperstone via Murtwell, Diptford Ref 0005/16/HHO Mr & Mrs P Collings **No objection**

4. Application 2881/15/ARC had been submitted to discharge conditions on planning approval 17/2267/12/F 15 dwellings at Part field opposite Wheat Park, Totnes Road, Diptford. The Clerk would ask SHDC how the conditions would be discharged and the procedure used

Planning Decisions Noted

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 Cockwells Nursery, Bluepost to Hazard, Harberton Ref ACB/DCC/3814/2015 **Withdrawn** Arrangements were being made to clean up the site

Planning Correspondence

3. SHDC: Planning website update – The Clerk would complain that it was impossible to view applications and would request the decision notices be emailed until the website was updated.

16.017 P3, footpaths & highways

1. Request to resurface highway between Horner & Ashwell – the concerns would be forwarded to DCC Highways.

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

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0722	S Woodman – Jan pay		165.24
0724	R Paull – Christmas tree		30.00
0725	T Crocker – Christmas decorations	TBC	159.80
0726	KJ Thulborn – Community Lengthsman	200.00	1200.00
0727	S Woodman – Travel £28.35, Expenses £37.21		65.56
Receipts			
BGC	Santander - Interest		0.39
BGC	Santander - Interest		0.38

2. The Financial Statement was received

Lloyds Current Account to 22.1.16	3904.38
<i>Less</i> payments & unrepresented cheques	1756.32
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	0.00
Total Current Account	2148.06
Santander Account to 1.2.16	1014.49
Total funds	3162.55

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Total Reserves	874.29

Total uncommitted funds £2288.26

3. Resolved to transfer £500 to Diptford Amenity Trust (Chq 0728)**4. Resolved to increase the Parish Clerk's Salary Review from Scp26 £2479.68pa to Scp27 £2561.95pa****5. Resolved to add Cllr Baggott as Bank signatory****16.019 Annual Parish Meeting – The meeting would be held on the 10 May at 7pm, with no speaker****16.020 Correspondence received**

1. DCC: Sand bag policy – No policy
2. SHDC: TAP award 'Fit & Fun' £2500 – the Playing Field Group would consider proposals to replace the climbing frame, including funding, at its AGM
3. Local Government Boundary Commission: Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for DCC. From May 2017, Diptford would be included in the South Brent & Yealmpton division, with one County Councillor

16.021 Reports on Meetings Attended None**16.022 Correspondence available at the Meeting Noted**

1. Clerks & Councils Direct, January 2016
2. Healthwatch Voices, Winter 2015/16

Meeting ended 9.05pm

Date of next Meeting 8.3.16