

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 25th May 2023

Diptford Village Hall

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Franklin (Chair) (SF), Parker-Davidson (Vice-Chair) (SPD), Peach (CP), Crocker (TC), Hill (SH) and David Hancock (DH) (SHDC) and Ali Kohler (Clerk)

There was one member of the public attending.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2023 57 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lethbridge (LL), Guy Pannell (GP) (SHDC) and Thomas (DT) (DCC)

Matters arising.

County Councillors Report.

See appendix 1 <https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>.

South Hams District Councillors Report

See appendix 2 <https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>.

Cllr David Hancock was welcomed to his first meeting as District Councillor. He gave a brief update on what has happened since the election and the changes to the leadership and committees of SHDC.

Open Forum

2023 58 Declarations of Interest - none

2023 59 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th April 2023, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

2023 60 Diptford Playing Field

a) To receive the financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust

Current Account: £1,206.27

Savings Account: £46.43

Receipts

Interest received - £0.03

Payments

none

b) Tennis Courts – clerk to contact the inspection team, to request that a full assessment be carried out on the condition of the surface of the tennis courts, and then further actions can be agreed at future meetings.

c) Play Equipment – Information on possible Grants to be forwarded on to Mike Cox. Cost of new additional play equipment to be investigated further.

2023 61 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) **Lengthsman** – Work continuing on the buddle holes and lanes require clearing.
- b) **Road Sweeper** – The road sweeper has now visited Diptford
- c) **Ploughing of Lanes** – This can now be organised as the road sweeper has been through Diptford. Letters to be sent to relevant landowners with overgrown vegetation where their land borders the highway. Cllrs Hill and Parker-Davidson to bring list of properties which currently have overgrown vegetation where their land borders the highway.

2023 62 Planning

- a) Planning applications considered:

1. Reference: 1208/23/PDM Application type: Prior approval agricultural building to dwelling C3. Applicant name: Harefold Ltd. Location: Barn at Sx 752 546 Halwell. Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1 No dwellinghouse (Class C3) & associated development (Class Q (a+b)) **Note: there is no statutory consultation requirement on this application, the information is being sent for information only.**
2. Reference: 1581/23/TEX Application type: Tree Exemption Application. Applicant name: Bob Gale. Proposal: Tree down in wind. Location: Avonwick Station, Diptford, Totnes, TQ9 7LU. **Note: there is no statutory consultation requirement on this application, the information is being sent for information only.**
3. Reference: 1346/23/HHO. Proposal: Householder application for cladding of walls. Site Address: Avon Dene, Diptford, TQ9 7NZ. **No objection/Support**
4. Reference 0411/23/HHO, Proposal: Householder application for demolition of existing conservatory & replacement with single storey extension. Site: Diptford Green, Diptford, TQ9 7PA. **Supported**
5. Reference: 1568/23/FUL. Proposal: Demolition of existing barn and erection of three dwellings & simple carport, with associated works including change of use of land to residential. Site: Barn at Sx 738 575. Address: Bradridge Farm, Diptford. **The general consensus is to support the application but there were some concerns about the development within the local area.**

- b) Planning applications to note/decisions:

1. APPLICATION NUMBER: 3218/22/FUL. Location: Simpson Farm, Diptford, TQ9 7NF. Applicant name: Tom Gifford, Application Type: Full Planning Permission. Proposal: Construction of proposed new agricultural building and yard for storage and farm machinery, vehicles & hay associated ground works & surface water drainage. **Decision date: 26th April 2023. Decision: Conditional Approval.**

- c) Planning Applications Withdrawn
None to note

2023 63 Finance

1. The following payments were approved:

Payments

A Kohler – Clerks Office - £16.00
A Kohler – Mileage/Parking - £9.00
A Kohler – Stationary - £4.00
HMRC – Clerk PAYE - £123.00
A Kohler – Salary May 2023 - £492.77
J Widdecombe – lengthsman - £105.60
Dalc – invoice 4611 – affiliation fee - £163.90
Diptford Parish Hall Hire - £139.50
ASAP Locksmiths – noticeboard locks - £55.00

Receipts

Interest received £8.43
Precept 2023/2024 1st Payment - £7,762.50

Transfers

None

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 18 th May 2023	£10,129.18	£344.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
MINUS Unpresented: Clerk's expenses	£29.00	£1000.00	Winter Emergency Planning
PLUS, Uncleared receipts	£0.00	£5283.00	Community lengthsman project
Current Account	£10,100.18	£5,700.13	Amenity trust
Savings Accounts	£14838.57	£2,511.44	Contingency
TOTAL FUNDS	£24,938.75	£14,838.57	Total

Total uncommitted funds £ 10,100.18

2023 64 Glebe Land

No update

2023 65 Graveyard

Notices have been displayed at the Church regarding the closure of the Graveyard. The public has until the end of June to lodge any comments.

2023 66 Correspondence

None

2023 67 P3 Parish Paths

Cllr Parker-Davidson is currently walking the paths to check what works are required.

2023 68 Parish Council Vacancies

There are currently 2 vacancies on the parish council which councillors can be co-opted on now that the election has passed. Notice of the vacancies have been displayed. Members of the parish have until 27th June to contact the Parish Clerk should they be interested in joining the parish council.

2023 069 Notice Board

The issue with the locks has now been resolved and working keys issued.

2023 70 Any other business

Bank signatories to be updated, to include Cllr Franklin and Cllr Parker-Davidson

Next Meeting:

13th June 2023 at 7pm, in the Parish Hall.