

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 13th June 2023

Diptford Village Hall

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Franklin (Chair) (SF), Parker-Davidson (Vice-Chair) (SPD), Peach (CP), Crocker (TC), Hill (SH), Cllrs Lethbridge (LL), Dan Thomas (DT) (DCC) Guy Pannell (GP) (SHDC) and Ali Kohler (Clerk)

There was one member of the public attending.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2023 71 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr David Hancock (DH)(SHDC)

Matters arising.

County Councillors Report.

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

Cllr Thomas left the meeting.

South Hams District Councillors Report

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

Open Forum

2023 72 Declarations of Interest - none

2023 73 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th May 2023, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

2023 74 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 chase up the inspection team, to follow up the 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 has been forwarded on to Mike Cox. Cost of new additional play equipment to be investigated further.

2023 75 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) **Lengthsman** – He will be asked to clear some of the buddleholes which are currently blocked. Cllr Parker-Davidson to contact Cllr Pannell to request that the road sweeper be instructed to visit the areas where the buddleholes have been cleared to sweep the areas.
- b) **Ploughing of Lanes** – This has been put back due to be difficult to complete due to the dry weather and the ground being so dry.
- c) **Potholes** – Concerns were raised with regards to the high numbers of potholes in the parish. The potholes that meet the repair requirement need to be reported to DCC Highways on their reporting portal on their website. Anyone can report potholes and the more reports there are, the more likely they are to be repaired.
- d) **Flashing Speed Sign** – Cllr Parker-Davidson to raise this with Cllr Thomas (DCC) if it would be possible to have a flashing speed sign (possibly solar powered). Funding options to be checked.
- e) **Environmental** – Concerns have been raised by the discharges into the waterways in the parish. Contact will be made with South West Water. The Parish Council wish to ensure that the waterways are kept safe for those who wild swim, fish and do other water based activities in the parish.

2023 76 Planning

- a) Planning applications considered:

1. Reference: 1752/23/COM. Application Type 28 (1 month). Communication PD Application. Land at SX 728 058 Diptford Totnes TQ9 7PG. Applicant Name: Mr Redmond Peel – Airband. Notice of intention to install 2 telegraph poles at 10.5m high (9m above ground) for the provision of FTTP **Note: this is an application from a neighbouring parish (South Brent)**
2. Reference: 1568/23/FUL Application Type: Full Planning Application. Applicant Name: Mr M Spencer. Barn at SX 738 575 Bradridge Farm Diptford. Demolition of existing barn & erection of three dwellings & single carport, with associated works including change of use of land to residential. **Comment – Support but there are concerns over traffic volume in the narrow lane.**
3. Reference: 1832/23/NMM Application Type: Non-Material Minor Amendment. Diptford Primary School, Diptford, TQ9 7NY. Application for a non-material minor amendment to planning consent 0542/23/FUL (Erection of a new two classroom block with connecting link building to the main school) for minor amendments to both the design and drainage rout. **THERE IS NO STATUTORY CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT ON THE APPLICATION – THE INFORMATION IS BEING SENT FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**
4. Reference 1841/23/COM. Application Type 28 (1 month). Communication PD application Charford Manor, Diptford, Totnes TQ9 7LT. Notice of Intent to install Electronic Communication Apparatus Comprising One Pole at 10.5 m high (9 m above ground) **THERE IS NO STATUTORY CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT ON THE APPLICATION – THE INFORMATION IS BEING SENT FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

- b) Planning applications to note/decisions:

1. Reference: 1037/23/ARM Location: Coombeshead Farm, Diptford, TQ9 7NG, Applicant Name: Mr and Mrs TL & SLM Crocker. Application Type: Reserved matters application. Proposal: Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 1809/23/OPA (outline application with all matters

- reserved for construction of agricultural worker's dwelling (resubmission of 0429/21/OPA) **Decision Date: 16th May 2023, Decision – Conditional Approval**
2. Reference: 1581/23/TEX Location: Avonwick Station, Diptford, TQ9 7LU. Applicant Name: Mr Bob Gale. Application Type: Tree Exemption. Application Proposal: Tree down in wind. **Decision Date: 15th May 2023, Decision – Tree Works No Objection Received.**
 3. Reference: 1218/23/FUL. Location: Lupridge Chapel, Diptford, TQ9 7NW. Application Type: Full Planning Permission. Proposal: Equestrian building extension. **Decision Date: 30th May 2023, Decision – Conditional Approval.**
 4. Reference: 0855/23/FUL. Location: land at SX 731 592 Diptford. Application Type: Full Planning Permission. Proposal: Engineering operations to install a package treatment plant & discharge to watercourse for seasonal campsite. Change of use of the previously approved farm track to a mixed use of agriculture & seasonal camping access. **Decision Date: 1st June 2023, Decision – Conditional Approval.**

c) Planning Applications Withdrawn

1. Reference: 0617/23/HHO Location: The Homestead, Halwell, TQ9 7LA. Applicant Name: Mr and Ms J Derby and Cleeves. Application Type: Householder. Proposal: Householder application for extension to dwelling. **Decision Date: 25th May 2023, Decision – Withdrawn.**

2023 77 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
Zurich Insurance - £206.08
Mr and Mrs Sugden - Village Planters - £117.50

Receipts

Interest received £8.43

Transfers

None

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 7 th June 2023	£9,160.83	£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	£9,131.83	£5,700.13	Amenity trust
Savings Accounts	£14838.57	£2,511.44	Contingency
TOTAL FUNDS	£23,970.40	£14,838.57	Total

Total uncommitted funds £ 9,131.83

2023 78 Glebe Land

No update

2023 79 Graveyard

The parish council have been contacted with concerns over the access for those visiting loved ones graves due to the ground maintenance. More paths are being mowed to help with access.

2023 80 Correspondence

1. Email regarding the concerns over access to graves in the graveyard (see minute 2023 079)
2. Email over the discharge into the waterways in the parish. (see minute 2023 75)

2023 81 P3 Parish Paths

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

2023 82 Parish Council Vacancies

Jeremy Randall gave a talk to the Parish Council on what he could contribute to the Parish Council and it was agreed that he would be co-opted onto the Parish Council at the July Meeting.

There is currently still 1 vacancy on the parish council and a new councillor can be co-opted onto the parish council. Notice of the vacancy is displayed on the website Members of the parish to contact the Parish Clerk should they be interested in joining the parish council.

2023 083 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (Distributed Previously)

- a) To resolve to use the certificate of exemption instead of the full internal report**
- b) To approve section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2022-2023**
- c) To approve Section 2 Accounting Statements 2022-2023**
- d) To agree the dates for the period of the exercise of public rights (The inspection period must be 30 working days inclusive and must include the first 10 working days of July)**

2023 84 Any other business

None

Next Meeting:

11th July 2023 at 7pm, Diptford Parish Hall.