

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Diptford Village Hall

## MINUTES

**Present Cllrs, Franklin (Chair) (SF), Parker-Davidson (Vice Chair) (SPD), Crocker (TC), Hill (SH), Lethbridge (LL), Randall (JR), Peach (CP), Carrol (LC), Pannell (GP)(SHDC) and Ali Kohler (Clerk)**

**There were 3 members of the public in attendance.**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2023 149 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Thomas (DT) (DCC) and Hancock (DH) (SHDC)**

**Matters arising.**

### **County Councillors Report.**

County Council Cabinet have been asked to reconsider the removal of the mobile library service again. It has caused great concern amongst Devon residents that they may lose this service.

### **South Hams District Councillors Report**

Recycling boxes to replace the old recycling bag system should have now been delivered to residents. The starting date of collecting the new recycling boxes has not yet been confirmed as SHDC are currently waiting for new recycling trucks. Currently the changeover, to the new system is not likely to happen till around February 2024. SHDC will be writing to all residents with information on the new recycling system which could include a change of collection day.

Cllr Hancock (DH)(SHDC) to take a list of lanes where there are issues with excessive amounts of leaves which require clearing, so that a request to have them cleared can be raised. Parish Councillors to advise Clerk of list of lanes to be forwarded to Cllr Hancock (DH)(SHDC).

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

### **Open Forum**

**2023 150 Declarations of Interest - none**

**2023 151 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chair.**

## 2023 152 Diptford Playing Field

- a) To receive the financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust  
**Current Account: £333.50                      Savings Account: £46.60**

### Receipts

Interest received - £0.04

### Payments

K Jane – grass cutting 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 - £85.00

K Jane – grass cutting – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - £85.00

Community First Insurance - £277.27

### Transfers In

none

### Transfers Out

none

- a) **Tennis Courts** – no update – the parish council are looking into the replacement of the surface to ensure that it is safe to continue playing on it.
- b) **Play Equipment** – Repairs have been carried out on some of the play equipment ensuring that it is continuing to be safe to be used.
- c) **Funds** – several routes of funding have been agreed. Locality grants from Cllrs Pannell and Hancock - £1000, split into £500 towards repair costs and £500 towards the replacement costs, Easy fundraising to be set up, COOP to be approached to be added to their fundraising and
- d) **Tree works** – The tree has been made safe and all necessary works have been carried out according to the tree assessment report.
- e) **Miscellaneous** – Clerk to contact Devon Community Fund, to check what information is required, and what level of detail there needs to be on the application, to be able to apply for funding support. The fund currently has around £6,000.

## 2023 153 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) **Lengthsman**
- b) **Ploughing of Lanes** – no update.
- c) **Clearing Lanes of excess leaves** – Cllr Parker Davidson to liase with Devon County Council as this has been an issue for some time.
- d) **Flooding** - Flooding which has been caused by a buddleholes being tarmac over about 7 years ago, has been reported by a member of the public to Devon County Council. Cllr Crocker to liase with member of public regarding this matter. There is some concern as we are now in the winter season of icy roads

## 2023 154 Planning

- a) Planning applications considered:
1. Reference 3424/23/PAU – Location: Lanquillet, Halwell, TQ9 7JY. Application Type: Prior Approval Agricultural Building to A1, A2, A3, B1, B8, C1, D2. Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use under Class R of agricultural buildings to a flexible use under Class E (former B1 use – light industrial). **For information only, no comments required.**

2. Reference: 3511/23/PDM – Location: Barn at Sx 738 575 Bradbridge Farm Diptford. Application Type: Prior Approval Agricultural building to dwelling C3. Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed conversion & change of use of agricultural buildings/barns to 4 No dwelling houses (class C3) & for associated development (Class Q (a+b)). **For information only, no comments required.**
3. Reference 3342/23/FUL – Location: The Bungalow, Simpson Farm, Diptford, TQ9 7NF. Application Type: Full Planning Permission. Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of replacement dwelling house and workshop with store and farm office in lieu of garage building. Incorporation of part of agricultural field in lieu of garage building. Incorporation of part of agricultural field into residential curtilage and relocation of field access strip. **Application supported by Parish Council.**
4. Reference 3564/23/CLE – Location: Land at Sx730 569 Diptford. Application Type: Certificate of Lawfulness. Existing Use. Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for existing implementation of works pursuant to planning consent 0428/18/FUL. **Application supported by Parish Council**

b) Planning applications to note/decisions:

1. Reference: 2304/23/VAR – Location: Barn adjacent to Robins Nest, Diptford. Application Type: Variation or Removal of Condition. Proposal: Application for variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 4240/18/FUL. **Decision Date: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Decision: Conditional Approval.**
2. Reference: Reference: 2818/23/FUL – Location: Wheeldon Farm, Wheeldon Service Road Halwell TQ9 7JY. Application Type: Full Planning Application. Proposal: Retrospective application to remove concrete silage panel walls and use existing hardstanding in old silage pit to provide 18 electric hook-up pitches. **Decision Date: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Decision: Refusal.**

c) Planning Applications Withdrawn

1. Reference: 2959/23/HHO – Location: Salamus Church Park Close, Diptford TQ9 7NY. Application Type: Householder. Proposal: Householder application for proposed 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension and internal alterations. **Decision Date: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023, Decision: Withdrawn**

## 2023 155 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 - £163.00  
A Kohler – Salary October 2023 - £652.71  
DALC – Cilca Training Course - £360.00  
J & MJ Widdicombe – invoice 2143 – Lengthsman - £369.60

#### Receipts

Interest received £13.49

#### Transfers

none.

## 2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	£11,208.27	£344.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
MINUS Unpresented: Clerk's expenses	£29.00	£1,000.00	Winter Emergency Planning
PLUS, Uncleared receipts	£0.00	£5,283.00	Community lengthsman project
Current Account	£11,179.27	£4,700.13	Amenity trust
Savings Accounts	£13,896.48	£2,569.35	Contingency
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>£25,075.75</b>	<b>£13,896.48</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Total uncommitted funds £ 11,179.27**

### **2023 156 Glebe Land**

No update

### **2023 157 Graveyard**

Ruth Parker-Davidson is currently chasing up as no notifications have been received,

### **2023 158 Correspondence**

None.

### **2023 159 P3 Parish Paths**

No update.

### **2023 160 Community Policing**

The community neighbourhood police team would like to arrange a drop-in session in the Village Hall on a regular basis. This would be to set up a farm watch group and to also be available to discuss any neighbourhood issues. Cllr Hill to discuss the times when the Village Hall would be available for this.

### **2023 161 Any Other Business**

None

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

### **Next Meeting:**

12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7pm Diptford Parish Hall

9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm Diptford Parish Hall

13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7pm Diptford Parish Hall.