

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 13th February 2024

Diptford Village Hall

MINUTES

Present Cllrs, Franklin (Chair) (SF), Crocker (TC), Lethbridge (LL), Randall (JR), Carrol (LC), Cllrs Hancock (DH) (SHDC) and Thomas (DT) (DCC) and Ali Kohler (Clerk)

Two members of the public were present – Mike Cox and Ralph Mortimore.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2024 014 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Peach (CP), Parker-Davidson (Vice Chair) (SPD), Hill and Pannell (GP)(SHDC).

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>.

Open Forum

2024 015 Declarations of Interest - none

2024 016 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th January 2024, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

2024 017 Diptford Playing Field

a) To receive the financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust
Current Account: £,3448.50 Savings Account: £1,157.22

Receipts

Interest received - £0.52

Payments

Diptford Parish Council (re P Tanner payment) - £900 (excluding VAT)

Transfers In

none

Transfers Out

none

b) Tennis Courts – waiting for R Tanner to complete works. Net to be picked up from Cllr Hill and re-instated. Cllr Carrol has been looking into quotes for the tennis court surface and they are coming back around £14K. If enough volunteers can help with the preparation work, it will help keep the costs down.

c) Play Equipment – Fund raising has started for funding new equipment.

d) Fund Raising/Grants – A grant application has been submitted to the National Lottery.

- e) **Safety Report** – was distributed to all, items noted for repair. Note the main climbing frame is currently closed, whilst waiting for repairs. It has been brought to our attention that when strimming the grass, the strimming has been too close to the posts, possibly causing damage. Clerk to contact the contractor regarding this.
- f) **General** – Send a copy of the safety report to P Tanner, can he raise the ground around the activity frame where the ground level has been eroded away. P Tanner to be asked for a quote for swing bearings. All playing field information to be copied to the Playing Field group – Mike Cox and Ralph Mortimore

2024 018 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) **Lengthsman** - buddleholes are still being cleared by our lengthsman when reported
- b) **Highways notice reference** – work order LM211MT1f0571682 – road from Kerswell Cross to Lincombe Cross – has been posted on the website.
Work order 2106511 – East Leigh Cross to East Moore Cross has been posted on the website.
- c) **Buddleholes** – collapsed buddleholes have been reported to DCC.

2024 019 Planning

- a) Planning applications considered:

1. Reference 4060/23/FUL – Location: Little Greyhills, Diptford, TQ9 7NQ. Proposal: Change of use from agricultural to mixed therapy/education/tourism/agriculture use including seasonal camping (retrospective) 5600m2. Erection of the Wildflower Cabin (retrospective). Siting of the shepherd's hut known as 'The Apple Wagon' (retrospective). Siting of two shepherd's huts (retrospective) Conversion of the stable building to filed kitchen and shower and toilet facilities. Works to install a package treatment plant and drainage mound. **The Parish Council are unable to make a decision as wish to see more information from Highways due to the increased volume of traffic. There needs to be clearer signage as they are entrance to property is via right of way over a neighbouring property. There are also concerns regarding the drainage.**
2. Reference: 4025/23/PDM – 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) & for associated development (Class Q (a+b)). **The Parish Council have no objections to this planning application.**
3. Reference: 0180/24/LBC – Location: Simpson Farm, Diptford, TQ9 7NF. Proposal: Listed building consent for repairs and improvements to the property. **The Parish Council support this application.**
4. Reference: 3964/23/HHO – Location: Lower Bearscombe Farm, Halwell, TQ9 7JY. Proposal: Householder application to create kitchen to downstairs barn conversion for a granny flat. **The Parish Council supports this application.**

- b) Planning applications to note/decisions:

1. Reference 3564/23/CLE – Location: Land at Sx 730 569, Diptford. Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing implementation of works pursuant to planning consent 0428/18/FUL. **Decision: Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) Certified. Decision Date: 3 January 2024.**

2. Reference 3789/23/FUL – Land at Sx 760 529, Back Road, Moreleigh. Proposal: Erection of Agricultural Building (Resubmission 0080/23/FUL). **Decision: Refusal. Decision Date: 9 January 2024.**
3. Reference: 4139/23/AGR- Location: Woodland at Sx 739 528. Moreleigh. Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed forestry/agricultural building measuring 8m (length) x 3.5m (breadth) x 4.3 m (height to the ridge). **Decision: Prior Approval Not Required. Decision Date: 9 January 2024**

c) Planning Applications Withdrawn

1. None

2024 020 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
J & MJ Widdicombe – invoice 2189 - £52.80
J & MJ Widdicombe – invoice 2209 - £92.40
Diptford Parish Hall – Hall Rent - £202.50
R Paul – Xmas Tree - £200 (2 Years)
P Tanner – Repairs playing field - £1080.00 (including VAT)
Curry's – new laptop -invoice 18543029 - £549.00 (including VAT)
Curry's – Microsoft office – invoice 18543029 - £59.99 (including VAT)
HMRC – Clerk PAYE - £153.40
A Kohler – Salary December 2023 - £718.54

Receipts

Interest received £10.66

Transfers In from Reserves

£52.80 for lengthsman

£92.40 for lengthsman

Transfers In

£900.00 from Amenity Trust for playing field repairs

Transfers Out

none

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 7 th February 2024	£2,352.23
MINUS Unpresented: Clerk's expenses	£29.00
PLUS, Uncleared receipts	£0.00
Current Account	£2,323.23
Savings Accounts	£10,189.67
TOTAL FUNDS	£12,512.90

£344.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
£1,000.00	Winter Emergency Planning
£5,137.80	Community lengthsman project
£500.00	Playing Field
£600.13	Amenity trust
£2,607.74	Contingency
£10,189.67	Total

Total uncommitted funds £2,323.23

2024 021 Glebe Land

No update

2024 022 Graveyard

There will be a community event on 9th March 2024 to tidy up the graveyard.

2024 023 Correspondence

Grant request for £100 to Four Rivers Dementia Alliance – deferred to April 2024 meeting.

2024 024 P3 Parish Paths

Cllr Parker-Davidson is checking the paths.

2024 025 – Defibrillator Training

Having been approached by North Huish Parish Council with regards to joining them for Defibrillator training, it was agreed that the Parish Council arrange to proceed with this very valuable training. North Huish Clerk to liaise with Cllr Hill regarding the hire of the hall. More details to follow once agreed.

2024 026 Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting:

12th March 2024 at 7pm Diptford Parish Hall