

# Diptford Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 9th April 2024

Diptford Village Hall

## MINUTES

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

**Five members of the public attended.**

**2024 01AP Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Thomas (DT) (DCC)**

**2024 02AP The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

**2024 03AP Opening Address by Chair Cllr Sue Franklin**

Firstly, I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor John Foster, who held the post of Chair of the Council for 20 years, a hard act to follow.

It has been a challenging year with highs and lows. A high was the completion of the new classrooms at the school, providing a fresh learning space for students.

It is disappointing that the long promised social housing for affordable local housing still has not been delivered.

The Council's biggest challenge has been the large unbudgeted expenditure on health and safety grounds at the playing field.

A big thank you to all parish councillors for their hard work during this past strange year and to both our District Councillor Dan Thomas and County Councillors Guy Pannell and David Hancock for their generous support via locality funding. Also thank you to Parish Clerk Ali Kohler for all her hard work during the year.

**2024 04AP Dementia Friendly Parishes Around The Yealm, Four River Dementia Alliance**

Mrs Liz Hitchens, Chair of Brixton Parish Council, Chair of Dementia Friendly Parishes Around The Yealm and Chair of the Four River Dementia Alliance, gave an interesting talk on the Dementia Friendly Parishes Around The Yealm and the Four River Dementia Alliance. She highlighted many things that we could do to support them and make our parish become more dementia friendly. This is something as a parish we will investigate further.

**2024 05AP County Councillor Report**

DCC Councillor did not submit a report for the meeting.

**2024 06AP South Hams District Councillor Report**

See SHDC Annual Report <https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>

**2024 07AP WI Report**

This will be the last report from the WI of Diptford as they have now disbanded. A new group called the Ladybirds has been formed which has no connection to the WI going forward.

See WI Report <https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>

## **2024 08AP FODs Report**

FODs have had a successful year and have raised over £2600 since September. They have exceeded their fundraising target for the outdoor learning space to replace the Yurt.

Preloved uniform of summer uniform will be held shortly.

## **2024 09AP Diptford Short Mat Bowls**

The last couple of years have been difficult due to Covid-19 mainly. All guidelines have been followed to protect members. The Club has still been able to play in the South Hams League, Knock Out and Tens as well as members taking part in the County Competitions.

The full reports can be read on the Parish Council Websites

**Meeting closed at 7.30pm**

**Next Meeting:**

**Annual General Meeting of Diptford Parish Council  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 7pm, Village Hall**

**May 2023 Diptford Parish Council Meeting  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2024, following on immediately after the Annual Parish Council Meeting**