

DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING - HELD AT DIPTFORD PARISH HALL TQ9 7NY

ON TUESDAY 15TH APRIL 2025 @ 7.40pm following the Annual Parish Meeting

1) Open Forum – Public & Parishioners (15 minutes) – no points raised.

2) Present - Cllr S Franklin (Chair), Cllr S Parker-Davidson (Vice Chair), Cllr T Crocker, Cllr L Lethbridge, Cllr G Paterson, Cllr C Peach, Cllr S Hill, Cllr L Carroll, Cllr D Thomas, D Cllr D Hancock.

In Attendance – 1 member of the Public.

3) Apologies for Absence – none received.

4) Declarations on interest – none received.

5) Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 11th March 2025 have been circulated – proposed by Cllr C Peach & seconded by Cllr T Crocker with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chair – Cllr S Franklin.

6) Matters Arising

7) Reports

a) County Councillor D Thomas – reported at the Annual Parish Meeting, nothing further to report as DCC now in Purdah due to elections on the 1st May 2025.

b) District Councillor G Pannell & D Hancock – copy of report from Cllr G Pannell has been circulated to Cllrs and can be found on the website.

c) Diptford Playing Field – Cllr L Carroll reported – the lines are now done on the MUGA, tarmac is down and the gate has been fixed, Tennis is being played on the court. Table Tennis table, concrete was looked at but its very heavy, there are other lighter options but this would need to be fixed to the ground. Basketball Hoop – one will be purchased and also some moveable 5 a side football goals all will be funded by the Ladybirds money donated.

Amenity Trust Playing Field Group – the first meeting of this group will be at 8.30pm after the next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 20th May.

d) Tree Warden – nothing to report.

e) P3 Co-Ordinator – Cllr S Parker-Davidson confirmed that the Annual forms have been submitted to DCC PROW – John Boyd.

8) Planning Applications / Matters.

Applications received from South Hams District Council – none

Decisions received from South Hams District Council -

- a) Refusal – Application no 3901/24/FUL – Etheridge Farm Barn, Diptford TQ9 7NQ – Application for the erection of small barn to manage a parcel of agricultural land.

Planning matters –

- a) 3761/24/VAR – Barn Adjacent Robins Nest, Diptford – SHDC Development Management Committee Meeting report. Cllr S Franklin attended this meeting and spoke on behalf of the Parish Council. This application has now been passed by SHDC.

9) Correspondence

- a) South Devon National Landscape Management Plan Review Meeting – 22nd April 6pm via Zoom.
- b) Broadband in the Village – Cllrs Peach & C Cllr D Thomas reported that despite many attempts there is still no progress to be made on getting fibre broadband to the Parish.

10) Highways

- a) Road Surface – Beech Grove to Spanish Lane End – the Clerk reported that the state of the road surface had been reported by a Parishioner.

Nick Colton – DCC has inspected the area and replied as follows:- I did manage to get to this section of road to inspect and there were no potholes present that met the defect criteria so there was nothing I could do via that process. The surface is far from perfect but at the moment there is no scope for resurfacing, but all potholes reported will continue to be assessed and all that meet the defect criteria below will continue to be repaired.

C Cllr D Thomas – confirmed that this area is on the list for resurfacing but there is no date for this.

11) Finances.

Payments

Bank Balances April 2025

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£2076.81
<u>Instant Access Account</u>	£7223.14
<u>Amenity Trust</u>	£3,620.60

12) Any Items to go onto the next Parish Council meeting Agenda.

There be no further business the meeting closed 8.20pm

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