

DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

ON TUESDAY 19th August 2025 @ 7.30pm

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

2) Present - Cllr S Franklin (Chair), Cllr G Paterson, Cllr C Peach, Cllr L Lethbridge, Cllr L Carroll, Cllr T Crocker, D Cllr G Pannell.

In Attendance – 1 member of the Public.

3) Apologies for Absence – C Cllr D Thomas, Cllr S Parker-Davidson

4) Declarations on interest – none received.

5) Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 15th July 2025.

Minutes have been circulated – proposed by Cllr C Peach & seconded by Cllr L Carroll with all in agreement and duly signed by the Chair – Cllr S Franklin.

6) Matters Arising

- a) Parish Councillor Vacancy – Debbie Dugdall will be co-opted onto the Parish Council at Septembers meeting.
- b) Morrish Homes – nothing further has been heard, if they do make contact the Clerk will ask them to attend Octobers meeting as several Cllrs are on holiday for Septembers meeting.

7) Reports

- a) County Councillor D Thomas – no report given.
- b) District Councillor G Pannell & D Hancock – report received and circulated to Cllrs. Items to note from this LGR drop in session at South Brent on 22nd September, electoral register update and licensing policy being updated.
Cllr C Peach noted that the pay by phone app for carparking is not secure enough and some people have had their accounts scammed. Cllr Pannell will take these comments back to SHDC.
- c) Diptford Amenity Trust.
 - 1) Slide Repairs – meeting was held at the playing field to look at the play equipment. Rhino play are coming back with a proposal for some new equipment. Rubber matting under the swings is ok but just needs relaying a working party to be arranged to do this. Quotes to be discussed at the next meeting.

- 2) Gate spring has been replaced and the broken slide has been removed to be repaired.
- 3) Weed was coming up through the new tennis court surface, this has been dealt with. The Clerk to ask Keith Jane when he cuts the grass if he could weed kill around the courts a couple of times a year, (the perimeter and surface), once in the Spring and again in the Autumn to keep it weed free.
- 4) Diptford Community Fund – Application for new play equipment – this will be looked at further once 3 quotes have been received. Cllr Pannell confirmed he will offer £250 towards the slide repair and that Cllr Hancock would also match this.
- d) Tree Warden – nothing to report.
- e) P3 Co-Ordinator – nothing to report.
- f) Parish Councillors reports.
 - 1) Cllrs Peach & Franklin met with MP Caroline Voaden at her surgery in the Village and raised the issue of the Broadband in the Parish. Cllr Peach has followed this up with an email.

8) Planning Applications / Matters.

Applications received from South Hams District Council – none.

Decisions received from South Hams District Council -

- a) Application no 2057/25/CTN – Temporary Campsite Notification – Butterfly Meadow, Diptford – Temporary Campsite – 11th July to 4th August & 6th August to 9th September 2025.
- b) Application no 1456/25/PDM – Prior Approval required and Refused – Barn at SX 757 541 Beech Grove, Halwell – proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 2 no dwellinghouses (class C3) & for associated development (class Q).

9) Correspondence

- a) Devon Community Foundation – Parish Council Representative. Cllr C Peach will take over for the Parish Council, the Clerk to advise DCF. Cllr Lethbridge reported that the terms and conditions are being revised – the Parish Council asked that she puts forward to them that Cllr T Crocker is involved in any revision of the terms as he was the land owner for the solar panels 106 agreement which is how the fund was set up, also that the old terms and conditions are looked at to compare with any alterations they are suggesting to be made.

10) Highways

- a) Subsidence outside Whitegates has been done, Nick Colton DCC asked if Cllrs could keep an eye on this in case it happens again.
- b) Dan Thomas to be asked for the timescale for pothole filling on roads of different classifications
- c) Halt sign at Diptford Cross – Nick Colton is looking to identify a power source for this.

- d) Street Sweeper has still not been to the Village.
- e) Church Park Corner hedge has now been cut back.
- f) DCC have cut verges back and visibility splay.
- g) Speed signs around the village have been hit by lorries and need turning around, some are obscured by vegetation – these will be reported on the DCC website.

11) Finances.

Payments

BACS – 10.7.25 = £9.20 (vat £1.53) – Sue Franklin (Magnets for Noticeboard).

BACS – 6.8.25 = £600.00 (vat £100.00) – John Widdicombe (Lengthsman).

Bank Balances August 2025

<u>Parish Council Treasurers Account</u>	£14,760.61
<u>Parish Council Instant Access Account</u>	£7,241.64
	<u>£22,002.25</u>
 <u>Amenity Trust Treasurers Account</u>	 £3,465.68
<u>Amenity Trust Instant Access Account</u>	£2,263.23
	<u>£5,728.91</u>

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

There be no further business the meeting closed 8.47pm

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 16th September 2025 @ 7.30pm.

ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAS SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUIRES A COPY OF THESE MINUTES SENT TO THEM – PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK 01364 654607.

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