

DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

ON TUESDAY 21st March 2026 @ 7.30pm

- 1) Open Forum – Public & Parishioners (15 minutes) – no points raised.**
- 2) Present** - Cllr S Franklin (Chair), Cllr T Crocker, Cllr G Paterson, Cllr L Carroll, Cllr D Dugdall, D Cllr G Pannell, Cllr L Lethbridge, Cllr S Parker-Davidson.

In Attendance – 2 members of the Public

- 3) Apologies for Absence** – C Cllr D Thomas, Cllr C Peach.

- 4) Declarations of interest** –

- 5) Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 17th March 2026.

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

- 6) Matters Arising**

- a) Emergency Plan – carried forward to the next meeting.
- b) SHDC Community Asset Transfer – no further action needed as the Parish has no SHDC owned Assets.

- 7) Reports**

- a) County Councillor D Thomas – no report given.
- b) District Councillor G Pannell & D Hancock – written report has been circulated to Cllrs and placed on the website with the Agenda and Minutes.

Cllrs noted that the dumped Caravan in Broadley Woods is still in situ – Cllr G Paterson confirmed he will send Cllr Pannell some photos of this so he can chase up at SHDC to see what is happening regards its removal.

- c) Diptford Amenity Trust.

- 1) New Climbing Frame – Cllr L Carroll reported – made good progress on the climbing frame, spoken to Rhino Play and have negotiated the price down to £16,500 – the new frame is suited for age 3 to 11 year olds and has a 6,8 week lead time on installation. The Finance for this is suggested as follows:-

Private Donor – £7,500

£2800 in the Amenity Trust Account.

Cllr Dan Thomas £750 from the DCC Community Fund.

Cllr Guy Pannell £250
 Cllr David Hancock £250
 Sue Franklin £500

It was proposed that £3000 from the Amenity Trust to be used at present and then an application will be made to the Diptford Community Trust for a £2000 Grant.

Proposed by Cllr Parker-Davidson & seconded by Cllr D Dugdall with all Cllrs in agreement that this scheme goes ahead so that's it gets installed ready for the Summer Holidays.

2) Play Area Safety report – Cllr S Franklin reported – latest report received highlights the climbing frame but as this is now being replaced no further action is needed. Some Child and Pet friendly Moss Killer to be used to clear Moss growth.

d) Tree Warden – no report given.

e) P3 Co-Ordinator – Cllr S Parker-Davidson reported - now looking into stoning some paths, quotes have been obtained for materials and co-ordinating some volunteers and the Ramblers who are going to help with the works.

f) Parish Councillors reports –

Cllr S Franklin reported she had attended SHDC Development Management meeting to talk on a recent application which had been made and commented on by the Parish Council – this application has now been granted.

8) Planning Applications / Matters.

Applications received from South Hams District Council – none.

Decisions received from South Hams District Council

a) Prior Approval not required – Application no 0647/26/CTN – Land at SX 760 529, Back Road, Moreleigh – Temporary pop up Campsite from 18.7.26 to 6.9.26.

b) Conditional Approval – Application no 3224/25/FUL – The Bungalow, Simpson Farm TQ9 7NF – Proposed new extension to existing agricultural building for storage.

c) Prior Approval not required – Application no 0712/26/CTN – Land Opposite Holsome Park, Diptford – Temporary pop up Campsite, dates from 16.5.26 to 4.10.26.

d) Hedgerow Removal Agreement – Application no 0287/26/HRN – Land at SX 759534 Moreleigh.

9) Correspondence

a) Request for Churchyard Maintenance Grant from Rev David Sayle – proposed by Cllr S Franklin £500 seconded by Cllr Parker-Davidson with all in agreement.

10) Highways

- a) Potholes – Keep reporting on the DCC website, some have been filled but still many remain and some are very deep.
- b) Cllr Paterson reported that DCC have been and looked at the Lane to Bearscombe and he is waiting to see if any action is to be taken.

11) Finances.**Payments**

BACS – 17.3.26 = £113.95 (vat £18.99) – N Hill (Plaque for Table Tennis).
 BACS – 19.3.26 = £150.00 – Dan Paul (Village Xmas Tree).
 BACS – 24.3.26 = £30.00 – Lucy Carroll (PC Expenses).
 BACS – 24.3.26 = £16.45 (vat £2.74) – William Young (Mulch Mats for Trees).
 BACS – 25.3.26 = £250.00 – FODS – (Parish Council Grant for Gardening Equipment).
 BACS – 2.4.26 = £150.00 – Diptford Parish Hall (Hall Hire).
 BACS – 2.4.26 = £246.14 (vat £32.14) – DALC (Annual Sub).
 BACS – 9.4.26 = £180.00 (vat £30.00) – John Widdicombe (Lengthsman).

Bank Balances April 2026

<u>Parish Council Community Account</u>	£31,770.32
<u>Parish Council Instant Access Account</u>	£7,269.35
	<u>£39,039.67</u>

<u>Including P3 Monies</u>	£2,460.00
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<u>Amenity Trust Treasurers Account</u>	£1,715.68
<u>Amenity Trust Instant Access Account</u>	£6,339.11
	<u>£8,054.79</u>

<u>Including Play Equipment Monies</u>	£2,800.00
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12) Any Items to go onto the next Parish Council meeting Agenda.**a) Harris Fencing on Village Building site.**

There be no further business the meeting closed 8.32pm
 Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 19th May 2026 @ 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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