

DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

ON TUESDAY 16th June 2026 @ 7.30pm

1) Open Forum – Public & Parishioners (15 minutes) –

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

In Attendance – no public present.

3) Apologies for Absence – Cllr L Lethbridge, Cllr S Parker-Davidson.

4) Declarations of interest –

5) Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 19th May 2026.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday 19th May 2026.

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

6) Matters Arising

a) Emergency Plan – The Clerk & Chairman will get together and amend the draft plan in readiness for the next meeting.

b) Defib Servicing and possible replacement at Curtisknowle – Cllr C Peach confirmed that the Battery date is fine currently, a possible replacement to be looked into when it runs out and to be included in next years budget. A service contract gives an annual inspection for a fee, this possibly could be considered at a later date.

7) Reports

a) County Councillor D Thomas – written report received and circulated. Cllr S Franklin reported - now the stop sign has been done, the Parish would like to look at extending the 20mph limit and maybe do some fund raising / precept for this, it would be good to have a meeting with Nick Colton to look at the possibilities of where it can be extended. A formal request from the Clerk will be sent to Nick Colton to ask for a site meeting.

b) District Councillor G Pannell & D Hancock.

1) Missed Bin Collections Holsome Lane & Tuckers meadow – Cllr Pannell reported - he has spoken to SHDC and they have confirmed that that they will be changing to a smaller lorry to collect the waste as the larger lorry will not fit down the lane now

that the vegetation has grown out. Missed collections need to also be reported on the SHDC website.

- c) Diptford Amenity Trust – new equipment is being well used, many thanks to Guy Pannell, David Hancock & Dan Thomas for their help with funding. Cllrs Crocker & Paterson have fixed the swing, many thanks to them. Matting around the climbing wall may need to be looked at as it must be 2 metres out from the equipment.
- d) Tree Warden – Will Young confirmed he is happy to provide a free tree safety survey for the Parish when he has completed his LANTRA course.
- e) P3 Co-Ordinator – no report given.
- f) Parish Councillors reports.

8) Planning Applications / Matters.

Applications received from South Hams District Council –

- a) Application no 1112/26/FUL – Barn at SX 738575, Bradridge Farm – Demolition of existing barn & erection of 4 no dwellings with associated parking / storage barn and landscape works.

Cllr C Peach proposed – The Parish Council object to this application on the grounds of the observations made by Richard Jackson at Devon County Council which has been recommended on 2 previous occasions. The access adjoining the Highway and the Junction at Bradridge Cross have no visibility and are not safe.

The Parish Council add that if the SHDC Planning Officer is mindful to allow this application we would expect that the junction and access works would be an essential condition of planning

Proposal seconded by Cllr L Carroll with all in favour.

- b) Application 1083/26/FUL – Land South of Beenleigh Copse Farm – Construction of rural workers dwellings to replace existing temporary accommodation. The Parish Council would expect that the agricultural justification is proven before any permission is given and that the property has an Agricultural Tie.

- c) Application no 0898/26/HHO – Fletchers Coombe TQ9 7NQ – Householder application for proposed new detached shed/store. No objections – proposed by Cllr C Peach & seconded by Cllr L Carroll, with all in agreement.

Decisions received from South Hams District Council - none.

9) Correspondence

- a) Cllrs Register of Interest Forms – The Clerk reminded Cllrs to complete the new forms and return so they can be uploaded onto the SHDC website.
- b) Cllr S Franklin reported on a proposed Community Engagement Meeting at the Village Hall, the details of which have noted by the Parish Council.

10) Highways

a) Lengthsman – proposed increase from £150 p/m to £155 from June 26.
All Cllrs in agreement.

11) Finances.**Payments**

BACS – 25.5.26 = £75.00 – Will Young (Donation towards Tree Safety Course).
BACS – 25.5.26 = £9,922.20 (vat £1,653.70) – Rhino Play (Final Payment).
BACS – 1.6.26 = £85.00 – K Jane (Grass, Weeds and Strimming).
BACS – 1.6.26 = £200.90 – Beverley Sugden (Planters and Compost).
BACS – 1.6.26 = £180.00 (vat £30.00) – John Widdicombe (Lengthsman).
BACS – 11.6.26 = £92.40 (vat £15.40) – Western Web (PC Email Account Renewal).
BACS – 11.6.26 = £186.00 (vat £31.00) – Lee Accounting (Internal Audit).
BACS – 11.6.26 = £700.20 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages – April, May & June).

Bank Balances June 2026

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| <u>Parish Council Community Account</u> | £23,681.64 |
| <u>Parish Council Instant Access Account</u> | £7,275.43 |
| | <u>£30,957.07</u> |
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| <u>Including P3 Monies</u> | £1,996.50 |
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| <u>Amenity Trust Treasurers Account</u> | £1,173.77 |
| <u>Amenity Trust Instant Access Account</u> | £3,343.79 |
| | <u>£4,517.56</u> |

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

There be no further business the meeting closed 8.50pm

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 21st July 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.

They can also be found on the Parish web site – diptfordparishcouncil.org