

DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING - HELD AT DIPTFORD PARISH HALL TQ9 7NY****ON TUESDAY 21st July 2026 @ 7.30pm****1) Open Forum – Public & Parishioners (15 minutes) –**

a) Becca Filtness - would like the Village to have a viewing of the Peoples Emergency Briefing film which has been shown in other Towns and Villages around the UK. Cllr Franklin confirmed that the village hall has a licence to show the film and has agreed to show the film for free.

b) Mary Stow - would like a new dog poo bin for the village, there is currently only one Bin in the Parish. Cllr Parker-Davidson will look at a possible site for this with the Parishioner and speak to D Cllr G Pannell regards installing a new bin if possible. Cllr Pannell confirmed that if there was no budget for another Bin it could be installed by the Parish Council, it would then need to be emptied weekly into the larger waste bin in the Village by the School which is collected weekly by SHDC.

c) Cllr S Franklin confirmed that a letter had been received from Robert Worms, the points in this will be replied to via email as Mr Worms was not present during Public Time.

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

In Attendance – 6 members of the Public.

3) Apologies for Absence – Cllr L Carroll.

4) Declarations of interest –

5) Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 16th June 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 – draft to be circulated to Cllrs for further input.

7) Reports

- a) County Councillor D Thomas – LGR decision has been taken by government, next May will be unitary elections which will be for a 5 year term with the first year being a shadow authority.
- b) District Councillor G Pannell & D Hancock – written report circulated to Cllrs and placed on the Website. The main point is the Planning decision changes, less applications will go to Committee and more will be decided by Officers.
- c) Diptford Amenity Trust - Cllr S Franklin reported that the latest SHDC safety report has flagged up different items than the last report. D Cllr G Pannell confirmed that he will look into the fact of inconsistencies of the reports from SHDC and also that the defects need to make clear as to their severity so that only essential items are dealt with and non-essential only when budget allows.
- d) Tree Warden – nothing to report.
- e) P3 Co-Ordinator – nothing to report.
- f) Parish Councillors reports – no reports given.

8) Planning Applications / Matters.

Applications received from South Hams District Council –

- a) Application no 1624/26/VAR – Woodside, Diptford TQ9 7NQ – Application for variation of condition 7 (BNG), condition 10 (landscape layout) and condition 11 (drainage details) of planning consent 1225/24/FUL. The Parish Council Support the application – all in agreement.
- b) Information only – no comment required – Application no 1903/26/PDM – Simpson Farm, Diptford TQ9 7NF – Prior approval for the conversion of three agricultural buildings to five dwellings (Class Q).
- c) Application no 1548/26/HHO – The Homestead, Halwell TQ9 7LA – Single storey rear and side extensions. No comment from the Parish Council.
- d) Application no 1754/26/LBC – Broadmead, Diptford TQ9 7LX – Application for consent to replace the roof covering of the main house from asbestos slates to natural slates. The Parish Council support the application – all in agreement.

Decisions received from South Hams District Council -

- a) Approval of details reserved by Conditions – Application no 1908/26/ARC – Stert Barton Farm, The Old Barn, Diptford TQ9 7NB – Approval of details reserved by conditions 11 (solar panels) & 12 (heat pump) of planning consent 3700/24/FUL.

b) Refusal – Certificate of Lawfulness – Application no 0664/26/CLE – The Workshop, Halwell TQ9 7JY – Certificate of lawfulness for the existing residential use of the barn identified on the submitted floor plan.

c) Refusal – Application no 0969/26/HHO – Etheridge Farm Barn, Diptford TQ9 7NQ – Householder application for erection of a single storey porch extension to the north elevation of the dwelling to form a new principle entrance.

d) Conditional Approval – Application no 0498/26/FUL – Creber Industrial Units, Diptford TQ9 7NG – Replacement of small industrial building.

9) Correspondence

a) Letter regards Apple Pressing Days in Diptford – the Parish Council supports the idea of Apple Pressing Days for the Village in principle. The Parish Council suggests they approach the Village Hall to see if its possible to use the Hall for this and whether it's a suitable venue.

b) Diptford Arts Exhibition – request for funding. This request has now been withdrawn.

c) Planning Briefing – Decision making Process – 24th September 2026 – Cllr S Parker-Davidson & Cllr S Franklin to attend/

10) Highways

a) Meeting with Nick Colton, 20mph Limit extension – Cllr S Franklin will organise a date with Nick Colton, all Cllrs who can attend are invited.

b) Rainwater Run-Off Water Lane – Cllr S Franklin confirmed that Water Lane comes under DCC highways. The Parishioner who raised the query has been advised.

11) Finances.

Payments

BACS – 2.7.26 = £180.00 (vat £30.00) – John Widdicombe (Lengthsman).

BACS – 2.7.26 = £85.00 – K Jane (Grass Cutting).

BACS – 2.7.26 = £96.00 (vat £16.00) – Westernweb (Website).

BACS – 3.7.26 = £9.99 (vat £1.67) – Amazon (Copier Paper).

Bank Balances July 2026

<u>Parish Council Community Account</u>	£23,306.40
<u>Parish Council Instant Access Account</u>	£7,278.42
	<u>£30,584.82</u>

<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>	£5,403.31
	<u>£6,577.08</u>

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

There be no further business the meeting closed 8.45pm

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 18th August 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