

DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

ON TUESDAY 18th August 2026 @ 7.30pm

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

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

In Attendance – 1 member of the Public.

3) Apologies for Absence – Cllr D Dugdall, C Cllr D Thomas, Cllr L Lethbridge.

4) Declarations of interest –

5) Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 21st July 2026

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

6) Matters Arising

- a) Emergency Plan - Proposed by Cllr Peach and seconded by Cllr L Carrol that the circulated plan is adopted without the provision of a list of Parishioners with various skills and tools, this can be assessed with local knowledge as and when any emergency may arise. This is a working document and can be added to at any future date if needed.
- b) New Dog Bin – SHDC will not empty another bin in the Parish as there is no capacity on their rounds, the Parish Council have explored all the options and have concluded that the current bin in the Village is not overused at present so has plenty of capacity, dog walkers can use this bin or take their bags home and put in their residential bin. Having another bin would mean that someone would be expected to empty it weekly which is not a job the Parish Council would expect any volunteers to have to undertake. Cllr Parker-Davidson will speak to Parishioners that had raised the possibility of another bin.

7) Reports

- a) County Councillor D Thomas – no report given.
- b) District Councillor G Pannell & D Hancock – Cllr G Pannell reported - plans for the wards for the new Council have been circulated. SHDC are supporting DCC with the application for a judicial review, its yet to be heard as to whether this will be accepted.

- c) Diptford Amenity Trust – a reply has been received from SHDC regards the monthly safety reports, its up to the Parish Council to decide what needs to be done with the matters arising from the monthly reports. The Annual report from the Insurance Company Allianz is the one that matters. Cllr L Carrol confirmed that she will arrange for a brush up at the courts and play equipment. Items which require attention are - the matting under the swings and the Tennis Court fencing, some of the posts are broken off. Cllrs Crocker & Paterson confirmed that they are going to repair these – the Parish Council are all in agreement to approve a budget of £500 for these repairs.
- d) Tree Warden – Trees in the play park have been watered during the hot weather.
- e) P3 Co-Ordinator – Cllr Parker-Davidson reported - awaiting a field to be cut so that access can be gained to re-stone footpath one.
- f) Parish Councillors reports.

- 1) Cllrs Peach & Franklin met with Caroline Voden last week regards the Fibre Broadband, she has confirmed that Matt Barrow will be in contact regards this. Caroline has also confirmed she is supporting the opposing by DCC of the LGR plans.

8) Planning Applications / Matters.

Applications received from South Hams District Council – none.

Decisions received from South Hams District Council -

- a) Notice of Intent from Openreach – Application no 1968/26/COM – Diptford Court TQ9 7LY – Installation of electronic communication apparatus comprising one x 9m light wooden pole.

Appeals –

- a) Appeal reference 6013700 – Etheridge Farm, Barn TQ9 7NQ – Application no 0969/26/HHO – Application for the erection of a single storey porch extension to the north elevation of the dwelling to form a new principle entrance.

9) Correspondence

- a) Scoping Consultation – South Hams & West Devon Joint Local Plan – comments from the Parish Council - measures should be taken which would allow planning permission to be stripped on housing sites where there has been no long term progress to prevent land banking.

10) Highways

- a) Meeting with Nick Colton, 20mph Limit extension – Cllr S Franklin reported - because the Village has already got a 30mph limit it is not such a large job to change to 20mph. Nick has confirmed that he will do some costings for the Parish this week for a self funded 20mph scheme.

Nick confirmed that the broken triangular Playground sign can be replaced quickly if it is reported on the DCC website.

The installation of a flashing sign was also discussed with Nick, the Parish Council agree in principle to get some quotes for a Solar powered sign, flashing sign showing speed then smiley face or sad face. The Clerk will obtain a quote in readiness for the next Parish Council meeting.

- b) Road Warden Scheme – Nick Colton also suggested that 2 volunteers undertake the Road Warden Scheme, this would enable them plus any volunteers being supervised to install and move around the speed sign, plus do any other small items on the Highway. Ralph Mortimer & Dave Shaw have come forward to undertake the training, there are also several other Parishioners who have volunteered to help out. Proposed by Cllr Peach & seconded by Cllr Parker-Davidson that Ralph & Dave take the training, this is heavily subsidised by DCC and will cost the Parish Council £100 per person.

11) Finances.

Payments

BACS – 28.7.26 = £135.00 – Diptford Parish Hall (Hall Hire).

BACS – 31.7.26 = £85.00 – K Jane (Grass Cutting).

BACS – 3.8.26 = £180.00 (vat £30.00) – John Widdicombe (Lengthsman).

BACS – 13.8.26 = £70.00 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Computer Repairs).

BACS – 13.8.26 = £21.99 (vat £4.00) – Amazon (Ink Cartridge).

Bank Balances August 2026

<u>Parish Council Community Account</u>	£24,540.93
<u>Parish Council Instant Access Account</u>	£7,281.61
	<u>£31,822.54</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>	£5,451.45

£6,625.22

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

There be no further business the meeting closed 8.40pm

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday 15th September 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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