

DIPTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

ON TUESDAY 15th September 2026 @ 7.30pm

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

- a) Parishioners present had questions about the proposed extension of the 20mph speed limit in the Village.

County Cllr Dan Thomas was present and outline the process of the scheme as follows:-

“There is a process and a highways act which has to be followed before a 20mph limit can be put into the village, unfortunately the process is not quick and easy and it is costly. Diptford is not seen as a priority as its asking for an extension of the 20mph and some villages are still 30mph and want to come down to 20mph.

A VAS sign would be the first option to the Parish Council, this would also record the amount of traffic that is speeding before its turned on, it could also be moved around the village in different positions to encourage the slowing of the Traffic. This data can then be shared with the public at the Parish Council meetings.

D Cllr Guy Pannell would is Police Liasion could also be asked if he would look into having some one off Police speed checks within the 20mph limit.

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

In Attendance – 5 members of the Public.

- 3) Apologies for Absence** – Cllr L Carrol, Cllr G Pateron, D Cllr G Pannell, D Cllr D Hancock, Cllr C Peach.

4) Declarations of interest –

5) Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 18th August 2026.

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

6) Matters Arising

7) Reports

- a) County Councillor D Thomas – LGR has been put on hold, this will now change next years May elections which will now be a 4 year term, this will include Parish Councils. The new Prime Minister is in support of Strategic Mayoral Authorities, this could be done with the District and County as is with them working together, they do not need to become unitary for this to happen.
- b) District Councillor G Pannell & D Hancock – email report received and circulated, full copy on the Parish Council website.
- c) Diptford Amenity Trust – Cllr Crocker confirmed that together with Cllr G Paterson they have looked at the post replacements, they have one post and will have a look to see if this will fit before they do any more.
- d) Tree Warden – Will Young has now moved out of the village and now the role of tree warden is vacant. Will has agreed to come back and do a tree survey for the Playing Field.
- e) P3 Co-Ordinator – Cllr Parker-Davidson reported – footpath 1 works will start in October, the Ramblers are also going to help with some clearance.
- f) Parish Councillors reports – no reports given.

8) Planning Applications / Matters.

Applications received from South Hams District Council –

- a) Application no 2400/26/LBC – Diptford Court TQ9 7LY – Re-roofing works. No objections from the Parish Council – all in agreement.

Decisions received from South Hams District Council -

- a) Conditional Approval – Application no 1548/26/HHO – The Homestead, Halwell TQ9 7LA – Single storey rear and side extensions.
- b) Conditional Approval – Application no 1754/26/LBC – Broadmead TQ9 7LX – Replace roof covering of the main house from asbestos to natural slates.
- c) Conditional Approval – Application no 1112/26/FUL – Barn at SX 738 575 – Bradridge Farm, Diptford – Demolition of existing barn and erection of 4no dwellings with associated parking, storage barn and landscape works.
- d) Conditional Approval – Application no 1083/26/FUL – Land South of Beenleigh Copse Farm, Diptford – Construction of rural workers dwelling to replace existing temporary accommodation.

9) Correspondence

- a) Cllrs Invitation to Peoples Emergency Briefing Screening – 3rd October – 3pm to 5.30pm – Diptford Parish Hall. Parish Council to pay for the Hire of the Village Hall - £37.50 – proposed by Cllr T Crocker & seconded by Cllr L Lethbridge with all in agreement.
- b) Diptford Primary School Consultation – proposal to change nursery provision to include 2 year olds. The Parish Council support these proposals.

10) Highways

- a) 20mph Limit extension scheme – Cllr S Franklin reported – a short poll was done of the Village, 31 positive responses have been received regards the extension of the 20mph, but generally Parishioners were not in agreement to the Parish Council borrowing the money to pay for it from the Public Works Loans Board, there are other ways to get funding for this including, increasing the precept, possible grant funding from SHDC, District Councillors Fund.
A quotation has been circulated from Elan City for the VAS Solar operated flashing speed sign, this is one immediate way forward as any scheme for 20mph could take many months to install. As the sign runs off Solar it can be moved to various locations around the Village by the 2 Road Wardens once they have completed their training. The cost of this is £2589.99 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr T Crocker & seconded by Cllr L Lethbridge with all in agreement that this is purchased for the Village.
- b) Road Warden – Ralph Mortimore & Dave Shaw are currently going through the training.
- c) Water Leak in the Village which has taken 3 weeks to fix, there have also been several others in the Village which have been repaired.
- d) School Parking – the parking of Parents dropping off and collecting from School has been raised. The School will be asked if they can relay to parents asking them to park more responsibly in the Village.

11) Finances.

Payments

BACS – 3.9.26 = £180.00 (vat £30.00) – John Widdicombe (Lengthsman).
 BACS – 3.9.26 = £25.98 – Amazon (Manual x 2 for Road Wardens).
 BACS – 7.9.26 = £747.00 – Sharon Raggett (Clerks Wages July, Aug & Sep).

Bank Balances September 2026

<u>Parish Council Community Account</u>	£23,587.95
<u>Parish Council Instant Access Account</u>	£7,281.61
	<u>£30,869.56</u>

<u>Including P3 Monies</u>	£1,996.50
<u>Amenity Trust Treasurers Account</u>	£1,173.77
<u>Amenity Trust Instant Access Account</u>	£5,451.45
	<u>£6,625.22</u>

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 20th October 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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