

**Diptford Parish Council News**  
**March 2020**

**Highways and Community Lengthsman**

Councillors registered their appreciation that the Lengthsman monitors and regularly maintains the ditches and buddle holes in the village and surrounding areas. It was resolved that Cllrs Parker-Davidson and Franklin would compile a list of ditches that need clearing for a programme of work for the lengthsman. If anyone has any suggestions please contact the clerk.

**Planning**

Council agreed to support all of the four planning applications that were considered.

**Climate Fair**

The Council considered the invitation to the Climate Fair on Sat. 18th April, 11am-5pm, in South Brent Village Hall with marquees outside.

*"The Fair will be an inspirational, fun event (not gloom and doom or preachy!). We are publicising this widely, and anticipate a large attendance. The event is an ambitious one, involving over 50 participants (stalls, displays, talks, entertainment etc.). Anthony Mangnall, MP, will also be attending. The Fair has 3 main aims:*

*\* To involve, inform, enable and encourage people to take climate action.*

*\* To be a catalyst for climate-related actions following the event*

*\* To engender pride and a greater sense of 'ownership' in the local area"*

It was agreed not to attend this event on this occasion but to promote it in the village.

**Parish Website**

The specification prepared by Cllr Parker-Davidson and WesternWeb Ltd was discussed and it was agreed to proceed with this specification and aim to have a new website running before September when the existing website would require a considerable amount of work to make it compliant with the new accessibility laws.

**The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the village hall.**

The main presentation will be from SHDC regarding the introduction of the new waste disposal system. Local organisations and clubs are also invited to do short presentations. The Council is keen that as many people as possible attend the event – in particular to learn about the new waste disposal system.

**Parish Notice Board**

It was agreed that the council would provide a second notice board in principal, provided a proportion of the cost was funded from grants and there was no objection from residents. This will be revisited at a future meeting when there is news of any funding available.

**Date of next meeting                      14<sup>th</sup> April                      7pm.    Parish Hall**