

## **Diptford Parish Council News September 2019**

The meeting started at 7.50PM due to an overrun of the Amenity Trust meeting.

No members of the public were in attendance.

### **Highways and Community Lengthsman**

It was agreed that The Lengthsman would be asked to submit final invoices for the 18 -19 work period and that councillors would review tasks ready for the new year contract. It was noted that £2,360 has been allocated to Lengthsman work for the financial year 19-20 with the HMCEF grant being £590.

### **Update on Gara Bridge**

The Gara Bridge chicane trial w/c 19<sup>th</sup> Aug was somewhat shortened and taken down after one day due the number of complaints, especially from local framers, regarding access by farm vehicles and machinery through the narrow chicane and over the bridge. Daniel Ferris (DCC Officer) states that the trial was useful in so far that he obtained a better understanding of the needs of local farmers. He is now redesigning the chicane option and will be putting forward Plan B in due course for consultation which will also require a further trial at a later date. It was agreed to keep Gara Bridge as a standing agenda item pending further consultation and trials.

It was agreed that DPC had no objection to the withdrawal of the Council Tax Support Grant. The council has had long term notice of this and it was agreed that the amounts would have little impact on the work of the council.

The following governance documents were adopted will be made available on the website:

- a) Risk Management Policy
- b) Complaints Policy
- c) Freedom of Information and Publication Scheme
- d) Training and Development Policy

There were no planning applications to consider.

Five planning decisions made by SHDC were noted and Councillors requested that Cllr Panell enquire regarding the decision for application 2136/19/PDM which DPC had fully supported.

Work on the Parish website progresses.