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Diptford Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Cllr Pannell, SHDC** gave a comprehensive report on the work of SHDC – details are in the Parish Council minutes. DPC asked whether Planning Enforcement would be improved as part of the changes being made in the council. Cllr Pannell replied not in the near future and agreed there were some very long-term outstanding decisions. A meeting has been arranged between councillors and officers.

Cllr Pannell noted, to share with other parishes, the report of white van(s) loitering around agricultural properties in the Parish – this has been reported to Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr Franklin raised on behalf of members of the parish the issue of dog fouling from the school along to Rectory Corner. Environmental Health have erected extra signs and it was agreed it would be beneficial for The Lengthsman to be tasked with clearing the undergrowth from the side of the road.

### **Playing Field**

Cllrs thanked Cllr Hill for his work on the sale of the mower and associated equipment which is near completion and also Diptford Horse Show for their donation of £100

### **Highways and Parish Paths**

It was agreed that The Lengthsman would be tasked to complete the work between the School and Rectory Corner as noted above and that Cllr Parker-Davidson will discuss options for treating the Japanese Knotweed with The Lengthsman and assess whether he is comfortable with completing the work using the necessary precautions for weed control close to a water source. Cllr Franklin reported on an on-going issue with a Buddle Hole in Mill Lane. It was noted that work had been completed to clear Public Footpath 1

### **Planning Applications**

Councillors supported one planning application and commented on 3 decisions made by SHDC.

There was a debate regarding the Class Q regulations. This had historically enabled buildings previously used for agricultural purposes to be made into dwellings (although planning officers still worked with the applicants to influence appearance of the buildings) with the intention of creating more affordable housing in rural areas. It was noted that there were various interpretations of the restrictions and that a recent court ruling had set a worrying precedent for future developments.

### **Website and email addresses**

It was agreed that Cllr Parker-Davidson would contact Western Web (used by several parishes) to give a presentation on how they could work with Diptford to provide a joint community and Council website.