

## **Diptford Parish Council News**

**January 2020**

No members of the public were present at the January meeting.

### **Cllr Smerdon (SHDC)**

Had no update other than to confirm the issues with waste collection were being investigated.

### **Cllr Hosking (DCC)**

Cllr Hosking confirmed that he was pursuing the pothole reports submitted by Cllr Lethbridge. Cllrs questioned him regarding the ever worsening state of the highways in the parish and asked for clarification regarding the central government allocation of extra monies made available for highways. Cllr Hosking confirmed that this money was protected and being used for repairs but that the DCC highways budget was under considerable strain due to pressures on other service areas providing for vulnerable people.

He acknowledged that non-maintained drainage systems were worsening the problems and that Diptford Parish Council feels let down at the lack of action despite constant reporting of issues. He urged councillors to continue to report problems and agreed that a meeting between The Council and DCC Highways would be helpful.

It was agreed that DPC meetings would start at 7PM from now on in order to facilitate Cllr Hosking's reporting to the Council.

### **Highways and Community Lengthsman**

Due to the concern regarding the state of the highways in the parish, it was resolved that Cllr Peach would organise a meeting with DCC Highways and Cllr Hosking. Cllr Franklin will also attend.

### **Planning**

The Council supported two applications and noted that their original comments concerning access and potential flooding remained for the resubmission of an application.

### **Finance**

**The precept of £9,600 for 2020 was agreed.**

This increases the Band D rate by £0.81 per annum (£37.53 in 19/20 - £38.34 in 20/21). Details on the parish website.

It was agreed to grant CAB £150 funding and to support the request for grant funding from the Parish Hall Committee for the cinema system in principle but to request to see at least 3 quotations and discuss further at the next meeting.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed that Cllr Peach would invite a speaker from the CAB for the Annual Parish Meeting. The date of the meeting is now 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7PM