

Diptford Parish Council Virtual Meeting

Tuesday 14th July 2020 7.10 pm (Late start due to technical difficulties)

MINUTES

1 member of the public was present

Present Cllrs Foster (JF), Franklin, (SF), Baggott (BB), Crocker (TC), Hill (SH), Lethbridge (LL), Parker-Davidson (SPD), Peach (CP), Smerdon (SHDC), Pannell (SHDC) and Sally Smale (Clerk)

Due to technical difficulties SF took the Chair for this meeting.

Report from Cllrs Pannell and Smerdon (SHDC)

See App. 1

Cllrs Smerdon and Pannell left at 7.30pm

A member of the public, concerned at the encroachment of rhododendron threatening the habitat at Larcombe Quarry, sought councillor's opinion of action. She was advised to contact DCC.

Report from Cllr Hosking (DCC) from an email sent on the day due to technical issues attending the meeting.

See App. 2

2020/44 Apologies for absence were received from SPD

2020/45 There were no declarations of interest and dispensations in items on the Agenda.

2020/46 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th June, as previously circulated, were confirmed and will be signed by the Chair

Matters arising

- Update from Cllr Hosking regarding **works on Gara Bridge** - A request has been made for an update to progress with design works for the damage prevention exercise at Gara Bridge
- **2020/25d see 2020/49d**
- Dog fouling signs – **Clerk was requested to request additional dog fouling signs at key positions around Holsome Lane / Farm / Footpath**

2020/47 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) **SPD update** - he has confirmed he will put up the new Diptford notice board. He is happy to undertake any sign cleaning, etc if councillors make a request.
Clerk to clarify what signs have been cleaned to date.
- b) **It was agreed to pay the Lengthsman for work on Bridleway 3 from the P3 fund when the invoice is received**
- c) **The response from DCC to the query from CP regarding the road between Curtisknowle and Gara Bridge was noted.**
I am anticipating that the patching works are still planned for this financial year to be carried out by Roadform but there is a slight hold up as the contractor is waiting on test results for all of the sites to determine whether the road contains ta. If it does this will affect costs and design and also their programme. I will confirm start dates as soon as I know.

2020/48 Diptford Playing Field – It was agreed to defer this item pending the arrival of a representative from the Playing Field Group. The matter was discussed after minute 2020/57 at the end of the meeting

- a) **The Diptford Amenity Trust Accounts were noted**
Current account £4,610.31
Savings £41.30
- b) **The following payment was approved**
K Jane £85 Grass cut
- c) **The following actions were agreed regarding the re-opening of the park with reference to SHDC guidance as summarised in App. 1** - *Children's play areas are able to reopen after checking equipment for safety. No cleaning regime is necessary for outdoor play equipment, but notices will encourage social distancing.*
 - SH to erect signs advising the public that the park and tennis court is open but that play equipment is strictly out of bounds until the annual engineering safety check (delayed due to Coronavirus Pandemic) has taken place.

- SH to cordon off equipment using safety tape – this will be removed once the safety check has taken place.

2020/49 Planning

- a) **1535/20/HHO** Mr N Mills Householder application for single storey extension with first floor balcony Boreston Foot Cottage Halwell TQ9 7LD
<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/201535>
It was resolved that no comments would be made
- b) **1552/20/PDM** Harefold Ltd Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (use class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q(a)&(b)) (Renewal of permission 3737/17/PDM) Crabadon Manor Barn Crabadon Manor Diptford Totnes TQ9 7JZ
<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/201552>
It was resolved that no comments would be made
- c) **1707/20/ARC** Mr Will Johnson Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4, 5 and 6 of planning consent 17/2350/11/LB Cleave Farm Moreleigh Totnes TQ9 7JS
<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/201707>
It was resolved to support this application
- d) **To note information received regarding Bradridge Cross**
Cllr Pannell - I have spoken to officers and established that improvements have to be made to improve the visibility splay at Bradridge Cross before the new homes are permitted to be occupied. The work will be commissioned by Devon Highways, and affect only the roadway and verge. The applicant will bear the cost, which I understand is in the region of £10,000.
Cllr Hosking - I received reports from a resident concerned about the confirmation of Permitted Development Rights for the creation of 4 new dwellings that would use the junction at Bradridge Cross. I endeavoured to promote improved visibility through the reduction in height of a hedge to the northeast of the junction, however the County Solicitor's department advised me against intervention.
CP requested clerk to communicate to Cllr Hosking that he considered this would not be money well spent as he felt visibility would not be improved. There was also concern that the proposed work might affect drainage in the area which is already prone to flooding.
- e) **The potential planning breach at Adiva Stud Farm, Farleigh Meadows, Diptford TQ9 7JW was noted.**

2020/50 The following planning decisions made by SHDC were noted

- a) 1212/20/FUL Etheridge Farm Barn Diptford TQ9 7NQ Mr & Mrs P Collings Single storey extension and change of use of land to domestic curtilage **DECISION: Conditional Approval**
- b) 1015/20/FUL Larcombe Barns Larcombe Diptford Totnes TQ9 7PD Creation of new dwelling to replace Class Q approval (0322/20/PDM) **DECISION: Conditional Approval**
- c) /20/HHO Hedgehog House Diptford TQ9 7NZ Householder application for demolition of front porch/hall and new extension. Demolition of rear sun room and new replacement extension. **DECISION: Conditional Approval**

2020/51 Finance

1. The following payments were approved

14-Jul-20	Smale	2020/08	Clerk's Pay	299.25
14-Jul-20	HMRC	2020/09	Clerk's tax	74.80
14-Jul-20	Smale	2020/10	Clerk's Expenses (Mileage)	15.75
14-Jul-20	Smale	2020/10	Clerk's Office	16.00

2. The Financial Statement was received

Current Account 30.6.2020	6084.57
MINUS Unpresented cheques	0
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0
Current Account	6084.57
Savings Accounts	6,657.66

234.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
800.00	Winter Emergency Planning
2,593.33	Community lengthsman project
1,750.00	Amenity trust
1,280.33	Contingency

TOTAL FUNDS	12,742.23	6,657.66	Total
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Total uncommitted funds £6084.57

2020/52 Work continues on the parish website

2020/53 It was resolved that DPC would not participate in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Councillor Advocate Scheme

2020/54 It was resolved that the council had no objection to the removal of the phone kiosk at Gara Bridge and did not want to adopt the kiosk.

2020/55 It was noted that Jameson Homes had reported that the project at Wheat Park remained on hold and the clerk was instructed to communicate the Council's disappointment at the delay and report their concerns at the deterioration of the site which is an eye-sore at the entrance to the village resembling a derelict site rather than a development. Clerk to request that Jameson do some maintenance work pending continuation of the project.

2020/56 It was agreed that, should the need arise to change meeting dates, the 4th Wed. in the month would be a possibility.

2020/57 The following correspondence was noted.

Devon County Council 14 news alerts	SHDC 12 news alerts	Rural Services Network 3, 9, 16, 26, 30 June
NALC 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 30 June, 1, 3 July	Cllr Hosking 5, 29 June	Devon Communities Together 8, 30 June, 3 July
Local Bus Service update 9 June	SHDC Planning – Planning Performance Agreements 9 June	
DALC Newsletter 34, 35, 36, 37	School Newsletter 12 June	Cllr Smerdon 16 June Cllr Pannell 24 June
Devon and Cornwall Police – Chief Constable Sawyer	Invitation to electric vehicle charging webinar on 22 July 1 – 2.30pm	