

## Diptford Parish Council Virtual Meeting

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

7.00 pm

### MINUTES

#### **No members of the public were present**

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

#### **Report from Cllr Hosking (DCC)**

There has been some misinformation regarding the grants for active travel which was granted to local authorities to deal with bottle-necks where there is no room for social distancing. The money has already been committed.

A special condition has been made to grant open air hospitality venues licence from the day of application

Devon is a Beacon Authority for the test and trace initiative – the app is not yet available

Eviction notices for people in arrears on rent have been extended

Access to recycling centres has now been widened to include people carriers, small vans and cars and bike with trailers (NB Bikes and trailers are expected to join the queue)

CP asked why the track and trace initiative wasn't using the established health and welfare infrastructure

No news on Gara Bridge works – Cllr Hosking to chase. He reassured that DCC were doing as much maintenance as possible whilst the roads were less busy but there were some projects that were problematic with social distancing.

SF requested that the surfacing on Clunkamoore Hill from Butterford Mill Bridge take into account that horses use the road.

JF commented on the poor condition of the road from Moreleigh to Gara Bridge. He has reported it.

CP gave credit to DCC for their prompt action recently to clear a fallen tree from the highway.

#### **Report from Cllrs Smerdon and Pannell (SHDC)**

See app. 1

The new Chief Executive has started in post

The discretionary business support scheme has gone live this week with 172 applications to date

Approx. £40m has been paid out to 3,431 businesses equalling 84% of those that are eligible

SF thanked the councillors for the grants for the noticeboards

Cllr Pannell warned briefly of the severe budget implications on local councils due to the pandemic

A parishioner had notified SF that there was Japanese knotweed in the parish. It was noted that there are several incidences and the clerk was asked to correspond with a landowner regarding monitoring presence on the land.

**2020/30**      **There were no apologies for absence**

**2020/31**      **There were no declarations of interest and Dispensations in items on the Agenda.**

**2020/32**      **The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, as previously circulated, were confirmed and will be signed by the Chair at the next non-virtual meeting**

## **Matters arising**

- 2020/25d Response from Cllr Pannell re Bradridge Farm planning application (circulated previously) – Cllr Pannell to seek further clarification
- 2020/22a To receive update from SPD re the Lengthsman’s progress on road-sign cleaning – carry forward to next meeting

### **2020/33 Highways and Community Lengthsman** a) **SPD to meet with Lengthsman 10<sup>th</sup> June**

### **2020/34 Diptford Playing Field** a) **Diptford Amenity Trust Accounts end May were noted** Current account £ 4695.31 Savings Account £ 41.30

### **b) The following payment was approved** K Jane – grasscutting £85.00

- c) It was resolved that in the current situation, with use of the play equipment not permitted, that DPC would wait for SHDC to perform the annual check - estimated to be in August.**

**SPD to check that the signage advising non-use of play equipment is still intact and clear.**

### **2020/35 Planning**

- a) 1212/20/FUL Mr & Mrs P Collings Single storey extension and change of use of land to domestic curtilage Etheridge Farm Barn Diptford TQ9 7NQ

<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/201212>

#### **Support**

- b) 1263/20/HHO Mr & Mrs Filtness Householder application for demolition of front porch/hall and new extension. Demolition of rear sun room and new replacement extension.  
Hedgehog House Diptford TQ9 7NZ

<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/201263>

#### **Support**

### **2020/36 The following Planning Decisions made by SHDC were noted**

0276/20/FUL Follets Farm Diptford Gara Bridge Totnes TQ9 7JT EE Limited Proposed 15.97m monopole equipped with 3No antennas and 1No 600mm dish. The proposed site also includes a 77sqm compound accommodating 3No equipment cabinets, 1No generator, 1No meter cabinet and 1No 1.2m Sat dish

#### **DECISION: Conditional Approval**

### **2020/37 Finance**

#### **1. The following payments were approved.**

S Smale	299.25
HMRC	74.80
S Smale	37.14

#### **2. The following receipt was noted**

Ringmore PC Contribution to CiLCA	267.00
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### 3. The Financial Statement was received

Current Account 31.5.2020	6,616.38
MINUS Unpresented cheques	120.62
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0
Current Account	6495.76
Savings Accounts	6,657.40
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>13,153.16</b>

234.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
800.00	Winter Emergency Planning
2,593.33	Community lengthsman project
1,750.00	Amenity trust
1,280.07	Contingency
6,657.40	Total

**Total uncommitted funds £6,495.76**

#### Unpresented cheques:

R Paul 40  
SHDC 80.62  
Total 120.62

#### 2020/38 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (Distributed previously)

- The Certificate of Exemption from a limited assurance review will be signed by the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer and the Chairman.
- Section 1 of the AGAR – the Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council and will be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- Section 2 of the AGAR – the Accounting Statements 2019/2020 was approved by the Parish Council and will be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- The dates for the period for the exercise of public rights are Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August (inclusive)

**2020/39 It was agreed (1 abstention) to purchase a green powder coated aluminium board from Creative Solutions with delivery to SPD who will ask the Lengthsman to erect it.**

#### 2020/40 Parish Website Update

The company are working on the information submitted from DPC at the last meeting.  
**SPD will forward the recent guidance from NALC regarding accessibility.**

#### 2020/41 COVID-19 update on the parish situation

To council knowledge the parish remains COVID free. There have been a few requests for help and Council acknowledge the excellent work of Rev. Sayle. It was agreed that council would review the need for an emergency plan when things return to normal.  
The school is open to year 6 and reception.

**2020/42 DPC has no formal response to the SHDC consultation about public space protection orders for dog control in the district but has requested the clerk to source new dog-fouling signs due**

**to the noticeable increase in fouling in the parish. Dog owners are requested to clear up after their dogs and not leave the bags on the verges or in the hedges and trees.**

**2020/43      The following Correspondence was received:**

DALC Newsletter 30, 31, 32

DALC update 12<sup>th</sup> May

Rural Services Bulletin 6<sup>th</sup> , 12<sup>th</sup> ,19<sup>th</sup> ,27<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June

DCC updates 6<sup>th</sup> , 7<sup>th</sup> , 15<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> ,May

NALC update 7<sup>th</sup> , 12<sup>th</sup> ,14<sup>th</sup> , 15<sup>th</sup> , 22<sup>nd</sup> , 26<sup>th</sup> ,29<sup>th</sup> May

SHDC update 11<sup>th</sup> , 15<sup>th</sup> ,26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> , 29<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> June x2

Cllr Hosking update 11<sup>th</sup> , 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Cllr Pannell update 13<sup>th</sup> ,28<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Message from Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer 14<sup>th</sup> May

DCC Highway Maintenance – reallocation of road space 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Meeting closed at 8.30 pm**

**Next meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020**