

Diptford Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall.

Tuesday 10 March 2020

MINUTES

No members of the public were present

Present Cllrs Foster (Chair), Franklin, Baggott, Crocker, Hill, Lethbridge Parker-Davidson, Peach, Smerdon (SHDC), Hosking (DCC) and Sally Smale (Clerk)

10.03.01 There were no apologies for absence

10.03.02 There were no declarations of interest and Dispensations in items on the Agenda.

10.03.03 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th February 2020, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

10.03.04 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) Councillors registered their appreciation that the Lengthsman monitors and regularly maintains ditches / buddle holes etc.
- b) It was resolved that Cllrs Parker-Davidson and Franklin would compile a list of ditches that need clearing for a programme of work for the lengthsman**

10.03.05 Diptford Playing Field

a) Diptford Amenity Trust Accounts were noted

Current account £ 5,348.16

Savings Account £ 36.30

b) It was resolved that the Clerk would continue to chase SHDC for a quote to do regular checks on the play equipment and renew the annual insurance with Zurich.

10.03.06 Planning

a) 0149/20/LBC Will Johnson Listed building consent to replace rotten wooden casement windows with conservation grade wooden casements Cleave Farm Moreleigh Totnes TQ9 7JS

<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/200149>

Support

b) 3706/19/HHO Mr & Mrs S. Hyde Householder application for erection of hobby/craft room Brushford Diptford TQ9 7LU

<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/193706>

Support

c) 0388/20/FUL Application for for a new telemetered rain gauge site Land At Sx 765 560 Second field at Rolster Bridge Farm

<http://apps.westdevon.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/200388>

Support

d) 3835/19/FUL J Sawyer Proposed development comprising 3 stables and small storage barn for hay and tack Thorn Farm Beenleigh Bridge Road Diptford TQ9 7NF

<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/193835>

Support

Standing Orders were suspended at 7.25 for the

Report from Cllr Hosking (DCC)

- Government has allocated £1b for the roll-out of 4G
- Cllr Hosking requested that the links to info. about the coronavirus provided by DCC be circulated as widely as possible

- The budget was approved with the tax on a band D property rising to £1,439.36
- Cllr Hosking still has some grant funding available – closing date end September
- Devon Carbon Plan partnership has 28 stakeholders

DPC raised the on-going issue of potholes and were advised to keep on reporting them and that work is being done but there is a back-log due to the exceptional weather conditions.

Cllr Hosking will raise the subject of the reclassification of the roads in the parish to acknowledge the increased traffic flow.

Report from Cllr Smerdon (SHDC)

Council tax

- Rising by £5. – Band D from £165 - £170
 - There has been a steep increase in payment for policing services
 - There will be a 10% average increase for towns and parishes
- £400,000 has been set aside for climate change projects

Cllr Smerdon gave a brief summary of the proposed waste disposal procedures. **(SHDC will be at the Parish meeting on 28th April to give a full presentation)**

Standing orders resumed at 7.55

10.03.07 The following planning decisions made by SHDC were noted

4148/19/PDM Diptford Crabadon Manor Barn (Barn At Sx 752 546) Crabadon Manor Diptford Totnes TQ9 7JZ Harefold Ltd Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q(a+b)) **CASE Prior Approval Required and Given**

3951/19/HHO Diptford Abbey Moor Back Road Moreleigh TQ9 7JW Mr & Mrs Nigel King Householder application for extension and alterations to existing property **Conditional Approval**

10.03.08 Finance

1. The following cheques were approved for payment:

963	S Smale	£293.23	
964	Widdicombe	£260	(VAT £43.33)
965	Parish Hall	£90	
966	S Smale	£70	
967	HMRC	£73.20	
968	Widdicombe	£70	(VAT £12.00)

2. The Financial Statement was received

Current Account 31.02.2020	6706.59
MINUS Unpresented cheques	380
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0
Current Account	6326.59
Savings Accounts	4153.92
TOTAL FUNDS	10,480.51

Reserves

P3 Footpaths	234.00
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Community Lengthsman	2,360
Elections	400.00
	3,794

Total uncommitted funds £6,686.51

3. The mandate for online banking was postponed pending further information regarding the procedure

4. The proposal from Cllr Baggott to revise the Reserve funds (below) was agreed.

The Council needs to revise its current Reserve /committed funds position to better represent the ongoing funding requirements for the Parish.

It is therefore proposed to transfer £3330.00 from the current account into the savings account. This will result in the balance of the savings account to increase to £7,483.92

This will provide the following reserve position

<i>P3 Footpaths</i>	<i>234.00</i>
<i>Winter Emergency planning</i>	<i>800.00</i>
<i>Community Lengthsman</i>	<i>3,340.00</i>
<i>Amenity Trust</i>	<i>1,750.00</i>
<i>Contingency</i>	<i>1,359.92</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>7483.92</i>

5. It was agreed to renew the Amenity Trust insurance

10.03.09 Climate Fair

Diptford PC agreed they would not attend this event on this occasion.

10.03.10 Parish Website Update

The specification prepared by Cllr Parker-Davidson and WesternWeb Ltd was discussed **and it was agreed to proceed with this specification and aim to have a new website running before September when the existing website would require a considerable amount of work to make it compliant with the new accessibility laws.**

10.03.11 Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 28th April.

It was agreed that the meeting would start at 7pm and that the main presentation would be from SHDC regarding the introduction of the new waste disposal system. Local organisations and clubs will be invited to do short presentations and leaflets will be prepared to advertise the event.

10.03.12 Parish Notice Board

It was agreed that the council would provide a second notice board in principal provided a proportion of the cost was funded from grants and there was no objection from residents.

The following correspondence was noted:

Rural Services Bulletin 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Feb

Rural Services Network – invitation to Rural Strategy Roadshows

Diptford School Newsletter 7th 14th, 21st, Feb

NALC Chief Exec bulletin 7th 14th, 21st, 28th Feb

DCC Drainage Maintenance Responsibilities

DALC Newsletter nos. 7, 8

NALC Newsletter 12th Feb

Invitation to South Devon AONB Partnership Committee meeting

Ivybridge ring-ride – Thanks for donation of £100 and copy of Annual Report

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Date of next meeting **14th April** **7pm.** **Parish Hall**

Annual Parish Meeting **28th April.** **7pm.** **Parish Hall**