

Diptford Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall.

Tuesday 11 February 2020

Minutes

Open Forum

One member of the public was present.

Ian Franklin (Trustee, Totnes Caring) talked briefly about their work. Totnes Caring was formed 32 years ago with the aim of helping the elderly and infirm stay in their own homes. It covers the area covered by the 2 doctor's surgeries in Totnes with over 200 volunteers looking after 800 people. Help includes getting people around for appointments etc., the daily lunch club, assisting at hospital discharges, form filling and befriending at home reading to people, walking dogs etc. They have a dementia support group, Memory Café, 2 art groups, physio group and computer group. They also work with Totnes Cinema to show old films occasionally. Volunteers are always welcome.

PCSO Russ Broadbent attended the meeting to update the council on the abandoned vehicle in the village. It is not parked illegally or causing an obstruction on the highway and it is fully insured and has a current MOT. Therefore neither the Council or the police can do anything with it. The police have tried to contact the owner who is not available. However, the tax and MOT will expire soon and at that stage SHDC can put a 7 day removal notice on the vehicle.

PCSO Broadbent also reported that there had been a few incidences of dogs killing sheep over the year but there was nothing else to report.

CLlr Franklin thanked both for attending.

Report from Cllr Hosking (DCC)

Cllr Hosking reported that DCC budget had been increased for the year 2020-2021 by £43.1 million to just over £541 million. There will be an extra £23.7 million for adult care and health, £11.5 million more for children's services and £2.7 million for highways including £1 million to help deal with drainage issues on the road network. The spending rise will partly be funded by a £1.7million increase in the Local Government financial settlement for 2020/21 and by a proposed 3.99 per cent rise in council tax. The proposed 2020/21 Band D Council Tax figure will increase by £55 from last year, or £1.06 a week.

Of the 3.99 per cent rise, two per cent is ring fenced to help fund adult social care.

LED lighting will be rolled out and this will make a significant saving over time.

Cllr Franklin referred to the recent communication regarding drainage maintenance responsibilities and questioned how this would be policed. Cllr Hosking will be meeting with a Solicitor to discuss the issue. This will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

The meeting with Highways has not taken place yet.

Reminder that the Gara Bridge work is still outstanding.

Report from Cllr Pannell (SHDC)

An increase in council tax in 2020-21 of £5, equating to a Band D council tax of £170.42 (approx. 3.02%)

Consultation ends this month on development proposals for Kingsbridge and Ivybridge (Aldi)

Climate change -Fund of £400,000 for projects to reduce carbon emissions –open to community projects.

Arms length Housing Company has been agreed in the form of a Community Benefit Society

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

11.02.01 **Apologies were received from Cllr Foster.**

11.02.02 **There were no declarations of interest**

11.02.03 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th January 2020, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

11.02.04 **Highways and Community Lengthsman**

- a) **It was agreed that Councillors would pass details of work to Cllr Parker-Davidson for him to pass on to the Lengthsman**
- b) **The meeting with Nick Colton and Cllr Hosking has not yet taken place**
- c) **The response from Cllr Hosking re LED lighting was noted**

I have contacted the Cabinet Member for Highways and the answer to your question is that a new contract is required to effect the continued roll out of LED Street Lighting. This is going to Cabinet in May or June this year. I am advised that a schedule will be issued after that date.

11.02.05 **Diptford Playing Field**

This item was taken at 7.50 after minute 11.02.09 on the arrival of M Cox.

a) Diptford Amenity Trust Accounts were noted

Current account £ 5,348.15

Savings Account £ 36.30

- b) **It was agreed that the clerk would seek guidance on the need / obligation for safety checks and that, if appropriate, would arrange for SHDC to perform the task.**
- c) Cllr Franklin commented that The Diptford Sustainability group had mentioned rewilding the edges of the field
- d) Cllr Hill suggested that there were various funding schemes in place that might be worth tapping into for new equipment
- e) **It was agreed that the Amenity Trust AGM would take place in March. (NOTE This has subsequently been changed to Tuesday April 14th at 7PM**

11.02.06 **Parish Paths Partnership**

It was agreed that Cllr Parker-Davidson would complete a nil return form for DCC for the year and that he and the Clerk would liaise with regard to future work and funding.

(£234 in reserves for P3 work.)

11.02.07 Council discussed the report “Support for the Parish Clerk in attaining the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA) qualification” **and noted that the Clerk had managed to borrow the resources for the time being and resolved that the Clerk would be paid an extra 1 hour per week for 52 weeks absorbing the remaining 3 hours**

of studying into current work / personal time. The clerk will request a contribution to this amount from the second council she works for.

11.02.08 There was no response to the Stagecoach Route Consultation circulated previously

11.02.09 It was agreed that there would be no action in response to the free Call Blockers information circulated previously.

11.02.10 Planning

- a) 3987/19/FUL Mr C Hull Demolition of existing tool shed and construction of new dwelling house and associated garage/workshop Valley End Farm Harberton TQ9 7NE
<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/193987>
Exceeds the footprint of the existing building and is disproportionately large compared to the existing building.
Object.
- b) 0161/20/VAR Miss K and Z Collings Application for variation of Condition 6 on approved planning permission 2096/18/FUL Hastings Farm Etheridge Diptford TQ9 7NQ
<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/200161>
No need to comment
- c) 0099/20/HHO Mrs K Taylor Householder application for extension to provide additional dining and living space and access to garden Etheridge Farm Etheridge Diptford TQ9 7NQ
<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/200099>
Support
- d) 4148/19/PDM 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)) Crabadon Manor Barn (Barn At Sx 752 546) Crabadon Manor Diptford Totnes TQ9 7JZ
<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/194148>
Concern at the potential additional traffic this would create at Crabadon Cross where there is poor visibility therefore increasing the accident hazard. Agreed that the Council would request a contribution to the improvement of the access as a condition for approval.
Support – pending inclusion of the condition as above
- e) 0276/20/FUL 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 Follets Farm Diptford Gara Bridge Totnes TQ9 7JT
<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/200276>
Support
- f) 0322/20/PDM Mr T Roe 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)) Larcombe Barns Larcombe End Diptford Totnes
<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/200322>
No need to comment

11.02.11 The following planning decisions made by SHDC were noted and Council requested that Cllr Pannell look into the decision regarding 4126/19/AGR Lower Larcombe Diptford TQ9 7PD

a) 3762/19/ARC Lower Cottage Willowbrook Cross Diptford TQ9 7NJ Ms Anna Kirton
Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 of planning consent 4422/17/HHO
DECISION: Discharge of condition Approved

b) /19/HHO Broadley Cottage Bickham Cross Diptford Totnes TQ9 7NJ Ms Hanna Solms
Householder application for extension of single storey lean-to
DECISION: Conditional Approval

c) 4126/19/AGR Lower Larcombe Diptford TQ9 7PD Mr R Smith
Application for prior notification for proposed erection of forestry building for storage of logs and office space
DECISION: Prior Approval Not required

8.25 PM Cllr Hill left the room and returned at 8.30

11.02.12 Finance

1. The following cheques were approved for payment:

Transfer to reserves	Lengthsman	£590	
959	Smale	£84.07	
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961	HMRC	£69.40	
962	DALC	£240	VAT £40.00

2. The Financial Statement was received

Current Account 31.12.19	7,138.42
MINUS Unpresented cheques	140
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0
Current Account	6,998.42
Savings Accounts	4,153.75
TOTAL FUNDS	11,152.17

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

Total uncommitted funds £7,358.17

3. Cllr Hill informed that the the Parish Hall Committee are reviewing the specification for the cinema system project

4. The mandate for online banking was postponed to the next meeting

11.02.13 Following discussion regarding the scope and management of a community website it was agreed that the Cllr Parker-Davidson would follow-up with the company previously contacted regarding the creation of a new DPC website and that Cllr Hill would contact The Diptford Sustainability Group with a view to someone in the community taking on the creation and management of a community site.

11.02.14 The following correspondence was noted and is available on request:

17.01.2020 Email from Cllr Peach confirming that The Chief Officer of Citizens Advice South Hams, Janie Moor, has agreed to give a talk on Citizens Advice at our forthcoming Annual Parish meeting on Tuesday 28th April.

Rural Services Bulletin 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Jan

NALC Spring Conference notification

NALC Newsletter 29th Jan

Diptford Primary School Newsletter 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st Jan

NALC Chief Exec bulletin 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st Jan

SHDC – Draft BT consultation response 23rd Jan

DALC Newsletter number 4

DALC – attendees at The Royal Garden Party

NALC Study Tour

SHDC – Discussions at Executive Jan 2020

Cllr Peach requested that the thanks from the CAB for the grant funding from DPC be recorded.

Meeting finished at 9.05PM

Next meeting Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7PM in the Village Hall