

Diptford Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall.

Tuesday 14 January 2020

MINUTES

No members of the public were present.

Cllr Smerdon (SHDC) had no update other than to confirm the issues with waste collection were being investigated.

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

14.01.01 Apologies were received from Cllr Hill

14.01.02 Cllr Foster declared an interest in planning application 3951/19/HHO (neighbouring property) and Cllr Peach in the CAB request for grant funding (CAB Trustee)

14.01.03 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th December 2019, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair

**14.01.04 Highways and Community Lengthsman
The response from DCC to queries regarding ploughing / works in the Parish were noted and, 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 to attend.**

14.01.05 Diptford Playing Field

a) Diptford Amenity Trust Accounts

Current account	£ 5,548.15
	£200 (outstanding payment)
	£5,348.15
Savings Account	£ 36.30

b) It was resolved that the Clerk would invite Mike Cox to the next meeting with a view to moving forward the issue of the Playing Field monthly safety checks

**14.01.06 NALC National Salary Award for Clerks
It was resolved that the clerk's salary will increase to (SCP) 10 on 1st April 2020**

14.01.07 Budget

a) The budget for 2020 was agreed

b) 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.

14.01.08 The following planning applications were considered:

- a) 3951/19/HHO Mr & Mrs Nigel King Application for extension and alterations to existing property Abbey Moor Back Road Moreleigh TQ9 7JW
<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/193951>
Agreed - No objection.
- b) 3834/19/HHO Ms Hanna Solms Application for extension of single storey lean-to Broadley Cottage Bickham Cross Diptford Totnes TQ9 7NJ
<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/193834>
Agreed to Support
- c) Appeal APP/K1128/W/19/3242849 Proposal: New dwelling (resubmission of 1270/19/FUL) "Wagland Farm", Halwell Mr Jeremy Burgess 2817/19/FUL
<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?caseid=3242849>

Agreed that the comments remain the same as for original application – concerns regarding access and potential flooding

The following applications were discussed briefly: 4126/19/AGR 3819/19/PDM 3816/19/PDM

14.01.09 The following Planning Decisions made by SHDC were noted.

a) 3480/19/FUL Diptford Crabadon Cottage Farm Halwell Totnes TQ9 7JZ Mr R Jackman Creation of new dwelling to replace Class Q approval (1943/18/PDM) and demolition of redundant and dilapidated range of buildings with landscaping (resubmission of 1597/19/FUL)

DECISION: Conditional Approval

b) 3712/19/AGR Diptford Laplands Farm Diptford Totnes TQ9 7JY Mr C Worth Prior notification for proposed agricultural track for new access

DECISION: Prior Approval Not required

c) 3057/19/ARC Diptford Hastings Farm Diptford TQ9 7NQ Miss K & Z Collings Application for approval of details reserved by condition 6 of planning consent 2096/18/FUL

DECISION: Discharge of condition Approved

d) 3418/19/CLE Diptford Larcombe Barns Larcombe End Diptford TQ9 7PD Mr Tom Roe Lawful development certificate for existing development of agricultural buildings

DECISION: Cert of Lawfulness (Existing) Certified

Standing Orders were dropped at 8.30 on the arrival of Cllr Hosking. For his update

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 the meeting discussed earlier would be helpful.

8.45 Standing Orders resumed at 8.45

8.45 Cllrs franklin and Smerdon left the room

8.50 Cllr Franklin returned

14.01.10 Finance

1. The following cheques were approved for payment:

953	S Smale – Clerk’s Salary	£278.35
954	S Smale – Clerk’s expenses	£36.25
955	HMRC - Clerk’s Tax	£69.40

2. The Financial Statement was received

Current Account 31.12.19	8,332.35
MINUS Unpresented cheques	100
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0
Current Account	8,232.35
Savings Accounts	3,563.60
TOTAL FUNDS	11,795.95

P3 Footpaths	234.00
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Community Lengthsman	1,770
Elections	400.00
	3,204

Total uncommitted funds £8,591.95

3. It was agreed to grant CAB £150 funding

4. It was agreed 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.

14.01.11 No update re the Parish Website

14.01.12 It was agreed that Cllr Peach would invite a speaker from the CAB for the Annual Parish Meeting It was agreed to change the date for the Annual Parish Meeting to 28th April at 7PM

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

14.01.14 The following correspondence was noted:

Rural Services Bulletin 3rd, 10th, 23rd, 27th Dec

Cllr Hosking (DCC) Devon Climate Change
Emergency declaration Response

Christmas Greeting 22nd Dec

NALC Newsletter 4th Dec

NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin 6th, 13th, 20th Dec

Diptford School Newsletter 6th, 13th, 19th Dec

DALC Newsletter 28, 29

Invitation to make nominations for Royal garden Party

NALC Chairman’s Open Letter to all Councillors 18th Dec

DCC Highways Update 19th Dec

SHDC A Plan for Climate Change Action News Release
19th Dec

SHDC – Honorary Alderman John Tucker 19th Dec

DCC Environment Newsletter 23rd Dec

PPP – Season’s Greetings

South Brent Parish Council’s Climate and Ecological
Emergency Advisory Group (SBPC CEEAG) – Invitation to
Inaugural meeting on 16th January 2020.

Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for
2020/21 for consultation.

SHDC Press Release - Authorities across Devon get
national recognition for work to protect Greater
Horseshoe Bats