

Diptford Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall.

Tuesday 10th September 2019

MINUTES

The meeting started at 7.50PM due to an overrun of the Amenity Trust meeting.

No members of the public were in attendance.

Report from County and District Councillors.

Councillor Hosking sent apologies for the meeting and requested that the following be minuted:

“Cllr Hosking having recognised a potential conflict of interest with regard to representations made by businesses in connection with the Gara Bridge Chicane delegated this issue to Cllr Rufus Gilbert. Councillor Gilbert met DCC Officer Daniel Ferris at Gara Bridge on Monday 19th August 2019. I understand that, subject to redrafting, a compromise design was agreed to ensure the free passage of HGVs from Lower Hazelwood to California Cross.”

Councillor Pannell clarified that DPC response to the telephone box consultation was in hand and the clerk confirmed that the response (DPC did not object to the removal of the box) had been returned.

He informed DPC that SHDC are preparing for a general election, that the spending review capped council tax rises at 2% or £5.00 and that many decisions are being held until 2020 when there will be more political stability.

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

10.09.01 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Peach

10.09.02 There were no declarations of interest in items being discussed / resolved on the Agenda.

10.09.03 The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th August 2019, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the chair.

10.09.04 Highways and Community Lengthsman

a) It was agreed that The Lengthsman would be asked to submit final invoices for the 18 -19 work period and that councillors would review tasks ready for the new year contract.

b) It was noted that £2,360 has been allocated to Lengthsman work for the financial year 19-20 with the HMCEF grant being £590.

c) Gara Bridge - The update from Cllr Peach was read out:

The Gara Bridge chicane trial w/c 19th Aug was somewhat shortened and taken down after one day due the number of complaints, especially from local framers, regarding access by farm vehicles and machinery through the narrow chicane and over the bridge. I met Daniel Ferris, the DCC Bridge Engineer, Project leader, during the trial and have spoken to him since. He tells me that the trial was useful in so far that he obtained a better understanding of the needs of local farmers. He is now redesigning the chicane option and will be putting forward Plan B in due course for consultation which will also require a further trail at a later date.

My personal view is the two chicanes look to be an over complicated solution. The engineer however assures me that CCTV evidence informs him that damage is caused by long vehicles, and a chicane option is the best solution. I think a lot more water will pass under this bridge before we find an answer.

See also Cllr Hosking's comment above.

It was agreed to keep Gara Bridge as a standing agenda item pending further consultation and trials.

- d) The clerk has not received a response from DCC re concerns raised at last meeting **and was requested to chase this up for the next meeting.**

10.09.05 It was agreed that DPC had no objection to the withdrawal of the Council Tax Support Grant. The council has had long term notice of this and it was agreed that the amounts would have little impact on the work of the council.

Proposal for Diptford 0.99% of precept £93 (19/20) £46 (20/21) £0 (21/22)

10.09.10 The following governance documents were adopted with slight amendments to the wording of the Complaints Policy and Risk Management Policy.

- a) Risk Management Policy
- b) Complaints Policy
- c) Freedom of Information and Publication Scheme
- d) Training and Development Policy

10.09.11 Planning Applications - There were no applications to consider.

10.09.12 The following planning decisions made by SHDC were noted and **Councillors requested that Cllr Panell enquire regarding the decision for application 2136/19/PDM which DPC had fully supported.**

1688/19/HHO Diptford Hedgerows Diptford Devon TQ9 7NZ Mr & Mrs Mortimore
PROPOSAL : Householder application for extension to rear
CASE OFFICER : Sarah Carroll
DECISION: Conditional Approval

1934/19/ARC Diptford Lower Coombe Bungalow Diptford TQ9 7NP Mrs R Jay
PROPOSAL : Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 of
planning consent 3926/18/FUL
DECISION: Discharge of condition Approved

2136/19/PDM Diptford Larcombe Barn SX745574 Lower Larcombe Diptford TQ9 7PD
Mr And Mrs T Roe
PROPOSAL : Application for prior approval for a proposed change of use of
agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for associated operational
development (Class Q(a)&(b))
DECISION: Prior Approval Required and Refused

2503/19/NMM Diptford Wagland Farm Halwell TQ9 7LB Mr Jeremy Burgess
PROPOSAL : Non material amendment to planning consent 1270/19/FUL
DECISION: Conditional Approval

2108/19/PDM Diptford Crabadon Manor Barn Crabadon Cross Halwell Diptford TQ9 7JZ Harefold
Ltd PROPOSAL : 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))
DECISION: Refusal

10.09.13 Parish website update – work in progress.

10.09.14 It was agreed that DPC are happy with the current Polling arrangements for the Parish.

10.09.15 Finance

1. The following cheques were approved for payment:

	ChequeDetails	Amount
937	Smale – clerk’s expenses	36.25
938	Smale - clerk’s salary	278.35
939	HMRC - Clerk’s tax	69.40
941	K Jane – grass cutting	85.00 (Amenity Trust)

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 30.06.2019	5,264.70
MINUS Unpresented cheques	12.00
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0
Current Account	5,252.70
Savings Accounts	3,403.02
TOTAL FUNDS	8,655.72

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Community Lengthsman	1,770
Elections	400.00
	3044.29

Total uncommitted funds £5,611.43

10.09.16 The following Correspondence was noted and thanks extended to Cllrs Hosking and Pannell for the grants towards the village hall projector.

Pensions Regulator Automatic Enrolment Duties - Acknowledgement of re-declaration of compliance

Email from Mr Hyde regarding Tidy up Diptford

Notification of road closure Road Closure to complete SWW Utility works outside Tor View. These works, subject to approval from Devon Highways these works will take place 18/11-22/11/19.

Rural Services network Bulletin – 6th, 13th 20th, 28th August, 3rd Sept.

SHDC News – 6th, 12th, 27th August

Rural Services Network Funding Bulletin – 7th August

NALC Chief Exec. Bulletin – 9th, 16th, 23rd August

DALC Newsletter – 16, 17

NALC Newsletter – 14th Augustu

Cllr Pannell – Re grant for Parish Hall Projector

Cllr Hosking – Re grant for Parish Hall Projector

Parish Online News and Updates

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Meeting closed at 8.35 PM

