

# DIPTFORD AMENITY TRUST MEETING

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall, Diptford

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

## MINUTES

- 10.09.01 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Peach and Mike Cox.
- 10.09.02 The minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the chair.
- 10.09.03 The Chairman reported that the Playing Field was looking very nice and that feedback from local residents confirm it is a well-used space. Councillors agreed that the Field was looking good.
- 10.09.04 The Financial Report was noted with amendments from the clerk outlining outstanding payments:

### IN

£100 donation from Horse Show

£2,000 for sale of Mower

BALANCE CURRENT ACCT      £5956.35

### OUT

£81.60 Grass cutting

**Outstanding payments - £170 and £85 for grass-cutting – Money available: £5,701.35**

BALANCE SAVINGS              £36.30

- 10.09.05 Assets were reviewed and it was noted that the Youth Shelter has been refurbished in 2019.
- 10.09.06 The refund of £16.80 from Zurich following the sale of the grass cutting equipment was noted and the claim form counter-signed by the Chair. The Risk Schedule was reviewed and it was agreed that the Clerk would confirm with the Playing Field Committee that the play equipment is inspected fortnightly and the inspections logged.
- 10.09.07 The Playing Field Group Report was read out:  
**PFG Chairs Report – 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019:**

October 21<sup>st</sup>, we held the Parish Boundary Walk, although this time turnout was one of the lowest, raising just £30, although weather was great. Thanks to James Hill for

arranging route, Helen Worth for the lunch stop refreshments, the WI for serving the cream tea at the end and the Church council for use of the church.

During Autumn, thanks go to Riley Lunt who has contributed to the upkeep of the playing field, forming part of his Duke of Edinburgh bronze award. Riley cleared a downhill path section through the wooded area for bikes / skate boards to adventure, and cleared weeds from round the tennis court.

Devon's County Council Locality TAP fund for 2018 provided ~£1200 which has seen the installation of a shingled picnic area. Previous WI donation of £600 has contributed to a new picnic bench and provision of a canopy which is to be hung from installed posts, providing some shade in summer sun.

The March Maintenance day focused on build of a BBQ stand and painting the wall in the new picnic area. Additionally, three tennis fence posts were repaired and the Tennis area swept through. In May a BBQ event for Diptford was arranged, which was well attended by the group members and families. The skate area was swept through, pigeon spikes added to swing top beam, slide painted and the Shelter was re-opened following a complete refit, thanks to Dave Bodiley. This will put it in good stead for another 40years.

Over the year we have supported the local events of the Horse show and Diptford Fete, organizing the running events.

Going forward we have an open BBQ event on 15<sup>th</sup> September and plans in place for this year's Parish Walk, planned for 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Finally, thanks also go to the Amenity Trust / Parish Council for arranging the grass cutting over the summer.

**10.09.08**      **It was agreed that the grass cutting contract would be reviewed at the March 2020 meeting. The ROSPA Safety Inspection Report, March 2018 was reviewed and it was agreed that the Clerk would confirm with Mike Cox actions completed and outstanding in response to the recommendations and bring to the March meeting.**

**10.09.09**      John Foster reported that the tree next to the tennis courts was not overhanging the neighbouring garden but that it was very overgrown and would soon start interfering with the tennis court netting.  
**It was resolved that the tree be removed and Cllr Foster will pursue quotes and payment options.**

**10.09.10**      Date of next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The meeting closed at 7.50 PM