

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 9 October 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Diptford

Questions from the Public

Liz Hitchins, Chair of the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance and Chair of Brixton Parish Council, and Adrian Cable, from South Hams CVS, explained about the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance and their work to create dementia friendly communities. They plan to submit an application to the Lottery Awards for All programme to employ a co-ordinator to visit people with dementia and their carers to help them stay active and involved in their communities. The cost for the one year project would be around £10,000 to include the creation of a website and marketing materials. They asked if the Parish Council could lead the application and distribute funds. There were some concerns about whether the funds going through the Parish Council budget would put the Parish Council into a different financial category which would require external auditing. It was agreed to investigate and make a decision at the November Parish Council meeting.

Update from District and County Councillors

Cllr Hosking has reported all the Highways Actions but not received an update yet. The Gara Bridge design has been chased. An email with the Scambassador details will be sent to all parishes and circulated. DCC is overspent by £8.5m half way through the year mainly due to extra demands on Childrens Services. The Foster Carer fees and allowances will be changed. Some carers are underpaid, and other overpaid. This will be corrected but there may be some concerns. DCC has just guaranteed that fees and allowances will stay the same for children currently in care.

Cllr Hosking has two local funds at the moment. Invest in Devon and the Locality Funds. He agreed to fund £400 towards the composting toilet from his Locality Fund and there may be more money available from the Invest in Devon budget. The Clerk will investigate.

Cllr Steer reported that the new planning application for Sherford has been passed. This includes details of the new above ground water storage.

Both Cllr Hosking and Cllr Steer agreed to re-allocate unspent money from the defibrillator (which was cheaper than expected) towards the composting toilet. The new road at Slapton will re-open on 20 October.

Steve Mullineaux, acting Deputy Chief Executive at SHDC, attended in response to concerns about the waste collection services. They are still checking the Diptford route but feel that most of the problems have been sorted. Councillors agreed although Cllr Peach noted that there was no collection on Friday at some addresses in Curtisknowle and that it is still difficult reporting missed collections on the website system on Fridays. It was agreed that Cllr Peach will contact Steve Mullineaux directly regarding any further problems and take the lead on any problems with rural deliveries. Councillors thanked Steve Mullineaux for attending three times and resolving the main problems. It was agreed that there was no need for Mr Mullineaux to attend again.

Steve Mullineaux explained the new customer service initiatives South Hams District Council are undertaking at the moment. Further information is available at <https://www.engagement.southhams.gov.uk/>

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Present: Cllrs Foster (Chair), Franklin, Peach, Crocker, Lethbridge, Parker-Davidson, DCC Cllr Hosking, SHDC Cllr Steer, Zoe Oldman (Clerk) and two members of the public.

09.10.1 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Baggott and Cllr Hill.

09.10.2 **To note declarations of interest and Dispensations in items on the Agenda** Cllr Lethbridge declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 3222/18/FUL and Cllr Parker-Davidson, as the Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council, declared a non pecuniary interest in the Finance item regarding funding for the Graveyard and the correspondence item regarding burial spaces.

09.10.3 The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 September 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

09.10.4 Diptford Playing Field

Diptford Amenity Trust. Current account £4,628.94 Savings Account £30.86

- a) To discuss training for grass cutting volunteers – postponed in the absence of Cllr Hill
- b) To discuss storage for the ride on mower – postponed in the absence of Cllr Hill
- c) It was agreed that TAP funding & the defibrillator underspend would be spent on a composting toilet for the Playing Field. This needs to be spent by January. The Parish Council will retain the VAT refund for the defibrillators unless needed for the composting toilet.
- d) To discuss traffic calming measures near the Playing Field & a possible Community Fund bid – this will be discussed with neighbouring parishes and agreed at the November meeting.

09.10.5 Planning Applications

2718/18/HHO Householder application for construction of single storey extension to farmhouse
Thorn Farm, Beenleigh Bridge Road, Diptford, TQ9 7NF
Support

The following planning application was received just before the meeting. It was discussed but will be ratified at the November meeting. Cllr Lethbridge left the room during the discussion.

3222/18/FUL Provision of agricultural building
Holsome Park, Diptford, TQ9 7NA

Support

The Parish Council has concerns that the new building is set right on the edge of the lane and that trees will have to be taken down. Re-planting of the trees is advised.

Planning decisions made by SHDC:

3057/18/TPO Grant of exemption for a tree preservation order at Avonwick Station Beneknowle to Brushford, Diptford.

2096/18/FUL Hastings Farm, Etheridge, Diptford, TQ9 7NQ
Councillors noted SHDC's proposed amendments.

09.10.6 P3, footpaths & highways

- a) Highway issues were discussed with Cllr Hosking.
- b) DCC has provided further information on Larkham Quarry. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support any permissive right of way which tackled the problem of the slippery slate. The Parish Council would consider applying for a grant to improve access to the historical site. Grants and the Precept will be discussed at the November meeting.
- c) The Clerk will keep chasing DEFRA regarding mud on the road.
- d) The school parking problems will be discussed at the November meeting.

09.10.7 Defibrillator

The defibrillator will be arriving soon from Heartswell so it will be installed as soon as the local electrician is free.

09.10.8 Finance

- 1. To approve cheques for payment:**

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
886	Clerk's September expenses - Office £16 Stamps £8.08 mileage £24.30		48.38
885	Clerk's September salary		297.15
884	HMRC – Clerk's September tax		35.60
TFR	Transfer from Treasurers account to saving account (defibrillator reserves)		419
887	Purchase of Curtisknowle defibrillator	145.83	875
888	Ivybridge Ring & Ride contribution		100
889	Contribution to the upkeep of St Mary's Churchyard		400
Receipts			
TFR	Second instalment of precept		4,198.50
TFR	Transfer of £875 for the defibrillator from the Savings account (reserves)		875
10.09.18	15p interest in saving account		0.15

2. To receive the Financial Statement

Lloyds Current Account to 28.09.18	8,503.55
<i>Less</i> payments & unrepresented cheques	1756.13
<i>Plus</i> uncleared receipts	0
	6747.42
Total Current Account	6747.42
Lloyds Saving account to 28.09.18	2,874.67
Total funds	9622.09

Earmarked Reserves

P3 Footpaths	74.29
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
Community Lengthsman	1000.00
Defibrillator	1000.00
Total Reserves	2874.29

Total uncommitted funds £6747.80

3. To discuss the following requests for funding:

- A contribution towards the Parish News - £100 agreed
- A contribution towards the cost of the telephone line in the Village Hall – postponed until November due to the absence of Cllr Hill
- A contribution towards the upkeep of the Church graveyard - £400 agreed

4. To agree action regarding the defibrillator underspend

The cost of the defibrillator has reduced from £1500 to £875 following changes at Heartswell. £345.83 of this money was donated from the Parish Council VAT reclaim. It was agreed to use the £381 for the composting toilet. The Parish Council will keep £345.83 reclaimed from HMRC unless needed for the composting toilet.

- The cheque for Ivybridge Ring and Ride will have to be reissued as there were uncertainties regarding the exact description of the payee.

09.10.9 AONB Management Plan consultation

The local AONB consultation event will be on Monday 22 October at 6.30 p.m. at the Flavel Centre, Dartmouth.

09.10.10 Parish Council dates 2019

The list of dates is attached. The election for Parish Councillors will be held on the first Thursday in May. A decision will be taken about the date of the Annual Parish Meeting at the November meeting.

09.10.11 Correspondence received & available at the meeting

Letter from Diptford and North Huish PCC to inform the Council that at the present time there are less than 30 burial spaces left in Diptford graveyard and when these have been used application will be made to close the graveyard as is now the case at North Huish.

The Parish Council has investigated their duties and powers. They have a power (the capacity) to be a burial authority but no duty to provide burial spaces. Cllrs raised significant concerns about becoming a burial authority. There were also concerns about watercourses within the Glebe land, the only possible site for additional burial spaces.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would write to the Parochial Church Council setting out this decision.

Invitation from CPRE to an event on Devon's real housing needs on Friday morning, 12th October 2018, at the Best Western Hotel, Tiverton – noted.

Invitation to the next Devon Community Resilience Forum FREE event. – Thursday 22nd November 2018 at Broadclyst Victory Hall, Broadclyst – noted.

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NALC newsletter

Healthwatch Voice

Devon & Cornwall Police Alert

Cllrs discussed the proposed road closure at Moreleigh. The notice will be placed on the noticeboard.

09.10.12 Any other business

The contacts for the Environment Agency in the event of a flood are Cllrs Foster and Franklin and the Clerk.

The Clerk will send a letter to the PCC expressing concern about the brambles and overhanging vegetation on the church wall.

It was agreed that the Christmas Tree would be funded by the Parish Council and provided by Cllr Foster.

Meeting ended 9.40 p.m.

Date of next Meeting Tuesday 13 November at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Cllr Lethbridge has provided apologies.

2019

Parish Council meetings

8 January

12 February

Note Annual Parish Meeting has to be held within 1 March and 1 June

12 March

2 April – note moved forward a week

14 May Parish Council and Annual Parish Council meeting

11 June

9 July

13 August

10 September

8 October

12 November

10 December

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