

Diptford Parish Council Virtual Meeting

Tuesday 8th Sept 2020 7.00 pm

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Franklin, (SF) (Chair), Baggott (BB), Crocker (TC), Hill (SH), Lethbridge (LL), Peach (CP), Hosking (DCC), Smerdon (SHDC), Pannell (SHDC) and Sally Smale (Clerk)

2020/71 **Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Foster and Parker-Davidson.**

District Councillor Report – See App. 1

SF commented that she was pleased to see that the police are offering virtual meetings.

Cllr Smerdon added that there had been a spate of fly-tipping in the area. Cllr Smerdon left the meeting.

County Councillor Report – See App. 2

Shorter Cross to Morleigh - Cllr Hosking asked Council to indicate worst areas for cleaning.

Discussion on the problem of speeding along this road and Cllr Hosking advised council to write to MP to support the current discussions about introducing a national speed limit for single-track roads.

Cllr Hosking to follow up CP concern at lack of a “give way” sign at Short Cross. Discussion around what could be done to improve the road layout here and **SF to liaise with Cllr Helen Reeve of Halwell and Moreleigh parish council to agree a preferred outcome** – DPC suggesting sign “No entry except for access”. County Cllr Hosking will investigate and follow up. It was noted that SF has reported lots of pot-holes.

Cllr Hosking will get an update on work to Gara Bridge which has been delayed due to COVID-19

Concern at SATNAVs taking traffic down the unmetalled road Curtisknowle – Broadley. **Clerk to follow up on Cllr Gilbert’s offer to provide info on a local initiative to delete unsuitable routes from SATNAVs.**

Cllr Hosking to provide update on road reclassification

CP reported that the grit bin had been replaced at Crabadon.

Cllr Hosking left at 7.25pm.

Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance but SF had 2 items to raise from parishioners:

- BT Openreach have a scheme which would give everyone on Gara Bridge exchange a fibre WiFi connection free within a year providing most of them sign up to say they want it. **SH to follow this up and bring to Oct. meeting.**
- A member of the public has expressed an interest in taking on the role of Tree Warden in the parish. SF to send details to clerk

Standing Orders commenced at 7.30pm.

2020/72 **There were no declarations of interest and dispensations in items on the Agenda.**

2020/73 **In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1(2), the Council determined there were no items on the agenda to be taken with the public excluded .**

2020/74 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th Aug., as previously circulated, were confirmed and will be signed by the Chair**

2020/75 **The following updates on resolutions from the last meeting were received:**

- Wheat Park – SHDC are waiting for the return of a questionnaire from Jamieson Homes which might detail a timeline for their work. Clerk has been advised to report the untidy site as a planning breach.
- Oakenham Bridge – no comments have been received from DCC but the neighbouring landowner has replied: “The riparian owner had the bridge repaired about 10 years ago and I use it for access on a regular basis, therefore the bridge is no longer dangerous and doesn’t need to be blocked.” Although DPC are still concerned that the bridge might not be safe, **it was agreed that DPC could not pursue this further.**
- Larcome Woods – no further action

2020/76 **Highways and Community Lengthsman**

- a) Lengthsman and SPD planning on erecting the new noticeboard at the end of the month
- b) The new website informing re completed, current and future works was noted.

<https://apps1.wdm.co.uk/Live/Devon/PBLC/PIP/Map.aspx?cg=sws>

2020/77

Diptford Playing Field

a) **Diptford Amenity Trust Accounts end August were noted**

Current account £4,380.31

Savings £41.30

b) **The payment for K Jane - £85.00 – August Grass Cutting was approved**

c) **The Annual Maintenance report from Wicksteed has not arrived and will be on the October agenda. SH noted a rotten panel on the slide and it was agreed clerk would contact the Playing Field Group to request that this be dealt with as a matter of urgency. The extra charge of £60 + VAT was noted.**

d) **It was agreed that the clerk would sign and return the maintenance and inspection contract to SHDC**

2020/78

The following planning application was considered:

a) 2699/20/FUL Mr C Worth Replacement dwellings following class Q approval (0954/19/PDM) including garaging and landscaping Barn At Laplands Farm Crabadon Cross To Laplands Farm Diptford TQ9 7

<http://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/202699>

CP pointed out that the ecology report noted there is Barn Owl in the vicinity yet did not consider the building work would cause a disturbance. Agreed that the driveway onto the road is potentially dangerous and suggested that visibility at the entrance be improved.

At 8.01 SF had technical difficulties and left the meeting. It was agreed that SH would chair the meeting.

2020/79

Finance

1. The following payments were approved and receipts noted:

Smale	2020/15	Clerk's Pay	374.05
Smale	2020/16	Clerk's Expenses (Mileage)	13.50
Smale	2020/16	Clerk's Office (Phone / heating /)	16.00
Modbury PC	2020/17	CiLCA registration	70.00
2020/18	A payment to J. Widdicombe for lengthsman work was also approved		144.00

Receipt of £300 from Cllr Hosking (DCC) towards noticeboard

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 31.08.2020	4,401.21	234.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
MINUS Unpresented cheques	0	800.00	Winter Emergency Planning
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0	2,593.33	Community lengthsman project
Current Account	4,401.21	1,750.00	Amenity trust
Savings Accounts	6,658.16	1,280.83	Contingency
TOTAL FUNDS	11,059.37	6,658.16	Total

Total uncommitted funds

£4401.21

3. It was agreed that no actions were required as a result of the budget monitoring statement. BB to discuss with clerk.

2020/80

It was agreed to accept the draft website design with a few tweaks to content and wording and that the clerk and SPD would progress work in liaison with the company

2020/81

Agreed that the review of parking permits was a contentious issue but that DPC would not respond officially.

2020/82 **Agreed that DPC would not respond officially, but a general agreement that the “Planning for the Future white paper” would change the whole planning landscape and remove many of the current restrictions which currently control over-development.**

2020/83 **DPC has no response to the SHDC Licensing Policy as there is no Pub in the village.**

SF re-entered the meeting at 20.08

2020/84 **The following correspondence was received:**

Cllr Hosking - confirming grant of £300 towards the notice-board

- COVID-19 Local Outbreak Management Plan and three further updates

Cllr Pannell – Honour your COVID hero

Rural Services Bulletin 4th , 11th , 18th , 25th August

DALC Newsletter 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46

SHDC – Climate Change and Biodiversity Newsletter

NALC – 14th , 21st ,25th , 28th August

DCC – 6 newsletters

SHDC – 3 Newsletters

Devon Communities Together – 5 Briefings

South Hams CAB – on the lookout for new trustees

Meeting finished at 8.10pm

Next meeting Tuesday 13th October