

## Diptford Parish Council September News

DCC Councillor Hosking and SHDC Councillors Pannell and Smerdon sent email updates – these can be viewed on the parish council website.

<https://diptfordparishcouncil.org/minutes/>

### The following items were discussed with Cllr Hosking:

Discussion on the problem of speeding along the Shorter Cross to Morleigh 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 Halwell and Moreleigh parish councils to agree a preferred outcome – DPC suggesting sign “No entry except for access”.

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

### 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.**

### Lengthsman and Highways

The Lengthsman and SPD are planning to erect the new noticeboard at the end of the month.

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>

### Diptford Playing Field

It was agreed that the clerk would sign and return the maintenance and inspection contract to SHDC and that the repair of some rotten boards on the slide would be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

### Website

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

**Next meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October**