

No members of the public attended the January meeting.

The County and District Councillor's reports are available on the website:

<https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>

In addition to the items in the appendix Councillors fed back from a meeting attended during the afternoon regarding the vaccine programme in South Hams. The Centre is at St Boniface House near Buckfastleigh. There will also be 2 large scale testing sites in Plymouth and Exeter which is hoped will reduce any pressure on the smaller local sites. Devon aims to roll out testing for people without symptoms but working on the frontline.

CP fed back on the unsuitability of St. Boniface House due to poor signposting and inadequate parking. BB highlighted the greater flexibility of the Additional Restrictions Grant which will hopefully make it more accessible for businesses who have fallen through the gap in previous schemes.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-youre-eligible-for-the-coronavirus-additional-restrictions-grant>

Public Forum

SF brought to the attention of Council that there had been a case of severe vandalism on a property in the parish followed by malicious correspondence. DPC sympathises but can do nothing as a corporate body. It was agreed that this was a police matter.

Diptford Playing Field

Tennis courts

SH reported that the courts had been treated but weather conditions had prevented a sweep and negated the treatment. The courts are currently closed due to COVID-19 and it was agreed to put this work on hold until the closure is due to end.

Highways and Community Lengthsman

Road-sweeping

It was agreed to hire Cranheath Transport for an 8 hour day to sweep the roads

Priority areas:

Coombeshead Cross to Bickham Bridge

1 mile

Diptford Village – Holsome Lane to Diptford Cott (In particular – just south of Overavon towards Diptford Cott)

1 mile

Diptford boundary (Holsome Park Farm) to Diptford Cross in the village – passing places are very overgrown.

The road from Curtisknowle to Crabadon Cross, in particular the stretch between Cope End/Curtisknowle House to Lanquillet which is approx **half a mile**.

Road from New Rectory corner to Brushford (**approx.. 0.7 miles**)

CLlr Crocker to liaise with Cranheath to agree priority areas if not all of the above can be done in the 8 hours

DPC agreed to support the following Planning Application was considered

3965/20/HHO

Householder application for demolition of existing sun room and single garage to create extended kitchen/diner & utility. Erection of new double garage in garden.

Cope End Curtisknowle TQ9 7JX

Finance

The following grant funding for 2021-2022 was agreed:

- CAB - £100
- Parish Hall - £200

- Graveyard maintenance - £475
Mobile Library – clerk to bring to next meeting for grant funding of £50. in this financial year

The budget as proposed by Cllr Baggott and detailed in App. 3 (available on the website) was agreed. The precept demand of £13,100 was agreed.

The Band D parish rate will be £50.19.

This is an increase of £11.85 (in comparison to 2020/21)

Community Noticeboard and Website

The DPC Community Notice board and Community Information Website Policy (Distributed previously) was agreed and it was noted that the website and board were for information and not commercial advertising. It was agreed that SPD would purchase a key safe for agreed community groups to have access to the board.

It was noted that the village Christmas tree had been damaged in the storm and remedial work had been done by Cllr Crocker and Graham Lethbridge but that the lights were damaged and would need replacing next year.

SF thanked everyone involved in erecting, decorating and repairing the tree and to the Bakers for providing an electric source.

Next meeting Tuesday Feb 9th 2021 at 7 pm.