

Diptford Parish Council Virtual Meeting

Tuesday 9th Feb 2021 7.00 pm

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (JF) (Chair), Franklin, (SF), Baggott (BB), Crocker (TC), Hill (SH) from 7.30pm, Lethbridge (LL), Peach (CP), Hosking (RH) (DCC), Smerdon (PS)(SHDC), Pannell (GP) (SHDC) and Sally Smale (Clerk)

No members of the public were in attendance and no matters were raised in the open forum

2021/12 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Parker-Davidson

Report from District Council (GP and PS)

See App. 2

SHDC supporting the build of an Aldi supermarket in Ivybridge

GP acknowledged the comment from CP that there had been a significant increase in fly-tipping and that this was possibly linked to charges at the recycling centre. He urged everyone to report incidences.

PS left at 7.16

Report from County Councillor (RH)

See App. 1

RH expressed disappointment at the delay in works to Gara Bridge

SF praised the work of the DCC Lengthsman

LL questioned the decision to close a planning breach investigation at a time when site visits are not being made. JF will request it be resumed as soon as visits are permitted.

RH left at 7.33

GP left at 7.36

2021/13 TC declared an interest in agenda item 2021/18 – Planning application

2021/14 In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1(2), the Council determined that no items should be taken with the public excluded.

2021/15 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th January 2021, as previously circulated, were confirmed and will be signed by the Chair

Update on resolutions passed at previous meetings:

- SPD is still speaking to WesternWeb re the new email accounts
- It was agreed that, until the weather improves, there is little point in repeating the work on the tennis court surfaces

2021/16 Diptford Playing Field

a) The Financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust was received

Current account £3,770.31

Savings account £41.30

b) Clerk will chase the tree surgeon regarding a quote for work on the damaged tree in the playing field

2021/17 Highways and Community Lengthsman

a) Work for the Lengthsman and to report to DC was identified during consideration of item b)

b) It was agreed that the communication from SHDC regarding road sweeping did not help with any decision-making, that the roads were in a state and that something needs to be done soon to alleviate the problem.

The following action was agreed:

- **SH speak to Lengthsman to assess what work he could take on**
- **Clerk to request that SHDC sweep the roads in the village inside the 30mph signs**
- **Once lock-down is lifted a team of councillors will walk the parish and identify the worst areas for road cleaning**

TC left the meeting for the following agenda item

2021/18 The following planning application was considered:

- a) 0194/21/FUL Agricultural building for machinery and fodder storage Higher Coombe Farm, Diptford. TQ9 7NP

Some concerns had been expressed about possible increased traffic blocking residents who have right of way on the lane and possible drainage issues. However it was agreed that it was a storage facility and traffic would be minimal and drainage concerns unfounded.

It was agreed that, as long as drainage is directed away from other properties, DPC support this application

2021/19 The following decision made by SHDC was noted

- a) 3698/20/CLP Diptford Court Farm Bungalow Diptford TQ9 7LY Execs The Late Mrs M Colwill Application for Lawful Development Certificate for proposed use as a dwelling without agricultural occupancy restrictions

DECISION: Cert of Lawfulness (Proposed) Certified

2021/20 Finance**1. The following payments were approved and receipts noted**

	Payments	Receipts
Modbury Parish Council Contribution to budget training		24.48
Ringmore Parish Council Contribution to budget training		4.32
S Smale salary	382.11	
HMRC Tax	2.00	
S Smale homeworking	16.00	
J Widdicombe	120.00	

2. The Financial Statement was received

Current Account End Jan 2021	£6571.02
MINUS Unpresented Graveyard maintenance	£400
PLUS Uncleared receipts	£0
Current Account	£6171.02
Savings Accounts	£6358.43
TOTAL FUNDS	£12,529.45

184.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
800.00	Winter Emergency Planning
2,183.33	Community lengthsman project
1,696.00	Amenity trust
1,495.10	Contingency
6,358.43	Total

Total uncommitted funds £ 6,171.02

2. The following requests for grant funding from this year's budget were approved:

- The Village Hall committee for the Parish Hall broadband line rental - £200
- The mobile Library - £50

2021/21 It was agreed that agreement of dates for the Annual Parish Meeting and The Parish Council Annual meeting (AGM) be deferred to the March meeting

2021/22 The following correspondence was noted:

Joel Sutton, Trustee of the Youth Mental Health Foundation.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Date of next meeting 9th March 2021