

**Diptford Parish Council Virtual Meeting**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**7.30 pm (Immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting)**

**MINUTES**

**Present** Cllrs Foster (JF) (Chair), Franklin, (SF), Baggott (BB), Crocker (TC), Hill (SH), Lethbridge (LL), Parker-Davidson (SPD), Peach (CP), Hosking (RH) (DCC), Smerdon (PS)(SHDC), and Sally Smale (Clerk)

**2021 32** There were no apologies for absence

**Report from DCC (RH)**

**See Appendix 1**

**Report from SHDC (PS)**

**See Appendix 2**

**2021 33** There were no declarations of interest and dispensations in items on the Agenda.

**2021 34** In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1(2), the Council determined no items should be taken with the public excluded.

**2021 35** The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, as previously circulated, were confirmed and will be signed by the Chair. Updates received:

- Email addresses – SPD will send out instructions on linking new addresses to outlook and clerk to send out new addresses and passwords
- Primrose Trail – there have been numerous objections which the clerk has forwarded to the Primrose Trail Group. SF reported that no local landowners have been consulted and that the feasibility study is inaccurate in many respects. Cllr Hosking stated that he would support the project only if the local electorate want it to happen. Clerk to attach DPC response to the feasibility study (See appendix 3)

**2021 37 Highways and Community Lengthsman**

It was agreed to bring this agenda item forward so that Cllr Hosking could contribute before leaving.

a) **It was agreed that the hay on the road at Curtisnowle be cleared by the farmer and was not a job for the lengthsman.**

b) Council considered the temporary bollards in place. Agreed they were unsightly but that they did do the job of protecting the listed bridge from years of damage. The permanent solution will be softer and more in keeping with the surroundings.

A local land-owner has complained to Cllr Hosking (not DPC) that access to his camping field is restricted as a result of the installation. This was considered and it was agreed that possible solutions would be widening the gate to the field or directing traffic on towards Moreleigh to turn the vehicle to access from the opposite direction.

There has already been damage to the marker cones (it was suggested that the CCTV camera footage be scrutinised to identify perpetrators). Cost of prosecution process was noted.

Most of the damage seems to be from traffic approaching the bridge from California Cross.

RH recorded a conflict of interest as the land-owner is a client of his. Cllr Gilbert will lead if required in the future.

The temporary structure is in place for 1 month.

**It was agreed to hold a site meeting with DCC Highways, DCC Councillor and DPC councillors prior to the work on the permanent solution commencing**

**Clerk to communicate with neighbouring parishes (Loddiswell and N. Huish)**

**Standing Orders were dropped for Mike Cox to update on The Playing Field (having been unable to attend the Annual Parish Meeting earlier)**

- It has been a quiet year
- The tennis courts have lasted well but it is likely they will not see another winter out. A decision needs to be made this year about future work and use) Clerk to seek quotes for resurfacing costs to inform fund-raising options

- The bamboo that has spread from a neighbouring garden is threatening further **damage (SH reported that he had requested this be sprayed. It was agreed that future prevention might involve digging a ditch and filling with concrete)**
- There has been maintenance work done on the swings and work is in hand to replace the climbing frame slide panel identified in the annual safety check.

**Standing Orders were resumed**

**2021 36 Diptford Playing Field**

a) **The Financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust was received**

**Current account £3,300.31**

**Savings account £41.30**

b) **The following payments were approved:**

K JANE 60 (Tennis courts)

K JANE 85 (Grass cutting)

**2021 37 Considered earlier**

**2021 38 The following planning decision made by SHDC was noted:**

- a) 3711/20/ARC Larcombe Barns Diptford Devon TQ9 7PD Thomas Roe Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4, 6 and 7 on Planning application 1015/20/FUL

**Discharge of condition Approved**

**2021 39 Finance**

**1. The following payments were approved and receipts noted:**

Modbury Parish Council	Contrib to end of year training	6.00	
Steven PD	Key lock for noticeboard	14.94	
Sally Smale	Clerk's Pay	342.77	
Sally Smale	Clerk's Office	16.00	
Kneebone Trees	Amenity Trust	470.00	
Kneebone Trees	VAT	94.00	
	Transfer from Amenity Trust		+ 470.00
Widdicombe		60.00	
VAT		12.00	
DALC subscription		135.53	
	Precept (First instalment)		+ 6550.00

**2. The End of Year Accounts (App. 1 – distributed previously) were received and it was agreed BB would advise clerk on transfer of funds from current to savings account to hold reserves.**

**2021 40 Future meetings**

**As it is still unclear whether there will be changes in legislation regarding virtual meetings it was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Council meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May followed by an ordinary meeting where this matter would be considered again.**

**JF thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.40pm.**