

Tuesday 10th August 2021 7.00 pm

Diptford Village Hall

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (JF) (Chair), Franklin, (SF), Baggott (BB), Crocker (TC), Hill (SH), Parker-Davidson (SPD), Pannell (GP) (SHDC) and Sally Smale (Clerk)

No members of the public were in attendance

2021 58 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lethbridge and Peach.

Report from SHDC Councillor (GP)

See Appendix 2

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

Cllr Thomas (DCC) had sent his apologies and an email regarding the recent unexpected road closures at Crabadon Cross:

In the light of Cllr Peach's email, I spoke at length to Nick Colton. Nick informs me that when the works are deemed to be an emergency – as this was – SWW have a statutory undertaking under emergency powers to shut the road. For the first part of the (official) closure, the diversion route had been checked and approved by county. I gather that the emergency extension over the last 2 days was run by the contractors, who have offered inappropriate verbal advice as to which roads to use. This has greatly exacerbated the problem. Nick recommends that the Parish write to SWW to complain and offer a local perspective as to the issues that have been encountered. On a personal note, I'm very sorry to hear that the works have been chaotic at best.

It was agreed that the clerk would send 2 letters to DCC and SWW

2021 59 TC declared an interest in item 2021 65 on the agenda.

2021 60 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th May, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair

2021 61 The actions taken by the clerk under the scheme of delegation June and July 2021 as listed in App. 1 (distributed previously) were ratified.

2021 62 It was resolved to end the temporary scheme of delegation to the clerk

2021 63 Diptford Playing Field

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

Current account £2520.31

Savings account £46.30

b) Two quotations were considered for the replacement of the gate to the playing field. (The third quotation had not arrived in time for the meeting.)

It was resolved that the cheaper quote would be accepted.

Clerk to ask contractor to proceed with work as a matter of urgency and to also request he repairs the panels at the top of the slide in the fort. (Identified in the monthly check)

c) The faults identified in the monthly inspection on 23rd July were discussed and the following actions agreed:

- JF to ask Mike Cox to remove loose sleepers at the base of the fort, repair the board at the top of the climbing ramp

- Clerk to ask J Hilton to replace boards at the top of the slide when replacing gate.

- SH confirmed that he had checked the remaining items and DPC would wait for the annual engineering check before committing to further work

d) It was agreed that the tennis court improvement was a long-term project dependent on significant grant-funding.

e) It was agreed to renew the maintenance contract with SHDC (This will be provided free of charge due to lack of provision 2020-2021 due to administrative error.)

2021 64 Highways and Community Lengthsman

a) It was noted that The Lengthsman has been very busy this last month.

b) Resolved that SPD ask if he can do the road-side weeds through the village.

2021 65 The following planning applications were considered:

Having declared an interest TC left the room

- a) 1809/21/OPA Mr & Mrs TL & SLM Crocker Outline application with all matters reserved for construction of agricultural worker's dwelling (resubmission of 0429/21/OPA) Coombeshead Farm Diptford Totnes TQ9 7NG
Support
- TC returned to the room.
- b) 2669/21/FUL Mr And Mrs Baker Conversion of barn into residential dwelling Springfield Barn Thorn Farm Beenleigh Bridge Road Diptford TQ9 7NF
Support

2021 66 The following planning decision made by SHDC was noted:

- a) 1511/21/CLE Land At Gara Bridge Moreleigh TQ9 7JT Craig Wensley Certificate of Lawfulness Existing Use Lawful development certificate for existing storage shed/building
Cert of Lawfulness (Existing) Refusal

2021 67 Finance

1. The following payments were approved:

S Smale	Clerk's Pay	349.74
S Smale	Clerk's Office (Phone / heating /)	16.00
S Smale	Clerk's Expenses (Mileage)	6.75
Information Commissioners Office		35.00
K Jane	Grass cutting	85.00 (Paid from Amenity Trust budget)

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 2 nd August 2021	£6315.55	184	P3 - Footpath maintenance
MINUS Unpresented: Clerk's Expenses 6.75 Clerk's Office 16.00 Clerk's Pay 349.74	£372.49	800	Winter Emergency Planning
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0	5,023	Community lengthsman project
Current Account	£5,943.06	2,196	Amenity trust
Savings Accounts	£9,298.82	1,865	Contingency
TOTAL FUNDS	£15,241.88	10,068	Total

Total uncommitted funds £5173.88

2021 68 Broadband Provision

There was no update this month.

Agreed that clerk would contact Moortec for further information.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 14th September

JF thanked everyone for attending the first face-to-face meeting in 16 months.

Meeting closed at 8.08pm