

Diptford Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 9th November 2021
(Following immediately on from the Amenity Trust AGM) 7.15 pm
Diptford Village Hall
MINUTES

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

No members of the public were in attendance.

2021 88 There were no apologies for absence

Report from District Councillor
(See App 2)

Report from Devon County Councillor
Cllr D Thomas (DCC) had sent his apologies.

2021 89 There were no declarations of interest and dispensations in items on the Agenda.

2021 90 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th Oct. 2021, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

Updates:

Email Addresses – SPD reported that his DPC email account was now working. **Agreed that all Councillors send SPD their phone number and availability for WesternWeb to assist all individually to set up their accounts.**

Broadband – deferred to next meeting

Flooding on road outside Glebe Land – DCC have stepped in and this is now in hand. It was noted that the water is now coming through the wall.

Clerk to chase Highways for confirmation of a time-scale for the work.

SPD to contact Exeter Diocese to inform them about the wall crumbling and ask them for clarification about where the water is coming from.

Response from Cllr Thomas to query regarding restrictions on imposing 20mph zones – **DCC will not be imposing further restrictions until the test project at Newton Abbot is complete and this has been delayed. Parish Councils are encouraged to continue to identify areas where they would like the restriction to be introduced.**

2021 91 Highways and Community Lengthsman

a) SPD to request the Lengthsman to:

- remove the trees growing through the wall between the 'Church Hard' and Water Lane which is at a lower level – ie opposite the cottages.
- clear the drain at Frogwell Dip.
- clear the road edges in the village ready for the clerk to request the SHDC mini sweeper

b) It was agreed that the priority areas for road cleaning (photos distributed previously), were Curtisknowle to prevent flooding and the entrance to the village (Oakenham Bridge to Church Park Close)

It was agreed that DPC budget would cover 2 days hire of Skid Steer and Road Sweeper - quote of £830 per day (plus VAT) (DPC to organise tipping.) and it is hoped this will be sufficient to cover these areas.

Clerk to apply for grant funding from DCC

c) It was noted that there had been a recent incident whereby an Ash tree had fallen on a passing vehicle.

SF to place a notice in the parish newsletter reminding landowners of their responsibilities to maintain their trees and hedges and liability should there be an accident.

2021 92 Planning

1. The following applications were considered:

a) **2818/21/FUL** Retrospective application to remove concrete silage panel walls and use existing hardstanding in old silage pit to provide 16 electric hook up pitches. Wheeldon Farm. TQ9 7JY

DPC wish to have it recorded that they do not object to this application but would have preferred it not to have been retrospective

b) **3720/21/ARC** Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4,5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11 of planning consent 3915/18/LBC. Crabadon Farm Cottage. TQ(7JZ

Support

2. The following Planning Decision was noted:

a) 2775/21/TPO Avonwick Station Diptford Totnes TQ9 7LU Mr Robin Gale T1: Ash - Fell due to ash dieback

DECISION: Tree Works Allowed

2021 93 Finance

1. The following payments were approved and receipts noted:

J Widdicombe		310.00
VAT (Widdicombe)		62.00
Parish Hall	Hall Hire	154.00
S Smale	Clerk's Pay	349.74
Modbury Parish Council	Clerk's Stationery / equipment	11.39
S Smale	Clerk's Expenses (Mileage)	29.25
S Smale	Clerk's Office (Phone / heating /)	16.00
Parish Hall	Grants	200.00
Church	Grants	475.00
From Amenity Trust for Gate payment		+935

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 1 st November 2021	9856.63	184	P3 - Footpath maintenance
MINUS Unpresented: Lengthsman 310.00 VAT 62.00 Hall Hire 154.00 Clerk's Pay 349.74 Clerk's Stationery / equipment 11.39 Clerk's Expenses (Mileage) 29.25 Clerk's Office (Phone / heating /) 16.00	932.38	800	Winter Emergency Planning
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0	4,573	Community lengthsman project
Current Account	8924.25	2,196	Amenity trust
Savings Accounts	9,988.17	1,865	Contingency
TOTAL FUNDS	18,912.42	9,618	Total

Total uncommitted funds £ 9294.42

3. The budget for 2022-2023 (See appendix 1.) was approved

4. DPC agreed grant funding of £100 to the CAB

5. A precept demand for 2022-2023 of £13,500 was agreed

The Band D parish rate will be approx: £51.72 (2022 – 2023 calculator sheet yet to be released)

This is an increase of: £13.38 (in comparison to 2021/22)

2021 94 It was agreed that the date for the Annual Parish Meeting in 2022 be Tuesday 12th April.

**Next Meeting:
Tuesday 14th December 2021 7pm, Village Hall**

Meeting closed at 8.40pm