

Diptford Parish News

November 2021

The Council met on Tuesday 9th November 2021 (Following immediately on from the Amenity Trust AGM) 7.15 pm

No members of the public attended the meeting.

Report from District Councillor

(See App 2 on our website - <https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>)

Report from Devon County Councillor

Cllr D Thomas (DCC) had sent his apologies.

Flooding on the road outside Glebe Land

DCC have stepped in and this is now in hand although it was noted that the situation had worsened and the water is now coming through the wall. The Clerk will chase Highways for confirmation of a time-scale for the work and Cllr Parker-Davidson will contact Exeter Diocese to inform them about the damage to the wall and ask them for clarification about where the water is coming from.

Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) This month the Lengthsman will be asked 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 in the parish 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. The clerk will apply for grant funding from DCC
- c) Cllr Thomas had responded in an email to our query regarding the announcement of restrictions on imposing 20mph zones. He confirmed that 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.
- d) It was noted that there had been a recent incident whereby an Ash tree had fallen on a passing vehicle. DPC would remind landowners that it is their responsibility to maintain their trees and hedges and they are liable should there be an accident.

Planning

Two applications were considered and DPC supported both but expressed their disappointment that one was a retrospective application.

Finance

1. **The budget for 2022-2023 was agreed (See appendix 1 on our website)**
<https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>

2. **DPC agreed grant funding of £100 to the CAB**

3. **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)

The Annual Parish Meeting in 2022 will be held on Tuesday 12th April.

Put the date in your diaries now – it would be good to see as many people there as possible to share what is going in the parish.

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 14th December 2021 7pm, Village Hall

Amenity Trust News

The AGM was held on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

Chairman's Progress Report (JF)

- The Chairman noted that the gates had been repaired and that the play equipment shows no significant deterioration over the last 6 months. (Two swings are currently removed for repair)
- It was noted that the tennis courts are rarely being used
- There has been a recent attempt to light a fire in the shelter. Everyone is asked to be vigilant and report any anti-social behaviour
- It was agreed that Cllr Hill will create a photo record of equipment for year on year comparison

Finance

The end of year accounts for Diptford Amenity Trust were agreed and signed by the Chair.

Maintenance

There had been no expressions of interest for taking on minor maintenance work in the field and it was agreed that DPC would continue to seek someone to fill this role.

If you are interested please contact the clerk at diptfordpc@yahoo.co.uk

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 8th March 2022