

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 11th January 2022

Diptford Village Hall

MINUTES

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

1 member of the public attended towards the end of the meeting

Cllr Foster wished everyone a Happy New Year

2022 1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Baggott, Crocker and Hill

County Councillor Report

Cllr Thomas had sent his apologies and an update regarding the camera on Gara Bridge: A CCTV specialist was employed to determine a suitable location in order to survey the bridge. Cluttering" of the highway had been avoided by replacing the existing highway signs post, and replacing it with the CCTV mast. The highway signs will now be located on the new CCTV mast.

The bridge has recently had repairs carried out under a road closure and it was decided to start installing the CCTV equipment using the same road closure to reduce the amount of disruption to the area. The ARC cabinet has been moved to a more suitable location to try and reduce the likelihood of damage caused by flooding etc.

The next stage is for Western Power Distribution to install an electricity supply so that installation can be completed.

He also reported that that the Newton Abbot trial 20mph zones project had failed, as the residents of Newton Abbot had voted against it happening in their town. This might mean that communities can pursue 20mph zones where needed – more info to follow.

South Hams District Councillor Report

See appendix 1 <https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>

2022 2 There were no declarations of interest and dispensations in items on the Agenda.

2022 3 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th December 2021, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair

2022 4 Diptford Playing Field

a) The financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust was received
Current account: £1020.31 Savings account: £ 46.30

2022 5 Clerk Vacancy

a) It was agreed that JF, SF and CP would be the appointing panel for the new clerk - agreeing hours, start date and salary within the agreed LCP1 substantive benchmark range. They would seek to recruit a temporary locum clerk, if necessary, pending a permanent appointment.

b) It was agreed that the vacancy would be advertised in the Kingsbridge and Salcombe Gazette should an appointment not take place.

Interviews to take place on Monday 17th January and current clerk to attend.

2022 6 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- Council thanked the Lengthsman who went out on Christmas day clearing ditches and drains in anticipation of the forecasted inclement weather.
- The water running off the Glebeland continues to be a problem and is being monitored and further investigated by DCC
- The dangerous trees overhanging the road at Avonwick have been reported – the work is complicated by overhanging cables.

Standing Orders were dropped for Rev. Sayle to speak:

- Diptford Parochial Church Council would welcome the opportunity to work with the Parish Council to support the community. DPC welcomed this and it was agreed all would consider opportunities for joint working going forward.
- There are no burial spaces left in the Church Yard unless there is room in existing family plots. The Church Yard will be closed and there will be an official notification in due course. There is a strict process to follow.

Rev. Sayle left the meeting and standing orders resumed.

2022 7 Finance

1. The following payments were approved:

S Smale	Clerk's Expenses (Mileage)	13.50
S Smale	Clerk's Office (Phone / heating /)	16.00
S Smale	Clerk's Pay (included tax)	349.74
Cranheath	Road clearing	1660 + 332 VAT

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 2 nd January 2022	£8313.01	184	P3 - Footpath maintenance
MINUS Unpresented: Clerk's Pay 349.74 Clerk's Office 16.00 Clerk's (Mileage) 13.50	£379.24	800	Winter Emergency Planning
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0	4,493	Community lengthsman project
Current Account	£7933.77	2,196	Amenity trust
Savings Accounts	£9988.33	1,865	Contingency
TOTAL FUNDS	17,922.10	9,538	Total

Total uncommitted funds £ 8,384.10

3. The impact of the new tax base figures provided by SHDC on the precept demand agreed at the November meeting was considered and it was agreed to revise the demand to £14,100 retaining a 3.10% increase giving a Band D parish rate of £51.75 = an increase of £1.56 (in comparison to 2021/22)

Meeting closed at 8PM

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 8th February 2022. 7pm, Village Hall