

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 8th February 2022

Diptford Village Hall

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (JF) (Chair), Franklin, (SF), Baggott (BB), Crocker (TC), Hill (SH), Lethbridge (LL), Parker-Davidson (SPD), Thomas (DT) (DCC), Smerdon (PS)(SHDC), Pannell (GP) (SHDC) and Sally Smale (Clerk), Ali Kohler (Clerk)

No members of the public attended.

2022 08 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Peach, Baggott

County Councillor Report

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Devon County Council's new Strategic Plan has been published. The heads are as follows: Respond to the climate emergency, Be ambitious for children / young people, Support sustainable economic recovery, tackle poverty and inequality, Improve health and wellbeing, Help communities to be safe, connected, and resilient. You can read the whole document at www.devon.gov.uk/strategic-plan

The Newton Abbot 20mph trial -You will recall from my report last month that the people of Newton Abbot voted against having a year-long 20mph zone in their town. The decision from County Hall has been that no new 20mph zones would be considered until successful completion and reporting / analysis ad taken place. Now, we revert to the previous position, where standard county policy applies. It is Nick Colton's view that Ugborough meets all of the necessary criteria with the exception of collisions / casualty data. As such, Ugborough is now officially on the list for consideration. SF stated that the 20-mile limit from the Totnes direction needs to be in place rather than 30-mile limit definitely at certain times of the day. **JF and SF to arrange a meeting with DT to discuss the 20-mile limit process**

Locality Budget - I still have some remaining localities money. If you have any projects in mind, the deadline for applications this Financial year is March 11th.

SF asked if DT to follow up that no camera has been installed at Gara Bridge as yet, but there has been no further damage to the bridge.

It was noted that the roads require to be repaired due to numerous potholes – **DT agreed to support this.**

DT (DCC) left the meeting at 7.20pm

South Hams District Councillor Report

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2022 9 Declarations of interest and dispensations in items on the Agenda.

JF declared an interest in planning application 0120/22/FUL

2022 10 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th January 2022, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair

2022 11 Diptford Playing Field

a) The financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust was received

Current account: £1020.31

Savings account: £ 46.30

The report stating the work required was discussed. Work cannot begin until the ground has dried out. All the play equipment requires to be power washed. **Councillors will inspect and possibly request locality monies for the works to be completed.**

2022 12 Appointment of Clerk

Ali Kohler has been appointed Clerk from 5th February 2022. Councillors thanked outgoing Clerk Sally Smale for her work during her appointment.

2022 13 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) The water running off the Glebeland continues to be a problem and is being monitored and further investigated by DCC. The land had been drying out and the situation has improved, the Drain has been cleared again. There is to be a survey of the drains carried out. **PS (SHDC) to ask for ICE signs**
- b) Update on the dangerous trees overhanging the road Diptford/Avonwick have been reported – the situation requires to be monitored due to the possible problem with the broadband cables. **No current action being taken.**
- c) Road closure – due to cables being installed and due to happen around April 4, can this disruption be kept to a minimum was discussed.
- d) The lengthsman is currently assessing and checking things and making his own decisions regarding minor works needed.

PS (SHDC) left the meeting and standing orders resumed.

2022 14 Planning

- a) There were no objections raised for planning application 0120/22/FUL by DPC.

2022 15 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	Toner Clerk's Stationary/Equipment	23.52
VAT	Re-imburse Smale Toner	VAT 4.70
S Smale	Clerk's Pay (included tax)	349.74
Mortimore	Handyperson repair to slide	62.04
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DCC	Grant for road sweeping	+500

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 2 nd February 2022	£6375.32	184	P3 - Footpath maintenance
MINUS Unpresented: Clerk's Pay 349.74 Clerk's Office 16.00 Clerk's (Mileage)13.50 Clerk's stationery 23.52 VAT 4.70	£407.46	800	Winter Emergency Planning
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0	3,333	Community lengthsman project
Current Account	£5967.86	2,134	Amenity trust
Savings Accounts	£9988.42	1,865	Contingency
TOTAL FUNDS	£15956.26	8316	Total

Total uncommitted funds £ 7,640.28

3. The Xmas Tree invoice for £100 was already agreed but is to be paid. Lights were kindly donated by TC
4. It was agreed to the request to fund the purchase of litter picking equipment for volunteers – 4 pairs of gloves, 4 hoops, 4 pickers =£72.10
5. It was agreed that DPC should apply for P3 grant funding.

2022 16 Policy

Sickness and absence policy was approved

Meeting closed at 8.15 PM

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 8th March 2022. 7pm, Village Hall

Amenity Trust Meeting

Tuesday 8th March 2022, prior to DPC meeting, Village Hall

Annual Parish Meeting

12th April 2022, 7pm, Village Hall