

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 9th August 2022

Diptford Village Hall

MINUTES

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

No members of the public were present.

2022 83` Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Thomas (DT), (DCC) and Pannell (GP) (SHDC),

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Matters arising

The accounts for the Diptford Jubilee Fund were circulated and it was confirmed that a small surplus of £392 was left after all expenses had been paid. It is unclear what will happen to the surplus of £392 and if the bank account will be closed after this money is spent. Robert Worms will be invited to the next parish council meeting to give an update and advise on what the funds are likely to be spent on.

Grant claim for previously agreed grant claim to be followed up and processed as it is still available to claim.

County Councillor Report

There is no monthly report from the County Councillor for August 2022

South Hams District Councillor Report

See appendix 2 <https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>

2022 84 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Foster declared an interest in planning application 2156/22/FUL for Higher Farleigh Meadow, Diptford.

2022 85 **The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th July 2022, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair**

2022 86 **Diptford Playing Field**

a) The financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust will be updated when access is gained to the bank accounts which is currently being dealt with. Below are the latest figures recorded

Current Account: £18.27

Savings Account: £46.30

The clerk has finally been given access to the Amenity Trust Current Account, after pursuing a complaint with Lloyd's bank with the problems gaining access. Due to the clerk raising a complaint with the bank. Compensation of £80 plus clerks travel/parking expenses have been paid into the main Diptford Parish Council Current Account for all the issues/problems.

An up to date set of accounts has been emailed to all councillors, for information.

b) The future use of the tennis court was discussed and it was agreed that it would be more beneficial for the tennis courts to be changed to multi sports use, going forward. This information will be forwarded to the new committee who are now looking after tennis courts.

2022 87 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) The verges around the village have not been worked on and are looking untidy. There is an issue with the verges which are partly on the highway around the graveyard. It is currently unclear who is responsible for the upkeep of these verges i.e., the church or highways or parish council. A letter is to be written by Cllr PD to Exeter Diocese and Nick Colton with regards to who is responsible for the verges between the Graveyard wall and the Highway.
- b) The collapsed drain at Glebelands needs to be investigated and repaired before the winter to stop any issues.
- c) Request for Lengthsman to clean the signs around the village.

2022 88 Planning

- a) Planning applications considered
 - 1. 2156/22/FUL Application to regularise and retain agricultural storage building (retrospective). Address: Higher Farleigh Meadow, Diptford TQ9 – **This was discussed and it was agreed that due to no proven agricultural need for this barn, the parish council could not agree to this and an objection be posted.**
- b) Planning applications to note:
 - 1. 1380/22/FUL. Location Diptford Primary School. Application type: full planning application. Proposal: Application for proposed installation of solar panels on the flat roof of existing preschool building. Decision: **Conditional Approval.**
- c) Planning applications withdrawn:
 - None to note.

2022 89 Finance

1. The following payments were approved:

A Kohler – Clerks Office - £16.00
A Kohler – Mileage - £9.00
A Kohler – Stationary - £10.00
HMRC – Clerk PAYE - £76.70
A Kohler – Salary June 2022 - £306.47
R Paul – Xmas Tree - £100
Plants - £110.00

Interest Received - £0.09

Note: £2000 to be transferred from current account to savings (reserves) ring fenced for the Amenity Trust before the next Parish Council meeting.

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 3 rd August 2022	£6940.83	£184	P3 - Footpath maintenance
MINUS Unpresented:	£0.00	£1000	Winter Emergency Planning
PLUS, Uncleared receipts	£0.00	£5283	Community lengthsman project
Current Account	£6940.83	£2,196	Amenity trust
Savings Accounts	£12688.92	£2865	Contingency
TOTAL FUNDS	£19629.75	£11528	Total

Total uncommitted funds £ 8101.75

2022 90 Correspondence

A big thank you to Beverley Sugden and her team who are looking after the planters around the village, the planters are looking lovely.

2022 91 Playing Fields

As noted above proposals for a multi-use courts rather than just tennis courts going forward.

2022 92 Tree Warden

Sadly, our current tree warden William Young has resigned. The Parish Council would like to thank him for his service.

If there is anyone who would like to take over as Tree Warden for the parish, please contact the parish clerk in the first instance.

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday 13th September 2022, 7pm, Village Hall

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