

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 13th December 2022

Diptford Village Hall

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (Chair) (JF), Franklin (Vice Chair) (SF), Parker-Davidson (SPD), Crocker (TC), Baggott (BB), Cllrs Pannell (GP)(SHDC) and Ali Kohler (Clerk)

Two members of the public were present

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2022 133 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lethbridge (LL), Peach (CP), Hill (SH), Cllrs Thomas (DT) (DCC) and Smerdon (PS) (SHDC)

Matters arising

County Councillors Report.

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

South Hams District Councillors Report

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

2022 134 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Foster planning application 3218/22/FUL and Cllr Crocker planning applications 3218/22/FUL and 3935/22/ARM

2022 135 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th November 2022, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair

2022 136 Diptford Playing Field

a) To receive the financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust

Current Account: £1,291.27

Savings Account: £46.30

b) Tennis Courts – To allow the area to be used by more people, the installation of outdoor gym equipment has been discussed. With hopefully being able to raise enough funds to purchase the equipment. A Grant of £2500 (Community Wellbeing Grant) to be applied for from Devon County Council. Cllr Pannell (SHDC) has agreed to a grant of £250 from his locality budget and Cllr Smerdon (SHDC) has confirmed that he too will give a grant of £250 from his locality budget. Grants to be investigated from SHDC and Fusion Leisure.

c) Play Equipment – confirmation required that repairs which have been highlighted have been completed. Clerk to chase this confirmation up.

2022 137 Highways and Community Lengthsman

A lot of work has been carried out on the damaged drains at Glebeland by Lengthsman and it has made a great difference to the excessive surface water. Cllr Parker- Davidson in looking to investigate further that all necessary drains are repaired if required. The drains are now mapped which should help with any future drainage issues.

A letter of thanks to be sent to the Lengthsman John Widdicombe for all his hard work at Glebeland, it has made such a difference.

A recharge invoice for 50 per cent of the costs for the Lengthsman's work at Glebeland draining works to be sent to Emily Rix (Savills). Clerk to raise invoice.

a) Planning applications considered:

1. 3935/22/ARM. Application Type: Reserved Matters Application. Land at SX748 558 Diptford (full grid reference 274857,55852) Applicant Name: Mr and Mrs Crocker. Application for approval of all matters reserved following outline approval reference 1809/21/OPA for construction of agricultural worker's dwelling. **Application supported.**
2. 3218/22/FUL: Application for the construction of new agricultural building and yard for storage of farm machinery, vehicles and hay with associated ground works and surface water drainage. Simpson Farm, Diptford, TQ9 7NF. **Application supported.**

b) Planning applications to note:

1. 3817/22/ARC. The Cabin, Diptford, TQ9 7NQ. Application Type: Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions (discharge). Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 (Foul Drainage) of planning consent 0705/20/FUL.

c) Planning Decisions:

1. 2156/22/FUL. Location: Higher Farleigh Meadow, Diptford, TQ9 7JW. Full planning application. Proposal: Application to regularise and retain agricultural storage building. Decision date: 9th November 2022. **Decision: Refusal.**
2. 3234/22/PDM Location: Greyhills, Diptford TQ9 7NQ. Prior Approval Agricultural building to dwelling C3. Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required to change the use of agricultural building to 1 No dwelling house (Class C3) for associated operational development (Class Q (a+b)). Decision date: 11th November 2022. **Decision: Prior Approval Required and Refused.**
3. 3817/22/ARC Location: The Cabin, Diptford, TQ9 7NQ. Application Type: Approval of Details reserved by Conditions (Discharge). Proposal: Application of approval of details reserved by condition 4 (Foul Drainage) of planning consent 0705/20/FUL. **Decision: Discharge of condition approved.**

d) Planning applications withdrawn

1. None to note

2022 139 Finance

1. The following payments were approved:

Payments

A Kohler – Clerks Office - £16.00

A Kohler – Mileage/Parking - £9.00

A Kohler – Stationary - £8.75

HMRC – Clerk PAYE - £171.80

A Kohler – Salary November 2022 - £688.02 (includes backdated increase from NALC pay award from 1st April 2022 of £244.05)

Receipts

Interest received £1.57

Transfers

none

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 7 th November 2022	£7,366.61	£344.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
MINUS Unpresented: Clerk's expenses	£33.75	£1000.00	Winter Emergency Planning
PLUS, Uncleared receipts	£0.00	£5283.00	Community lengthsman project
Current Account	£7,332.86	£5,200.13	Amenity trust
Savings Accounts	£14,692.13	£2,865.00	Contingency
TOTAL FUNDS	£22,024.99	£14692.13	Total

Total uncommitted funds £ 7,332.86

2022 140 Precept/Budget Information/ Financial Planning

The details of the Precept demand for 2023-2024 were noted. The Band D parish rate will be approximately £59.71 (2023-2024 calculator sheet yet to be released)

This will be an increase of approximately £7.78 (in comparison to 2022-2023)

2022 141 Glebe Land

See Highways for detailed update

2022 142 Graveyard

There has been no further update on the closure of the graveyard issued

An inspection of the Graveyard has been carried out by South Hams District Council and Rob Seukula. They do not feel that the condition of the graveyard was not as bad as others they have inspected. A further inspection will be carried out with their groundsman to check the condition of the walls, boundaries, etc. Once this further inspection has been completed, then further paperwork should be sent to PCC and further forms to the Ministry of Justice, when then has to set up a 12 month notice period of closure to the wider community. Currently there is no space for burials or cremations in the graveyard.

With regards to the maintenance of the graveyard, it is currently being carried out on a voluntary basis due to the regular grass cutter being unable to continue due to health reasons. As the PCC are struggling to find a replacement, the Parish Lengthsman has expressed an interest in additional work, his contact details will be forwarded to PCC from the Clerk.

A request for further information on the closure of the Graveyard has been made to PCC who meet again in January 2023.

2022 143 Correspondence – nothing to report

2022 144 Arrangements over the festive period – the Christmas tree is now in place and is looking lovely. Thank you to all who helped decorate the tree. A big thank you is also in order for the Baker family for allowing us to plug the Christmas tree lights into their electricity supply.

2022 145 Coronation of King Charles III – Celebrations to be considered at future meetings now that the coronation has been announced as Saturday 6th May 2023.

2022 146 To set date for Annual Parish Council Meeting

The date will be confirmed at the January Parish Council Meeting. The Annual Parish Council Meeting can be held from 1st March 2023 to 30 June 2023.

2022 147 Any Other Business

Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 10th January 2023, 7pm

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