

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Diptford Village Hall

MINUTES

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

There were no members of the public attending.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2023 001 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Baggott (BB) and Smerdon (PS) (SHDC)

Matters arising

County Councillors Report.

There was no report from Cllr Thomas, but he advised that he still has some locality monies from his budget available and has agreed to support our fundraising for outdoor exercise equipment for the playing field by giving a locality grant.

Cllr Thomas to look at the obligation of the Academy Trust to the Parish School, as no funding is forthcoming to fund the repairs to the School from the storm damage last year. Clerk to forward a copy of the school newsletter to Cllr Thomas.

The question of pot-hole reporting was raised and Cllr Thomas advised to keep reporting the pot-holes as those that meet the current pot hole repairing criteria should be repaired.

South Hams District Councillors Report

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

Cllr Pannell confirmed that Follaton House is no longer open to members of the public to access services. Parish council to write Chief Executive of South Hams District Council, as Follaton House is no longer open to members of the public and no notice was given to members of the public of this closure.

Cllr Franklin joined the meeting.

2023 002 Declarations of Interest – none declared.

2023 003 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th December 2022, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair

2023 004 Diptford Playing Field

a) To receive the financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust

Current Account: £1,206.27

Savings Account: £46.31

Receipts

Interest received - £0.01

Payments

Invoice 001250 – K Jane - £85.00 – grass cutting 5/12/2022

b) **Tennis Courts.** – Sadly, we were not successful in our application for a Community Well Being Grant but we have received locality grants totalling £500 from Cllr Pannell (SHDC) and Cllr Smerdon (SHDC) towards the provision of outdoor exercise equipment. Cllr Thomas (DCC)

has agreed to also provide a locality grant from his locality funding to this project, amount still to be advised.

c) Play Equipment - repairs completed confirmation, still to be received. The play equipment is now aging and needs more repairs due to the age and provision needs to be made for future replacement. Another defect report has been received and has further repairs that need to be actioned. Possibly request locality grants to help towards the replacement/repairs of the play equipment. The Defects reports are not always consistent, as reports are not completed by the same council officer each time.

2023 005 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) Highways** – Cllr Parker-Davidson to compose letter outline future payments of future works at Glebeland.
Advice to be looking into with DCC regarding the land-owners responsibility to their boundaries to the public highway. Cllr Parker-Davidson and Cllr Peach to provide a list of residents who have highway boundaries and letters to be sent to all residents requesting that they look after their boundaries with the public highway.
- b) Ploughing of Lanes** – This is now to be actioned week beginning 24th April 2023. Plough and bobcat hire to be arranged. Excess displaced mud and debris to be deposited on Cllr Crocker's land.
- c) Litter Pick** – Cllr Peach encouraged volunteers to help with litter pick of the road verges.

2023 006 Planning

- a) Planning applications considered:
1. None to consider.
- b) Planning applications to note:
1. 4399/22/PDM Application type: Prior Approved Agricultural building to dwelling C3. Applicant: Dr R Mugford. Location: Barns A & B at Fletcherscombe, Diptford. Notification of prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 2 no dwelling houses (Class C3) and for associated operational development (Class Q (a+b)); (Renewal of Class Q consents 3816/19/PDM)
- c) Planning Decisions:
1. 3079/22/FUL Location: Spindle Wood Farm, Halwell, TQ9 7JZ. Applicant Olivia Jenkinson and Will Hampton. Application Type: Full Planning Application. Grid Reference 275490 55321. Proposal: Erection of a rural worker's dwelling. Decision Date: 9th December 2022. **Decision: Conditional Approval.**
 2. 4136/22/AGR Location: land at SX7455 5780 Applicant name: Mr R J Soper Application type: Agricultural determination. Grid Reference 274557 57806. Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed agricultural machinery & fodder storage building measuring 18m x 57.7m height to ridge. Decision date: 23rd December 2022. **Decision: Ag Determination details required.**
 3. 2338/22/FUL Location: Barns at Lower East Moore Farm, Diptford TQ9 7PE. Applicant: Mr P Davies – PJD Construction Ltd. Application Type: Full planning application. Grid Reference 274755 58779. Proposal: Demolition of agricultural buildings (previously permitted as five dwellings under Class Q Ref 2688/21/PDM) & replacement with four residential dwellings & associated access, vehicular parking & landscaping. Decision Date 20th December 2022. **Decision: Conditional Approval.**

d) Planning applications withdrawn

1. None to note

2023 007 Finance

1. The following payments were approved:

Payments

J and MJ Widdicombe - £303.50 – Glebeland

A Kohler – Clerks Office - £16.00

A Kohler – Mileage/Parking - £10.80

A Kohler – Stationary - £8.79

HMRC – Clerk PAYE - £123.80

A Kohler – Salary December 2022 - £492.77

Western Web - £36.00

Western Web - £90.00

Receipts

Interest received £3.36

Locality Grant from Cllr Pannell - £250.00 (applied for)

Locality Grant from Cllr Smerdon - £250.00 (applied for)

Transfers

none

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 4 th January 2023	£6,717.09	£344.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
MINUS Unpresented: Clerk's expenses	£35.59	£1000.00	Winter Emergency Planning
PLUS, Uncleared receipts	£0.00	£5283.00	Community lengthsman project
Current Account	£6,681.50	£5,200.13	Amenity trust
Savings Accounts	£14,695.49	£2,868.36	Contingency
TOTAL FUNDS	£21,376.99	£14695.49	Total

Total uncommitted funds £ 6,681.50

2023 008 Glebe Land

All the works carried out have made a vast improvement.

2023 009 Graveyard

We have received a letter from the secretary of the Parochial Church Council of Dipford. Further to a visit in November 2022 of Rob Sekula of SHDC to assess the condition of the churchyard, he advised he would need to return with his groundsman to assess the state of the surrounding walls. The Parochial Church Council have yet to be advised of the outcome of the return visit,

and the PC will be updated as soon as that information has been received. After the information of the return visit is received, the secretary of the Parochial Church Council of Diptford will be forwarding the relevant information to the Ministry of Justice, after which a formal process is initiated relating to the closure order and transfer of maintenance to SHDC.

The Parochial Church Council of Dipford would like to pass on thanks to the PC for their support and assistance with the maintenance of Diptford Churchyard in 2022. The Parochial Church Council of Diptford are indebted to the generosity of the PC during 2022 but they also are looking for further support during 2023-2024 in the maintenance of the churchyard whilst the closure process is being gone through and the churchyard will ultimately be transferred to SHDC, especially due to the neglect the churchyard has suffered in the transfer process. The Parochial Church Council would appreciate any financial support that the PC feel they can afford to assist with the upkeep until the transfer to SHDC.

The matter of any further financial support will be on the agenda at the next PC meeting to be discussed.

2023 010 Correspondence – nothing to note.

2023 011 Defibrillator

The dates of the pads and batteries to be noted on the asset register, to ensure that replacement items are ordered timely when they are due to be replaced - as these items have a use by date

2023 012 P3 Parish Paths

Cllr Parker-Davidson to provide update on these and help provide possible grant application information.

2023 013 Date for Annual Parish Meeting

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting has been agreed as the Tuesday 25th April 2023. Speakers from The Primrose Trail will be invited to address the meeting. All local organisations will be approached for a report and will be invited to attend.

2023 014 Date for Dipford Annual Parish Council General Meeting

Due to elections the date for the Diptford Parish Council Annual General Meeting was agreed to be held on Thursday 25th May 2023

2023 015 Coronation of King Charles III

It was agreed that the Coronation of King Charles III would be shown on the Big Screen in the Parish Hall as part of the celebrations on Saturday 6th May 2023.

Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 14th February 2023, 7pm

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