

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 14th March 2023

Diptford Village Hall

MINUTES

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

There was one member of the public attending.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2023 030 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Peach (CP), Crocker (TC), and Pannell (GP)(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>

Open Forum

Matt Matthews (Deputy CEO) of the Link Academy Trust who run the primary school addressed the parish council with regards to the planning application for the replacement classrooms which were destroyed by storms. There are to be 2 classrooms linked to the main building. Mr Matthews answered questions from the parish council on the build and accesses required. Once the planning application is passed, it is hoped that the work on the new classrooms will start after the Easter holidays, to try and ensure that the new classrooms will be completed in time for the children returning to school in September.

Cllr Thomas (DCC) and Cllr Smerdon (SHDC) let the meeting.

2023 31 Declarations of Interest

1. Cllr Lethbridge planning item 0255/23/FUL
2. Cllr Franklin coronation celebrations

2023 032 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th February 2023, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

2023 033 Diptford Playing Field

a) To receive the financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust

Current Account: £1,206.27

Savings Account: £46.35

Receipts

Interest received - £0.02

Payments

none

b) Tennis Courts no update

c) **Play Equipment** - repairs have still to be carried out, hopefully soon as the weather improves. Cllr Thomas (DT) (DCC) has agreed to give a locality grant of £500 toward new equipment in the new financial year.

d) **School use of playing fields during building works** – the parish council agreed this and Clerk to contact school for confirmation of access needed during the building works.

2023 034 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) **Highways** – Gara Bridge has been damaged again. The incident was captured on camera and SHDC will seek compensation for the damage caused.
- b) **Road Sweeper** – Clerk to email Cllr Pannell (GP) (SHDC) to confirm that the street sweeper has not yet visited Diptford and can this be chased up prior to the ploughing of the lanes.
- c) **Ploughing of Lanes** – waiting for the street sweeper to visit before this commences.

2023 035 Planning

a) Planning applications considered:

1. 0255/23/FUL. Application Type: Full Planning Permission. Location: Holsome Park, Diptford. Applicant Name: GT & LE Lethbridge. The provision of an agricultural building to roof over two existing silage clamps. **The Parish Council support application.**
2. 0345/23/FUL Application Type: Full Planning Permission. Location: Wonton Farm, Diptford, Totnes, TQ9 7LS. Applicant Mr D Freeth. Provision of a Farm Shop with associated parking and landscaping. **The Parish Council agree with Highways concerns about public access to the Farm Shop getting amended but agree that the farm shop would be good.**
3. 0386/23/FUL. Application Type: Full Planning Permission. Applicant Name: Jane Acton – Common Flora. Location: Gladsfield, Diptford, TQ9 7PD. Erection of a temporary rural workers dwelling. **Application is not supported by the Parish Council.**
4. 0542/23/FUL. Application Type: Full Planning Permission. Applicant Name: Matt Matthews. Location: Diptford Primary School, Diptford, TQ9 7YN. Erection of 2 new classrooms block, with connecting link building to the main school. **The Parish Council support application.**

b) Planning applications to note:

1. 0359/23/PAA. Application Type: Prior Approval Application. Applicant Name: RJ Soper Full Grid Reference 274559, 57811 Land at SX7455 5780 Diptford. Prior approval application for provision of general-purpose agricultural machinery & fodder storage building following application 4136/22/AGR. **Note there is no statutory consultation requirement for this application – this is for information only.**
2. 0478/23/ARC Location: Barns at Lower Moore Farm Diptford TQ9 7PE. Applicant Name: Mr P Davies – PJD Construction. Application for approval details reserved by condition 8 (driveway, drains, retaining walls, etc) of planning consent 2338/22/FUL. **Note there is no statutory consultation requirement for this application – this is for information only.**
3. 0375/23/PDM – Location: Barn at SX 754 560 Diptford. Applicant Name: Mr and Mrs Collins. Application Type: Prior Approval Agricultural building to dwelling. Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to 2 no dwelling house (Class C3) and associated operational development (Class Q (a+b)). **Note there is no statutory consultation requirement for this application – for information only.**

c) Planning Decisions:

- 0228/23/ARC – Location: Barns at Lower East Moore Farm, Diptford, TQ9 7PE
Applicant Name: Mr P Davies – PJD Construction Ltd. Application Type: Approval of Details reserved by conditions (discharge). Proposal: Application of approval of details reserved by condition 5 (LEMP) of planning consent 2338/22/FUL.
Decision Date: 15th February 2023. Decision: Discharge of Condition Refused.

d) Planning applications withdrawn:

- None to note.

2023 036 Finance

1. The following payments were approved:

Payments

A Kohler – Clerks Office - £16.00

A Kohler – Mileage/Parking - £9.00

A Kohler – Stationary - £4.00

HMRC – Clerk PAYE - £123.00

A Kohler – Salary February 2023 - £492.77

Sue Franklin – keys for noticeboard - £16.25

FirstAid4Less – replacement pads and batteries for village Defibrillator - £395.82

Receipts

Interest received £7.51

Transfers

none

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 8 th March 2023	£4,486.71	£344.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
MINUS Unpresented: Clerk's expenses FirstAid4Less	£29.00 £395.82	£1000.00	Winter Emergency Planning
PLUS, Uncleared receipts	£0.00	£5283.00	Community lengthsman project
Current Account	£4,061.89	£5,200.13 £500.00	Amenity trust AT Locality Grant
Savings Accounts	£15,209.28	£2,882.15	Contingency
TOTAL FUNDS	£19,271.17	£15,209.28	Total

Total uncommitted funds £ 4,061.89

2023 037 Glebe Land

No update

2023 038 Graveyard

The Parish Council agreed a grant of £500 for the upkeep of the graveyard.

2023 039 Correspondence

None to note.

2023 040 Defibrillator

Replacement pads and batteries now purchased for village defibrillator. Clerk to check if electrician should be instructed to test/check the defibrillator.

2023 041 P3 Parish Paths

Cllr Parker-Davidson to provide update on these and help provide possible grant application information. No Grant request submitted to date.

2023 042 Coronation of King Charles III

A discussion took place as to how the Parish Council would mark the Coronation. A locality grant of £200 has been received from DCC and the Parish Council agreed to earmark up to a further £800 for a new piece of play equipment to mark the Coronation.

2023 043 Any other business

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th April, all groups to be invited to attend and submit a report including the new social group. A representative from the Primrose Trail has been invited to give a talk at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Next Meeting:

Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 25th April 2023, 7pm. This will be followed by the Parish Council Meeting (note the different date from normal due to the Easter Holidays)

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