

Diptford Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 25th April 2023

Diptford Village Hall

MINUTES

Present Cllrs Foster (JF) (Chair), Cllrs Franklin (SF) (Vice Chair), Crocker (TC), Hill (SH), Lethbridge (LL), Parker-Davidson (SPD), Peach, Baggott, Lethbridge (LL), Smerdon (PS)(SHDC), Pannell (GP) (SHDC), Ali Kohler (Clerk) and John Rawlinson (Primrose Trail)

Twenty-eight members of the public attended.

2023 01AP Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Thomas (DT) (DCC)

2023 02AP The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th April 2022, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair

2023 03AP Opening Address by Chairman Cllr John Foster

It has been an interesting year since COVID restrictions were lifted. The greatest success in the parish was the school finally getting work started on the new classrooms which replace the storm damaged ones. Having the school in the parish helps keep the parish alive as it helps attract families to the parish. A big thank you to all parish councillors for their hard work during this past strange year. Also thank you to Parish Clerk Ali Kohler for all her hard work during the year.

2023 04AP Primrose Trail

John Rawlinson gave an interesting talk on the Primrose Trail and how it came into being. He also gave information on the possible progression options of the Primrose Trail for the long-term foreseeable future. John Rawlinson then answered questions from members of the public.

Members of the public then left the meeting

2023 05AP County Councillor Report

DCC Councillor did not submit a report for the meeting.

2023 06AP South Hams District Councillor Report

See SHDC Annual Report <https://www.diptfordparishcouncil.org/meetings.php>

2023 07AP WI Report

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2023 08AP Diptford School Report

Update was given by Holly Edgington, the Academy Head. Finally, the building works have started on the new classrooms. A big thank you to everyone in the village for their support, the use of the Parish Hall as a classroom, etc. The building works should hopefully be completed in September 2023.

2023 09AP Diptford Social Club Report

2023 10AP Playing Fields Group

Mike Cox gave an update on the Playing Fields Group with regards to the maintenance which is required and that which is due in the near future.

Clerk to contact the Inspection Team for a full assessment of the surface of the tennis courts.

2023 11AP Diptford Short Mat Bowls

The group regularly meets and the average evening attendance is at a reasonable level.

2023 12AP Diptford Walk

There was a discussion on if it would be feasible to bring back the Diptford Walk. This will be discussed again at a future meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.15 PM

Next Meeting:

**Annual General Meeting of Diptford Parish Council
25th May 2023, 7pm, Village Hall**

**May 2023 Diptford Parish Council Meeting
25th May 2023, following on immediately after the Annual Parish Council Meeting**