

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Diptford Village Hall

## MINUTES

**Present Cllrs, Franklin (Chair) (SF), (Lethbridge (LL), Cllrs Hill (SH), Crocker (TC), Randall (JR), Carrol (LC), Hancock (DH) (SHDC), Thomas (DT) (DCC) and Ali Kohler (Clerk)**

No members of the public attended.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2024 121 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Parker-Davidson (Vice Chair) (SPD), Peach (CP) and Pannell (GP) (SHDC)**

### **Matters arising.**

Concerns have been raised by those living in the parish about speed which people are driving through the village and surrounding lanes. Although there have been no recorded accidents yet, it is quite dangerous when walking in the lanes to the village as there are no pavements and children do walk to school. The parish council ask that those with concerns contact Nick Colton at the Highways Department of Devon County Council with their concerns as well as contacting the Parish Council.

### **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**

**2024 122 There were no declarations of interest.**

**2024 123 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

Cllr Hancock (DH) (SHDC) left the meeting.

### **2024 124 Diptford Playing Field**

**a) To receive the financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust**

**Current Account: £2,923.00**

**Savings Account: £1,182.57**

#### Receipts

Interest received - £1.15

Easy Fundraising - £16.88

#### Payments

K Jane – grass cutting 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - £85.00

#### Transfers In

none

#### Transfers Out

none

- b) **Multi surface play area** – no update.
- c) **Play Equipment** – It was agreed that the safety inspection contract with SHDC be renewed.
- d) **Fund Raising/Grants** – no updates on further grant applications.
- e) **Bamboo at Playing Field** – This has now been chopped down and the roots have been treated (this will be on going). The area has been sectioned off whilst this is in progress.
- f) **Tree Surveys** – Clerk to check if the advice is to conduct tree surveys annually or bi-annually before advising contractor.
- g) **Trustees of Amenity Trust** – Deferred to AGM of Amenity Trust.

## 2024 125 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) **Lengthsman** – The Devon County Lengthsmen have visited the parish and has completed some excellent work in the lanes around the village.
- b) **Highways** – RA2322 – 3 KIN 2M – Beneknowle to Brushford Bridge, Avonwick Devon TQ9 7LU – Road Closure and Diversion 2/9/2024 – 12/9/24 between the hours of 0800-1700, 9-day shifts and no weekends.
- c) **Highways** – Reference TTR02458946 – Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic. From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (for a maximum of 18 months) to anticipated finish on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads. Roads Affected – Gara Bridge to Lower Common, Gara Bridge. The alternative signed route for vehicles will be via – California Cross to Comer Cross, B3196, South Brent Road, New Road to Newbridge Cross, Rakelane Cross to Sorely Green Cross, A381, Moreleigh Cross to Stanborough, Place Barton Farm to Lower Common, Gara Bridge to Lower Common, and vice versa. This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable – repairing the damaged bridge parapet and installing protection works.

## 2024 126 Planning

- a) Planning applications considered:
  - 1. Reference: 2501/24/FUL – Site Address: Etheridge Farm Barn, Diptford, TQ9 7NQ. Description: Demolition of existing barn and erection of two dwellings – **Comment - Support**
- b) Planning applications to note/decisions:
  - 1. Reference: 2265/24/CTN – Campsite Diptford – Description: Temporary Campsite. Notification for a temporary pop-up campsite to operate from 11.07.24 – 29.07.24 and 31.7.24 – 09.09.24. **Decision: Prior Approval not required. Decision Date: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**
- c) Planning Applications Withdrawn
  - 1. None

## 2024 127 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  
 J & JM Widdicombe – September 24 payment - £150.00  
 HMRC – Clerk PAYE - £169.96  
 A Kohler – Salary August 2024 – 556.80

## Receipts

Interest received - £10.65

## Transfers In from Reserves

£150.00 for lengthsmen September 24 payment (now paid by monthly standing order)

## Transfers Out to Reserves

None

## 2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	£2,131.21
MINUS Unpresented: Clerk's expenses	£29.00
PLUS, Uncleared receipts	£0.00
Current Account	£2,102.21
Savings Accounts	£10,495.12
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>£12,597.33</b>

£344.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
£1,000.00	Winter Emergency Planning
£4,176.60	Community lengthsmen project
£600.13	Amenity trust
£4,374.39	Contingency
£10,495.12	Total

**Total uncommitted funds £2,102.21**

### **2024 128 Glebe Land**

Waiting for response from Saville's.

### **2024 129 Graveyard**

South Hams District Council have now taken over the grass cutting at the graveyard and the first cut has taken place. If any regular visitor to the graveyard has difficulty accessing a grave they visit, please contact the church. The mapping of the graves in the graveyard is still ongoing.

### **2024 130 Correspondence**

Speed limits which have been dealt with under Open Forum

### **2024 131 P3 Parish Paths**

A meeting has taken place with Cllr Parker-Davidson, Cllr Randall, Paul McFaddon, and John Boyd to discuss works needed. It was agreed that works were needed on Footpath 1

(Village Hall to Mill Lane) and 3 contractors have been contacted to give quotes for the work.

**2024 132 Defibrillator Training**

This is currently being offered by the Air Ambulance for free and it was agreed that the parish council would hire the parish hall for this on a Thursday evening. Currently waiting to be advised of suitable dates to book the hall.

**2024 133 Council Email Addresses**

On going as problems with setting up

**2024 134 Any Other Business**

none

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

**Next Meeting:**

8<sup>th</sup> October 24 at 7pm Parish Council Meeting – Diptford Parish Hall

12<sup>th</sup> November 24 at 7pm – Diptford Amenity Trust AGM

12<sup>th</sup> November 24 at 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> December 24 at 7pm