

**Diptford Parish Council Meeting**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Diptford Village Hall**

**MINUTES**

**Present Cllrs, Franklin (Chair) (SF), Parker-Davidson (Vice Chair) (STD), Crocker (TC), Peach (CP), Carroll (LC), Hill (SH), Lethbridge (LL), Pannell (GP) (SHDC) and Ali Kohler (Clerk)**

**Two members of the public attended**

**2025 016 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Paterson (GP), Thomas (DT) (DCC), Hancock (DH)**

**Matters arising.**

**County Councillors Report.**

**See appendix 1 no report this month**

**South Hams District Councillors Report**

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

**Open Forum**

**2025 017 Declarations of interest Cllr Crocker regarding item 2 under planning applications.**

**2025 018 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

**2025 019 Diptford Playing Field**

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

**Current Account: £2319.96**

**Savings Account: £16,345.23**

Receipts

Interest received - £13.86

Locality Grant DCC - £500.00

Payments

Moss Killer - £56.98

Transfers In

none

Transfers Out

none

**b) Play park –** The parish council expressed their thanks to Ralph for all his hard work at the playpark and around the village. Work on the MUGA is now scheduled to start at the beginning of March and weather permitting that the MUGA is completed by the end of March.

**c) Grants and Fundraising –**Cllrs Pannell and Hancock have agreed locality grants of £250 each in the new financial year. A grant application has been submitted

to Devon Community Foundation and currently we are waiting to hear back about them

d) **Trees** – The boundary wall around the playpark may be at risk due to the trees in the park. The trees to all be assessed for the long term. The tree works on the Monterey Pine has now been completed.

## 2025 020 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) **Lengthsman** – Cllr Parker Davidson to contact the lengthsman regarding the blocked drains from Frogmore to Willowbrook.
- b) **Highways** – Clerk to contact Nick Colton as the pot-hole due to subsidence outside White Gates is now extremely dangerous – it is now not showing as a defect on the map. Will Devon County Council accept responsibility for any accidents that happen there as it has been reported numerous times. Also, the lady who lives opposite White Gates is now experiencing difficulties exiting her drive.

## 2025 021 Planning

- a) Planning applications considered:
  1. Reference: 0034/25/ARC – Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions. Site Address: Gladsfield, Diptford, TQ9 7PD. Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 9 (foul drainage) to planning consent 0386/23/FUL. **No consultation is required for this approval of details reserved by conditions.**
  2. Reference: 3901/24/FUL – Site Address: Etheridge Farm Barn, Diptford, TQ9 7NQ. Proposal: Application for the erection of a small barn to manage a parcel of agricultural land. **No objections provided all conditions are met regarding the keeping of livestock.**
- b) Planning decisions:
  1. Reference: 3619/24/ARC – Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions. Site: Higher Holsome, Diptford TQ9 7NA. Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 8 (Slates) and 10 (Air Source Heat Pump/PV Panels) of planning consent 0216/23/FUL. **Decision Date: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Decision: Discharge of Condition Approved.**
  2. Reference: 3859/24/ARC – Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions. Site: Woodside Cottage, Diptford TQ9 7NQ. Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by condition 7 (Habitat management and monitoring plan) of planning consent 1225/24/FUL. **Decision Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Decision: Discharge of Condition Approved.**
  3. Reference: 0034/25/ARC – Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions. Site: Gladsfield Diptford, TQ9 7PD. Proposal: Application of details Reserved by Condition 9 (foul drainage) to planning consent 0386/23/FUL. **Decision Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025. Decision: Discharge of Condition Approved.**
  4. Reference: 3523/24/ARC – Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions. Site: Simpson Farm, The Bungalow, Diptford, TQ9 7NQ. Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 6 (Facing/Roofing Materials), 7 (Windows/Doors), 8 (External Attachments), 10 (External Lighting) and 11 (Renewable Energy Technologies) of planning consent 3342/23/FUL. **Decision Date 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Decision: Discharge of Condition Approved.**
- c) Planning Applications Withdrawn
  1. None

## 2025 022 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 – February 25 payment - £150.00  
 HMRC – Clerk PAYE - £184.22  
 A Kohler – Salary January 25 – £556.80  
 Guy Gilmore – paths - £288.00  
 Western Web – domain hosting - £38.40

#### Receipts

Interest received - £8.55

#### Transfers In

£150.00 for lengthsman February 25 payment (now paid by monthly standing order)  
 £288.00 for paths work by Guy Gilmore

#### Transfers Out

£150.00 for lengthsman payment February 2025 (note now paid by monthly standing order)  
 £288.00 for paths work by Guy Gilmore

### 2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	£8,219.64
MINUS Unpresented: Clerk's expenses	£29.00
PLUS, Uncleared receipts	£0.00
Current Account	£8,190.64
Savings Accounts	£9,500.45
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>£17,691.09</b>

£56.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
£1,000.00	Winter Emergency Planning
£3,426.60	Community lengthsman project
£600.13	Amenity trust
£4,417.72	Contingency
£9,500.45	Total

**Total uncommitted funds £8,190.64**

**2025 023 Glebe Land**

No update

**2025 024 Graveyard**

The Graves have now been mapped. There are 725 Graves.

**2025 025 Correspondence**

None

**2025 026 P3 Parish Paths**

No update

**2025 027 Airband Broadband**

Cllr Peach gave an update on the Airband Broadband. Properties on the Garabridge Exchange have now had the upgrade works cancelled. There is no up to date information on the upgrading works and the parish is now in limbo regarding this. The Parish Council urges parishioners to contact their MP regarding this matter.

**2025 028 Tree Warden**

The tree warden for the parish is now William Young, he can be contacted via the Parish Council.

**2025 029 Clerk Vacancy**

The council now has a vacancy for a new clerk, and this will be advertised shortly

**2025 030 Any other business**

Cllr Peach to arrange a litter pick along Ridgerow. Nancy Hill has the litter picking equipment  
Cllr Parker Davidson to investigate the Electricity Outages and the mobile masts.

Councillor emails

Cllr Sue Franklin (Chair) – [sue.franklin@diptfordparishcouncil.org](mailto:sue.franklin@diptfordparishcouncil.org)

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**Next Meeting:**

11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm

8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7pm

