

Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 11th March 2025

Diptford Village Hall

MINUTES

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

One member of the public attended

2025 031 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Crocker (TC), Carrol (LC) and Hancock (DH)(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

2025 032 There were no declarations of interest and dispensations.

2025 033 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th February 2025, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

2025 034 Matters Arising

2025 035 Diptford Playing Field

**a) To receive the financial statement for Diptford Amenity Trust
Current Account: £2,415.28 Savings Account: £16,393.33**

Receipts

Interest received - £14.33

Easy Fund raising - £33.77

Paypal Giving - £95.98

Payments

None

Transfers In

none

Transfers Out

none

b) Play park – The first part of the MUGA has been completed. The parish council would like to thank the residents from Cross Farm who have been most helpful, assisting with this. Ralph is to investigate what is needed for the remedial works as per the latest inspection report and he will then liaise with Cllr Parker-Davidson to get the works completed.

- c) **Grants and Fundraising** – The Grant application from Devon Community Foundation is currently on hold, waiting on further information on costings to be added to the application.
- d) **Trees** – The parish council would like to thank John Parker for having 3 trees in the playpark crowned at his expense.
- e) **Splitting the Amenity Trust from the Parish Council** – postponed to the next meeting.

2025 036 Highways and Community Lengthsman

- a) **Lengthsman** –
- b) **Highways** – 20mph speed limit area is unlikely to happen as the cost would be around £16,000. Nick Colton (Highways, DCC) is to visit as more signs are needed at the corner of the school. If double yellow signs at Diptford Cross are needed, Cllr Dan Thomas (DCC) can arrange for these to be done, if the parish council confirm. The Give Way sign at Diptford Cross can be changed to a Stop sign but it would depend if there was electricity nearby as the Stop sign has to be lit. Please can everyone keep reporting potholes on the DCC Website as some are badly in need of repair. The Road Sweeper has still not visited the parish, Cllr Peach to follow this up. A big thank you to all who helped with the litter pick.

2025 037 Planning

- a) Planning applications considered:
 - 1. Reference: 0189/25/FUL – Site Address: Land and Buildings opposite Bickham Farm, Diptford. Proposal: Erection of 3 x agricultural buildings, to include roofing over existing silage pit, demolition of storage shed and construction of agricultural storage building and demolition of parlour building to construct livestock building. **Comment: Support as a neighbouring parish.**
- b) Planning decisions:
 - 1. Reference: 3953/24/PDM – Prior Approval Agricultural Building to Dwelling C3. Site Address: Simpson Farm, Diptford, TQ9 7NF. Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings/barns to 5 No dwelling house (Class C3) & for associated development (Class Q (a+b)) **Decision Date: 04 February 2025 Decision: Prior Approval Required and Refused.**
 - 2. Reference: 0267/25/ARC – Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions. Site Address: Broadmead, Diptford, TQ9 7LX, Proposal: Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4(Facing/Roofing Materials), 5 (Joinery) and 6 (Ducts/Flues) of Planning consent 2990/24/HHO. **Decision Date 25 February 2025. Decision: Discharge of Condition Approved.**
- c) Planning Applications Withdrawn:
 - 1. None

2025 038 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 – March 25 payment - £150.00
HMRC – Clerk PAYE - £114.00
A Kohler – Salary February 25 – £556.80
AJ Paine & Sons – inv 3496 - £2976.00
L Baldwin – gift card - £50.00
Norton Anti-Virus for laptop - £49.99

Receipts

Interest received - £8.49

Transfers In

£150.00 for lengthsman March 25 payment (now paid by monthly standing order)

Transfers Out

£150.00 for lengthsman payment March 2025 (note now paid by monthly standing order)

2. The Financial Statement was received:

Current Account 5 th March 2025	£4,443.85	£56.00	P3 - Footpath maintenance
MINUS Unpresented: Clerk's expenses	£29.00	£1,000.00	Winter Emergency Planning
PLUS, Uncleared receipts	£0.00	£3,276.60	Community lengthsman project
Current Account	£4,414.85	£600.13	Amenity trust
Savings Accounts	£9,358.94	£4,426.21	Contingency
TOTAL FUNDS	£13,773.79	£9,358.94	Total

Total uncommitted funds £4,414.85

2025 039 Glebe Land

No update, to be removed from standing orders

2025 040 Graveyard

No update

2025 041 Correspondence

1. Email re planning application 3901/24/FUL
2. Email of thanks sent to parishioner regarding the trees at the playpark
3. The parish council has received representations from a number of parishioners regarding the untidiness of the site known as Rannoch.

2025 042 P3 Parish Paths

Cllr Parker- Davidson has the forms to apply for funding, forms to be submitted by the end of March.

2025 043 Airband Broadband – Cllr Peach has been in touch with our local MP, and they have had a meeting with Openreach and BDUK. Further information will follow when received.

2025 044 Electricity Outages – there is a worry when this happens that people in the parish cannot communicate with emergency services, etc as it also causes issues with land lines and mobile connections.

2025 045 Mobile Masts – this is a big worry to residents in rural areas especially copper lines are due to be discontinued, leaving residents isolated.

.2025 046 Any other business

Councillor Carrol has resigned from the parish council and the vacancy will be advertised.

Councillor emails

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Next Meeting:

15th April 2025 at 7pm – Annual Parish Meeting

15th April 2025 at 7.30pm – Diptford Parish Council Meeting