

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 15 February 2011 at 7.30pm

## Questions from the Public

Complaints had been received about flyposting along the lanes from Diptford to East Allington and the clerk would contact the advertiser and ask that they be removed.

During the snow, a car had hit the flower bed in the middle of the square, which Ham Sampford would repaint.

## Police Report

There were no crimes in January. Metal thefts were on the increase, including galvanised farm gates, lead flashings and catalytic convertors from parked vehicles. Parishioners were asked to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

## Reports from District Cllr Steer

SHDC, DCC and the Fire service had agreed on a Council Tax freeze, and a decision was awaited from the Police. Savings had been achieved in SHDC through streamlining the heads of service with West Devon, which had resulted in the loss of 8 jobs. Cllr Steer suggested that parishioners close their wheelie bins properly, as repairs cost SHDC £13,000 pa.

Cllr Steer had been approached by a parishioner requesting that he be more involved in clearing the snow, and had responded that this was the responsibility of the County Council, and not the District Council.

Cllr Steer had been very impressed by the Diptford School Open Day.

## MINUTES

**Present** Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Franklin, Gopal & Randall; District Cllr Steer

**11.011 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllrs Hill & Savery

**11.012 To note declarations of interest in items on the Agenda** None

**11.013 The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11.1.11, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

### 11.014 Planning Applications

1. Installation of 4 x 3.9 kw solar panel arrays on roof of covered yard/loafing shed and application for erection of agricultural building (part retrospective) at Wagland Farm, Halwell Ref 17/0014/11/F Mr W Cutcliffe **No objection**

### Planning decisions - Noted

2. Householder application for installation of air source heat pump at Gara Lodge, Gara Bridge Ref 17/2715/10/F **Conditional permission**

3. Installation of 5kw Evance R9000 turbine, mounted on free-standing 15m galvanised steel mast on a 2.5m<sup>2</sup> concrete foundation. Turbine is a three-bladed horizontal-axis propeller design with a rotor diameter of 5.4m at Broadley Farm, Diptford Ref 17/0823/10/F **Refuse**

**11.015 P3 & Footpaths** – The signpost for footpath 57 at Moreleigh Road was rotten and had been replaced by RJ Everitt at a cost of £30 (*chq 469*). The P3 Surveys and reports had been submitted.

**11.016 Diptford Playing Field** – The Group currently had 5 stalwarts, and more membership was needed.

**11.017 Annual Parish Meeting** – The meeting would be held on Tuesday 5 April and the Clerk would ask Becosolar to give a presentation on wind turbines and micro renewable energy.

**11.018 Diptford Directory** – Local groups could be involved in its preparation, and the possibilities would be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting

### 11.019 Finance

#### 1. Cheques passed for payment:

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0466	S Woodman – Dec pay		137.86
0467	S Woodman expenses: Office £28.84, travel £19.60		56.44
0468	SLCC subscription		30.00

#### Receipts

BGC	Santander - Interest		0.38
BGC	Santander - Interest		1.21

**2. The Financial Statement was received:**

Lloyds Current Account to 31.1.11	297.80
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	224.30
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
<b>Total Lloyds Current Account</b>	<b>73.50</b>
Alliance & Leics Acc to 7.1.11	4506.73
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	500.00
Plus uncleared receipts	1.59
<b>Total Alliance &amp; Leicester Account</b>	<b>4008.32</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>4081.82</b>

**Earmarked Reserves**

P3 Footpaths	378.25
Amenity Trust	0.00
Parish Plan	193.43
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>571.68</b>

**Total uncommitted funds                      £3510.14**

**Finance correspondence**

3. Diptford PCC: request for a contribution towards maintaining St Mary's Church graveyard. Total estimated annual cost £800, and a breakdown of the costs was awaited.

**4. Resolved that the Clerk's salary be raised to Scp 22 (£2121.18pa)****11.020 Correspondence received**

1. Tone: Devon Active Villages programme – Diptford was included in Phase 1, starting in January 2011, and it was suggested that the School should be involved.
2. Devon & Cornwall Police Authority – opposition to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill
3. The Royal British Legion: The Great Poppy Party Weekend 10-12 June to celebrate the RBL's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – details would be passed to the local RBL collector, Jenny Savery
4. DCC: Local flooding survey – the Clerk would detail flooding events at Frogwell Dip, Kerswell Cross to Shorter Cross, Charford Bridge and Diptford Downs Lane
5. SHDC: Increased dialogue was offered by SHDC Senior Conservation Planning Officer Richard Gage during the consultation process for Listed Building Consent applications and applications relating to the historic built environment
6. DCC: Temporary road closure – Diptford Court Farm to Diptford Cross 7-11 March
7. Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge – it was noted that the Diptford Playing Fields was already protected by Trust status
8. DCC: Winter Maintenance Community Self Help Scheme – DCC would offer information and support to set up a voluntary self help scheme, including the appointment of a trained Snow Warden to co-ordinate volunteers. A parishioner had requested that a local self help scheme be established and the Clerk would respond, suggesting that he be appointed the Snow Warden.
9. Community Land Trusts Seminar, Ivybridge 10<sup>th</sup> March 10.30-12.30 free – No one would attend

*Cllr Randall left the Meeting*

10. Sustainable Communities Act – Parish Councils had been invited to submit proposals and the Clerk would include details in the Magazine
11. DALC Training & Events Calendar 2011 – would be reconsidered after the election
12. SHDC Site Allocation DPD: Inspectors Report - the plans met the government's tests and were 'sound', subject to the Wheat Park proposal (RA15) amendment that 'Footpath access to the village centre' be replaced by 'Appropriate traffic calming measures'. It was suggested that the traffic calming measures could include an extension of the 20mph speed limit to Diptford Court. The DPD had now been adopted by SHDC.

**11.021 Reports on Meetings Attended** Cllrs Foster & Franklin had attended the Budget and Cluster Meetings.

**11.022 Correspondence available at the Meeting – Noted**

1. DALC Newsletter Jan/Feb 2011
2. The Playing Field, Winter 2010/11
3. South Hams CVS: Voluntary Vine, Jan-March 2011
4. Clerks & Councils Direct, Jan2011
5. South Hams Society Bulletin, Dec 2010
6. DCC Adult & Community Services – Social Care for Adults

*Meeting ended 8.55pm*

*Date of next Meeting 15.3.11*