

# Diptford Parish Council Meeting

Diptford Village Hall

Tuesday 17 January 2012 at 7.30pm

**Nick Hodgson & Peter Swallow – Housing development proposal.** It was proposed to develop the site allocated in the SHDC Local Development Framework for a mix of open market and affordable housing. The affordable housing would be shared ownership or rented, and it was intended that they should be administered through a Housing Association. To ensure that the affordable housing was allocated to local people, anyone interested should contact Debbie Holloway, SHDC Affordable Housing Team, as soon as possible.

Public consultation was an important element of the development, and Cllr Franklin would provide the Parish Council point of contact.

**Jayne Wootton, Active Villages Coordinator,** explained the Active Villages programme. Funding of £3000 was available for revenue projects to kick start an activity, such as coaching costs, facility hire, equipment, advertising and training needs. The programme was available for anyone aged 5+, and activities must engage 20-25% of the Parish. Jayne Wootton would continue discussions with Headteacher Tony Calcutt about funding activities on the new school field, and individual groups would be encouraged to contact her about funding for activities.

**Richard Oram, Chairman, South Brent & District Caring** outlined the aims of the charity, which will be based at the Old School Community Centre, South Brent. Volunteers were being recruited to provide a range of support services not provided by statutory agencies, such as befriending, transport to local activities or health appointments, carer's support, shopping and form filling. Training for volunteers would be provided, and additional funding was being sought.

**Report from County Cllr Black** Totnes on the Move was considering the development of a Community Bus to access more rural villages, such as Diptford, and a pilot service was being trialled in Stoke Gabriel; Diptford was praised for the introduction of its Snow Warden scheme, and DCC had saved £600k due to the mild winter; the Youth Service was being restructured, and the number of youth workers in the South Hams would be reduced from 2 to 1; funding would be made available to alleviate the high accident rate on the A381 from Totnes to Halwell, mostly through speed reduction, and Councillors suggested that traffic to Salcombe and Kingsbridge should be diverted away from Dartington and Totnes.

Cllr Black would follow up complaints of:

- Inadequate street sweeping and drain clearance, resulting in the break-up of road surfaces. The Parish Lengthsman had not visited the Parish, and it was noted that 1½ Lengthsmen were employed for the whole of the South Hams and W Devon
- DCC farmland being amalgamated, with farm houses and buildings being sold off. This was contrary to the policy of providing smaller, 'starter' farms for younger farmers.

**Report from District Cllr Steer** Assurances had been given that no front line services would be cut in the preparation of the Budget; an agricultural consultant had visited Beenleigh Meadow, and a report was awaited; and the primary school was congratulated on its results in the autumn. Car parking charges would be frozen for 1012/3, with no charges being introduced in South Brent. Parish Councillors suggested that the first hour should be free throughout the District to encourage usage of local shops and services.

**Police Report** One crime, of burglary from a shed, was recorded in December. A Community Safety Forum Event would be held at Rattery Village Hall, 1- 4pm 22<sup>nd</sup> February

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Present** Cllrs Foster (Chairman), Baggott, Franklin, Gopal, Hill, Peach & Steer; District Cllr Steer; County Cllr Black; 5 Members of public

**12.001 Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Crocker

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

**12.003 The Minutes of the held on the 20.12.11, as previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman**

**12.004 Planning Applications**

1. Householder application for rear two storey extension with reinstatement of existing stone barn as garaging and store at Frogwell Farmhouse, Diptford Ref 17/3205/11/F Mr & Mrs T Wild **No objection**  
*Cllr Gopal left the Meeting*
2. Demolition of 3 bedroom bungalow & garage and erection of 4 bedroom house at Daisy Hills, Diptford Ref 23/3243/11 Mr & Mrs Langley **Unable to submit recommendations as inadequate details provided**
3. Householder application for the installation of solar panels on roof at Bearscombe Cottage, Halwell Ref 17/3263/11/F Mrs C Paterson **No objection**

**Planning Decisions - Noted**

4. Installation of solar pv panel array to south facing roof section at Diptford Village Hall, Diptford Ref 17/2836/11/F **Conditional approval**
5. Installation of ground mounted solar array at Bradridge House, Diptford Ref 17/2667/11/F **Conditional approval**

**12.005 P3 & Footpaths** – Annual surveys were being prepared. Work to the UCR would be undertaken in the autumn.

**12.006 Diptford Playing Field** – At its AGM, the Parish Walk was planned for September; new tennis nets and posts would be provided; and more support was needed for the Playing Field Group. The Tree Surgeon had undertaken to fell the trees on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

**12.007 Finance****1. Cheques passed for payment:**

Cheque	Description	VAT	Gross
0512	S Woodman – Dec pay		141.41
0513	S Woodman expenses: Office £35.42, travel £39.15	0.50	74.57

**Receipts**

BGC	Santander - Interest		0.29
500005	Gifford & Sons – Grant, winter emergency planning		100.00

**2. The Financial Statement was received**

Lloyds Current Account to 30.12.11	1921.30
Less payments & unrepresented cheques	635.03
Plus uncleared receipts	0.00
<b>Total Lloyds Current Account</b>	<b>1286.27</b>
Santander Account to 6.12.11	3510.43
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>4796.70</b>

**Earmarked Reserves**

P3 Footpaths	428.25
Amenity Trust	500.00
Winter Emergency Planning	800.00
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>1728.25</b>
<b>Total uncommitted funds</b>	<b>£3068.45</b>

**12.008 Correspondence received**

1. DCC: Public consultation on a New Library for Totnes – Cllr Franklin would complete the questionnaire, and details would be provided on the website.
2. DCC: Consultation on school admission arrangements – the web link would be provided to Councillors and in the Magazine
3. South Devon AONB Projects 2012 – a letter of support would be submitted
4. Neighbourhood Planning Camp, Eden Project, 5-7 February – No vacancies
5. Best Kept Village and Pam Parker Village Map Award Competitions – No submission

**12.009 Reports on Meetings Attended** None**12.010 Correspondence available at the Meeting** – Noted

1. CPRE & NALC: Planning explained
2. DALC Newsletter Jan/Feb 2012
3. South Devon AONB Unit Annual Report 2010-11
4. Clerks & Councils Direct January 2012
5. Trade publications

*Meeting ended 9.40pm*

*Date of next Meeting 21.2.12*