

Diptford Parish Council
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The tragic death of Cllr Amanda Chapell was announced at the start of the August Parish Council meeting. Although she had joined the Parish Council relatively recently, Amanda had proved to be a conscientious and committed Councillor – and she will be greatly missed.

No Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for August. However, if planning applications are received then, because of their tight consultation deadlines, a short meeting is held – and, in practice, there are *always* planning applications received in August and therefore a meeting is *always* held.

Planning Applications No objections were raised to the proposed roof over an existing open silage silo at Simpson Farm, nor to the single storey rear extension at 4 Wheat Park, Diptford. An email has finally been received from SHDC Chief Executive David Incoll following repeated requests that the S106 Agreement, which would require the land to be returned to agricultural use, be enforced. Apparently, the Council's resources are currently taken up with the Sherford development, but an updated report will be taken back to the Development Control Committee for a decision once this large demand for work has eased.

The Local Housing Needs Survey has been completed, with a very healthy 36.5% response rate. At the September meeting, Councillors will be considering the draft report, which recommends that additional affordable houses are needed to meet local needs in the Parish. More details will be available once the draft report has been approved.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held Tuesday 15th September in the Village Hall after the Amenity Trust Meeting. You are welcome to attend.