

Diptford Parish Council
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Attendance at the June meeting was low as it clashed with the Totnes Show meeting – and, luckily, there was little new business.

The Police reported no crimes in the Parish, and provided a reminder of the Police Street Surgeries held at the Old Rising Sun Inn were held every 1st & 3rd Monday from 8.30-9.30am. Community Messaging was promoted as a way to receive relevant information to help keep communities safe and crime free, with registration forms being available from the local Police Station, Police Surgery or online at the Police website.

A new Police Fund has been established, which has been set up with money raised from selling goods recovered by the Police which can't be returned to their owners. The Police Property Fund will provide small grants to local community groups helping the Police to tackle local community issues like making local areas safer and reducing anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime. Applications are available at www.devoncf.com/ or call Sarah Gunn at Devon Community Foundation on 01752 50958.

I have also received an email from NAGs or Network Action Groups, which has arranged a series of meetings across Devon which are open to anyone with an interest in mental health and provide the opportunity to share views, learn about mental health services, hear first-hand about changes to services, and influence how services develop across Devon. For more information, call Ruth McClelland on 01392 208700 or email r.mcclelland@nhs.net

No objections were raised to the renewal of Listed Building Consent for garage conversion to living accommodation at Lower Coombe Diptford. Conditional permission has finally been granted for the outline application to demolish existing workshop, office buildings, tidy up scrap yard site, implement landscaping scheme to enhance site and erection of new bungalow at Scrap yard at Larcombe Quarry – the Parish Council was previously advised that this permission would only be granted once Adrian Broadway had completed a S106 Agreement restricting usage of the land.

Funding is in place from the Lottery Fund for the new skate park equipment on the Playing Field, and Devon County Council will be providing £500 towards transporting the secondhand skate ramp from Dartmouth. I hope the weather stays fine for the Family Fun Day on the 4th July.

The next Diptford Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 20th July at 7.30pm and you are welcome to attend.