

DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dittisham Parish Council held in Dittisham Village Hall, on Wednesday 2 October 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs M Faulkner (Chairman), Cllr R Bond, Cllr C Fraenkel, Cllr D Harris-Evans, Cllr A Stevens, Cllr J Tucker and Cllr P Unitt.

No members of the public were present.

113/13 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr S Stothart and County Cllr Hawkins.

114/13 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None declared.

115/13 Minutes of the two Meetings of the Parish Council held on 4 September 2013 at 6:45 pm and 7:30 pm.

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes.

116/13 Issues Raised By Members Of The Public

116/13.1 Repair of access path steps

It was **resolved** to agree in principle to Dittisham Sailing Club's request for permission to repair steps leading from The Ham Car Park to beach pathway to DSC subject to the Parish Council approving the proposed works before works commence.

116/13.2 The Old Chapel

The Parish Council discussed Parishioner concerns that The Chapel is untidy and dangerous. It was noted that SHDC's Planning Enforcement Officer assessed the site in August and considered that the degree of untidiness is not to the point where enforcement action can be taken. It was considered that no action is available to the PC to resolve this issue. The PC has given approval for scaffolding to be placed on Parish owned land until 31 December 2013 so that roofing works can be done. Issue to be reviewed in January if scaffolding has not been removed.

116/13.3 Sunnybank, Dittisham

SHDC Enforcement is following up a Parishioner's complaint regarding rubbish. It was noted that it appears adequate badger proof bins have not been provided to prevent animals scattering rubbish which is in plastic bags waiting to be collected.
Action Item: Clerk to communicate with SHDC Enforcement Officer.

117/13 Community Reports

117/13.1 Police

Item deferred in the absence of a report from the police.

117/13.2 DCLT

Legal advice will be obtained following receipt of grant funding later this month.

117/13.3 Devon County Councillor

Issues raised were the retaining wall at the Higher St – Lower St junction opposite Rock Cottages, which was considered to be hazardous due to the fall, the absence of a barrier between Higher St and Shute Lane, and that the anticipated improvements to the junction with the main road at the Sportsmans Arms have not been carried out. DCC is already aware of all of these issues.
Action Item: Cllr Tucker undertook to follow-up these concerns with DCC on behalf of County Cllr Hawkins.

117/13.4 South Hams District Council Councillor

SHDC is producing a map of solar installations and wind turbines which will show applications in process – including those requesting a screening opinion, approved or refused. It will be available by the end of October.

Broadband for Devon has placed Dittisham in the last tranche of the roll out for improved broadband which means work will take place at the end of 2015 at the earliest. Satellite based boosters exist and are being used by some people (the cost is approximately £25/month).

Ten new mobile phone masts are planned for the District which may help with black hole areas, however O2 and BT are also consolidating.

SHDC's Locality Budget is available for community projects. The Children's Christmas Party may be appropriate.

Action Item: Cllr Stevens and Clerk to present a grant request proposal to the November PC meeting.

118/13 Planning / tree applications

118/13.1 18/2063/13/F & 18/2064/13/LB Quicks Cottage, Lower Street, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0HY. Listed Building consent and householder application for removal of existing garage roof, replacement with increased pitch slate roof, and installation of skylight.

No Objection (unanimous **resolution**, proposed Cllr Unitt, seconded Cllr Stevens).

119/13 Communications from South Hams District Council/Devon County Council in relation to planning/tree applications

119/13.1 18/1456/13/F Removal of agricultural occupancy condition (C) for planning approval 9/18/1500/78/3 & 18/1458/13/F Removal of agricultural occupancy condition (d) for planning approval 9/18/0011/79/3. Bramble Torr, Dittisham, Dartmouth TQ6 0HZ Grant

119/13.2 Closure of 2012/0396 regarding non-agricultural use of agricultural building in Capton

This case has been reopened in response to further information.

120/13 Other business

120/13.1 Consideration of Cllr Bond's working party responsibilities

These will be allocated as required.

120/13.2 Memorial bench seat on The Ham near edge of the Dart (105/13.2)

The concrete on the bench most appropriate for work is deteriorating and replacement was recommended. Available options were reviewed. It was noted that public benches of this type are now made from recycled materials. A completely wooden construction was not considered appropriate due to the problem with development rot in vertical supports. It was noted that work will be required to remove the existing concrete installation and to install a new bench. It was **resolved** that the selected bench be replaced not restored, the appearance of the replacement should be similar to existing benches and appropriate to the location, it is anticipated the bench will be made of recycled materials.

Action Item: Clerk to liaise with individual who has requested installation of a memorial bench.

121/13 Reports from Councillors with specific responsibilities/Working Parties

121/13.1 Ham Car Park Working Party

Cllr Tucker explained that he has discussed the application of disability related legislation to The Ham Car Park with SHDC parking staff and has been advised that as there are no marked parking spaces reservation of disabled spaces is not

required. It was **resolved** to accept the recommendations of the Working Party meeting of 2 September 2013. These are in summary:

1. The addition of a clause in rules or text of letter next time the PC bulk issues permits to Dittisham Sailing Club reminding permit holders that permits are to be used for daily leisure use and not to conduct a business. In addition the incorporation of a suggestion that for the sake of security cars parked on the beach should have either a DSC or resident's permit sticker and generally discouraging beach parking.
2. Decision making criteria for granting exceptional permission to 'camp' overnight in the car park in a vehicle.
 - i) Default position is that overnight parking and use of a vehicle as accommodation overnight is not permitted. There are campsites within a reasonable distance.
 - ii) The Ham was donated to the Parish specifically for the benefit of Parishioners and the Parish
However permission will be considered if:
 - a) The person making the request has a direct connection to the Parish or
 - b) There is a benefit to the ParishIn either instance consideration would then be taken of the number of vehicles and people staying and the purpose of the request to determine that there would be no inconvenience to local residents or other users of the Ham.
3. No further action in regard to designated disabled parking spaces in the Ham, with the issue to be reviewed at a future date if circumstances change and perhaps in the light of developments with the Level Car Park.
4. That at the beginning of next season patrolling of the car park and ticketing non-paid up cars be formalised to a degree ensuring that the car park is patrolled on a set number of occasions per day/week. The frequency of visits needs to be agreed with the 'Car Park Attendant' and volunteers from Councillors and Parishioners.
5. No further action to address rubbish and fly tipping. There has been some improvement thanks in particular to SHDC coming regularly and not just emptying the bins but picking up overspill as well.

Action Item: Clerk to respond to Parishioner who requested a disabled parking space.

121/13.2 Ham Events Working Party

Cllr Faulkner reported on the successful Outdoor Swimming Society event on 14 September 2013 - despite it coinciding with a wedding in the Church and a wedding reception at Gurov Point. The cake stall run by the Parish went well and raised £308 towards putting on the Dittisham Arts Festival next year. It was suggested that promoting the OSS event to the Parish early in the Spring would enable increased Parish participation. The presence of two Councillors to supervise during arrival of the swimmers was also suggested. The two key OSS staff organising the event will be changing next year.

122/13 Strategic Planning Matters

122/13.1 The Level Car Park & The Ham Toilets - Transfer of responsibilities from SHDC to DPC

It was unanimously **resolved** to accept Option 3 (Negotiate with SHDC to run the Level Car Park and take some responsibility for the Toilet facility) as described in Cllr Stothart's proposed public information document.

Actions agreed:

Public meeting 30 October 2013 at 7:30 pm – dependent on confirmation from Cllrs Stothart and Tucker.

Parish letter box drop of public information document 20-23 October (Cllr Tucker responsible for outliers and Cllr Fraenkel for Capton) and place in public places.

Notices to be posted of the public meeting.

122/13.2 Dittisham-Cornworthy TAP Fund grant to supplement lengthsman service

No information is currently available from DCC about Chapter 8 training courses. The next available basic chapter 8 training course with Notter Bridge Training Centre (which conducts the initial training for DCC) is late November - cost £105 plus VAT. A request sent to DCC for funding of this course is pending. DCC's routine lengthsman service is irregular (March, August, November in 2013) with no system for the PC to be automatically notified of the next visit. The regular DCC lengthsman can be instructed by logging a job with DCC (can be done via e-mail or phone). Parish buddle-hole maps have been sourced by DCC as requested and we are awaiting delivery. Two local individuals have expressed interest in doing the work however one is excluded as they are also a Parish Councillor in Cornworthy. Therefore no change is required to employment of a Blackawton Parishioner as authorised by a previous meeting (109/13.1). It was **resolved** that DCC will be instructed to maintain specified area of the Parish to be chosen when maps become available, the next basic chapter 8 training course to be booked with Parish Council payment authorised if payment by DCC is not forthcoming.

Action Items: Clerk to book Chapter 8 training. Cllr Tucker to review maps and select area for DCC's responsibility.

123/13 Financial Matters

123/13.1 Consider approval of current income/expenditure statement.

It was **resolved** to approve the statement which shows a total balance of £48,163 and an available balance of £17,163.

123/13.2 Consideration of SHDC Invoice for New Litter Bin

It has been established that invoice was issued by SHDC due to a clerical error.

124/13 Correspondence received since the previous meeting

For consideration

124/13.1 SHDC, Super Cluster meeting, Ivybridge, Monday 11 November 2013, 6.30pm

Cllr Harris-Evans hopes to attend.

124/13.2 Cllr Tucker, SHDC, 23/9/13, Council Tax Support Grant to Town and Parish Councils

The grant will reduce from £319 in 2013/14 to £276 in 2014/15.

For information

124/13.3 Connecting Devon and Somerset, 23 September 2013, Progress Update

124/13.4 The meeting also noted that SHDC has issued Dog Control Orders. The Parish could choose to designate an Officer. SHDC Enforcement Officers can enforce.

125/13 Date of the next meeting of Dittisham Parish Council

It was agreed that the next full meeting of the Parish Council would take place on **Wednesday 6 November 2013 at 7.30 p.m** in the Village Hall.