

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

**Approved Minutes of the meeting of Dittisham Parish Council held in Dittisham Village Hall, on Wednesday 3 December at 7.30 p.m.**

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

County Councillor Hawkins

No members of the public were present.

**136/14 Apologies**

No councillors absent. Cllr Tucker gave notice he could be late due to SHDC commitments.

**137/14 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

None declared.

**138/14 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 November 2014 and 18 November 2014**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes with the departure of Cllr Fraenkel on 5 November 2014 amended to 125/14.5 (Lavenders Planning Application).

**139/14 Public issues.**

**139/14.1 Member of the public's request to book an event on The Ham, 30 May 2015**

Cllr Faulkner described the request to erect a 30 foot marquee for use during the first part of a wedding reception and photos. It was **resolved** that this be agreed to with a fee of £500, 50% being a refundable deposit, to be charged.

**139/14.2 Retaining Wall on The Lane**

Parishioners have raised concerns that the wall is bulging in two areas and requires repair. It was **resolved** that the Clerk will write to the owner requesting any necessary repairs be carried out and copy the correspondence DCC Highways.

**139/14.3 Trees protruding from Sherwood Cottage**

Concerns have been raised that tree branches will be an obstacle for the new higher bus. The Cottage's gardener has been approached and will do the work. The Council's Maintenance Contractor may assist if required. Costs will be met by Sherwood Cottage's owners.

**140/14 Community Reports**

**140/14.1 DCLT**

There have been some discussions with a Housing Association. Councillors advised that if this approach was to be pursued another public meeting would be required as the Public Meeting was told that a Housing Association would not be involved in order to retain local control.

*Cllr Tucker entered to room during this item.*

**140/14.2 Devon County Councillor**

County Cllr Hawkins reported that DCC is dealing with budget pressures and there will be further cuts next year. DCC is asking parishes to take more ownership of roads, signs and potholes. Cllr Tucker suggested the Chairmen of Blackawton, Cornworthy and Dittisham meet to discuss the response to this challenge. The possibility of using Town and Parish Grant funds to support the Sportsmans' intersection works was raised. County libraries may be run as a trust with ten to be chosen to pilot the scheme. SHDC Planning approved the Dartmouth Swimming Pool today and contractors may start January/February 2015.

**140/14.3 South Hams District Council Councillor**

National Government policy has been changed so that developments of less than ten houses are no longer required to provide affordable housing. If six to ten are built a

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financial contribution is required. Government transformation funds of £700,000 have been awarded. A feasibility study is being done of the Slapton Line at Torcross with the support of Natural England. Parish Council precepts have not been capped for 2015/16.

**141/14 Planning/tree applications**

141/14.1 18/2875/14/F Laburnum Cottage, Manor Street, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0EX Householder application for construction of new single garden building within the curtilage of Laburnum Cottage.

Councillors questioned whether the design is appropriate for the setting of a Listed Building and affecting a Conservation Area. It was noted that the proposed building will be visible from the River Dart. Refusal (motion proposed Cllr Harris-Evans, seconded Cllr Faulkner, Cllr Tucker abstained). The motion was not carried. No objection on the condition that the building remains ancillary (**resolution** proposed Cllr Stothart, seconded Cllr Wotton, Cllr Tucker abstained).

141/14.2 18/2741/14/F Dunedin House, The Quay, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0EZ Householder application for proposed detached garage.

No objection subject to comment from DCC Highways (resolution proposed Cllr Fraenkel, seconded Cllr Stevens, Cllr Tucker abstained).

141/14.3 18/2986/14/F Rose Orchard, Lower Street, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0HY Householder application for alterations and extension to dwelling.

No objection.(resolution proposed Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Fraenkel, Cllr Tucker abstained).

**142/14 Communication from South Hams District Council/DCC in relation to planning/tree applications.**

142/14.1 18/2561/14/F The Platt, The Lane, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0HB Householder application for creation of disabled access by removing section of hedge, forming ramp and erection of gate. Refusal.

**143/14 Reports from Councillors with specific responsibilities/Working Parties**

**143/14.1 Parish Children's Christmas Party**

Cllr Stevens and Clerk to make the arrangements. A budget of £250 has previously been allocated.

**143/14.2 Clearance of Silt**

The Clerk advised that she proposes to authorise clearance of the silt from the stream at the bottom of footpath #1 by the Parish Council's Maintenance Contractor under delegated authority. Locality Grant Funds received from SHDC to address the ditches around The Ham will be used. No concerns were raised by Cllrs.

**144/14 Strategic Planning Matters**

**144/14.1 Level Car Park**

It was **resolved** to offer SHDC the sum of £160,000 to purchase the freehold interest in the Level Car Park subject to SHDC's terms and conditions being acceptable to Dittisham Parish Council (proposed Cllr Unitt, seconded Cllr Stothart, Cllr Tucker abstained).

It was **resolved** to accept to Parishioners' offer to carry out fund raising efforts subject to it being made clear that donors are not buying any part of the Car Park and a twelve month cut off period (proposed Cllr Fraenkel, seconded Cllr Harris-Evans)

It was **resolved** that Simon Wilson of Wollen Michelmores Solicitors will be instructed to act for the Parish Council in the purchase of the Level Car Park (**resolution** proposed Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Fraenkel).

**144/14.2 Red Lion Inn**

It was agreed that if documentation cannot be addressed in consultation with the leaseholders then the Clerk should contact the policy holder direct keeping the leaseholder advised at all stages.

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**145/14 Financial Matters.**

**145/14.1 Current income/expenditure statement**

It was **resolved** to approve the statement which shows a balance of £64,846 and an available balance of £25,846.

**145/14.2 Draft budget and precept.**

No specific items to add. To be finalised by the January meeting when it will be known with greater certainty whether the Level Car Park should be budgeted for.

**145/14.3 TAP bid applications**

It was agreed to submit bids for the Sportsmans intersection of £2,000 and a youth mini-bus service to Dartmouth of £1,500. A single TAP allocation meeting will be held in the second week of February in Totnes.

**146/14 Correspondence since the previous meeting.**

**The following correspondence was considered:**

146/14.1 Local Government Boundary Commission, 28/10/14, Electoral Review of DCC closes 19/1/15

**The following correspondence was noted:**

146/14.2 Lord Deighton, HM Treasury, 31/10/14, Acknowledgement of SW Resilience Campaign Letter

146/14.3 Baroness Kramer, Department for Transport, 5/11/14, Response to SW Resilience Campaign letter

146/14.4 Mosscliff, 27/11/14, Response to DPC Consultation comments

**147/14 Date of the next meeting of Dittisham Parish Council**

It was confirmed that the next full meeting of the Parish Council would take place on **Wednesday 7 January at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:18 pm.