

**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 5 February 2014 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Cllrs M Faulkner (Chairman), Cllr S Stothart, Cllr R Bond, Cllr C Fraenkel, Cllr A Stevens, Cllr J Tucker, and A Thom (Clerk).

County Cllr Hawkins

3 members of the public were present.

**17/14 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr D Harris-Evans, Cllr P Unitt & Cllr K Wotton.

**18/14 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

None declared.

**19/14 Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 8 January 2014 and 29 January 2014.**

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

**20/14 Public issues**

**04/14.1 The Ham Bottle Bank**

Representatives of two local businesses described the current problem with glass bottle disposal with the loss of a commercial glass collection service. It was noted that posting bottles one by one into The Ham bank is time consuming and noisy. An ideal solution was considered to be screened bins on The Ham. Storage and collection of the commercial green sacs was also considered a problem.

A Parishioner objected strongly to a central rubbish disposal on The Ham.

The Clerk reported that SHDC's contractor did a site visit during January and can collect glass bottles anywhere from the Sportsmans to the turning bay outside Dittisham Court.

Councillors raised concerns about The Ham being used for commercial purposes, and about unsightly and hazardous bottles left around the bank, particularly near the children's playground. However there was also a will to support local businesses.

The expectation that bottles will not be left around The Ham bottle bank was restated.

*Action Items:*

*Options to be investigated:*

- *Fingalls (currently believed to be serviced by a SHDC bin collecting mixed waste and glass) or en-route to Fingalls*
- *Foxenhole layby: Cllr Hawkins will liase with DCC*
- *behind Capton bus stop – businesses to approach owner*

**21/14 Community Reports**

**21/14.1 Police**

The e-mailed January Report was read in summary by the Clerk:

JH/14/33 a Common Assault on Riverside Road. The suspect is to be spoken too when the officer dealing can get a response from the address he has been identified as living at, this is not in our area.

Crime number JH/14/37 refers to a Fly Tipping incident near to Barberry Woods, where upon a person was seen by a local resident to dump rubbish out of their vehicle. The offender has been identified and will be spoken to by ourselves, however South Hams District Council have stated that they wish to deal with the offending person, hopefully this will be a lesson to the others who seem fit to discard their rubbish in this location.

**21/14.2 DCLT**

No activities reported.

**21/14.3 Devon County Councillor**

DCC Highways staff visited the Parish last week. Severe budget constraints mean that some work has been suspended until the next financial year. The white lines on the road between Dittisham and the Sportsmans were assessed and it was determined that the road is not wide enough to replace any more lines.

#### **21/14.4 South Hams District Council Councillor**

SHDC is likely to adopt Government business rates relief of one thousand pounds next week. This is targeted at businesses with a rateable value of less than fifty thousand pounds to assist businesses who don't normally receive discretionary relief. SHDC is offering assistance for businesses who want to grow. Resources include:

- Inspiring Apprenticeship Scheme to the Marine Industry Growth.  
sarah.beeson@southdevon.ac.uk  
Phone 01803540789
- business support by LEP & SHDC  
<http://www.business-supportsw.com/>  
Phone 03001232007  
Carol Trant SHDC 01803 861267

The fishing industry is offering twenty apprenticeships at South Devon College.

The Plymouth City Deal with investment valued at three million pounds has been signed. It will help Noss and other marine businesses, and provide upskilling for young people. Organisations involved include Hinkley Point, University of Plymouth, Academies and Colleges.

#### **22/14 Planning / tree applications**

22/14.1 06/2883/13/F Proposed Solar Farm site at SX828 522, Blackawton  
Opportunity to comment taking into account new information received.  
Objection to the height and number of the cameras (**resolution** proposed Cllr Fraenkel, seconded Cllr Stothart, Cllr Tucker abstained.)

#### **23/14 Communications from South Hams District Council/Devon County Council in relation to planning/tree applications**

23/14.1 18/2652/13/F Newlands Farm, Blackawton, Totnes, TQ9 7DR Retrospective application for provision of lean-to agricultural building to house biomass boilers Conditional Approval

23/14.2 18/2695/13-F Shute Orchard, The Lane, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0HB  
Householder application for extension to kitchen with balcony Conditional Approval

#### **24/14 Reports from Councillors with specific responsibilities/Working Parties**

##### **24/14.1 Ham Events Working Party**

It was **resolved** to agree to the request from the Outdoor Swimming Society to hold its marathon event on Sunday 14 September. OSS welcomes involvement from Parishioners.

##### **24/14.2 Footpaths Officer**

It was agreed that there are no special bids to be made on the P3 Finance Form. Cllr Tucker will clear mud from a green lane in Capton.

##### **24/14.3 Ham Maintenance Working Party**

The Clerk reported that SHDC staff are going to provide costs for play equipment repairs identified in the last inspection report together with an assessment of whether repairs are necessary now or could be carried out at a later date, to allow for budgeting. The Report is expected before the March DPC meeting. The Ham Maintenance Working Party will consider this Report and the option of pursuing grant applications and equipment replacement and will report to the March DPC meeting.

It was **resolved** to approve the memorial bench seat design circulated prior to the meeting.  
*Action Item: Ham Maintenance Working Party to report playground action plan to March DPC meeting*

#### **25/14 Financial Matters**

##### **25/14.1 Consider approval of current income/expenditure statement.**

It was **resolved** to approve the statement which showed an available balance of £19,766 and a balance of £50,766 was approved.

##### **25/14.2 Removal of Fallen Trees from Old Chapel Burial ground.**

The PC was advised that the maintenance contractor has been asked to remove trees which have fallen into the burial ground. After this is complete it will be possible to assess damage to headstones etc. The United Reform Church Southwestern Synod who own the adjoining land have been informed and some feedback is expected later this week. It was agreed to ask for a contribution to the trees' removal.

## **26/14 Correspondence received since the previous meeting**

*For consideration:*

26/14.1 National Trust Greenway, 31/1/14

It was agreed to accept the invitation to discuss Greenway. A meeting in Dittisham in March is preferred.

26/14.2 Best Kept Village and Pam Parker Map Competition 2014

This will not be pursued.

*For information*

26/14.3 Devon Countryside Access Forum member annual recruitment closes 21 February 2014

26/14.4 DCC, Future of youth services in Devon: 12 week consultation from 3/2/14

*Sent*

26/14.5 SHDC, Bottle Bank, 14 Jan 2014

26/14.6 South West Gaffers, 20 Jan 2014

The Parish Council was informally consulted and agreed with the interpretation that vehicles should fit into a pay car park space of reasonable size - such as the Dartmouth Sainsbury's.

26/14.7 FBI, Anchorstone & Red Lion, 22 Jan 2014

## **27/14 Date of the Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be on 2 April 2014 at 7:00 pm and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 7 May 2014 at 7:00 pm. Both meetings will be followed by the monthly Parish Council meetings.

## **28/14 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 5 March 2014 at 7.30 p.m** in the Village Hall.