

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 March 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

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

6 members of the public were present.

29/14 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Wotton, Cllr Fraenkel and County Cllr Hawkins.

30/14 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Unitt declared a personal interest in Item 6.2.

31/14 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 February 2014.

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

32/14 Public issues

32/14.1 Dittisham Bottle Banks

The placement of a large bottle bank in the Foxenhole layby & linked removal of The Ham bottle bank were discussed. This is the only solution to the commercial glass waste disposal problem which was presented to the PC. This has been approved by DCC and SHDC. The Foxenhole bottle bank would be used by the three hospitality businesses in the Village to dispose of glass waste and they would be charged by SHDC for the service. The meeting was advised that if Parishioners are not mobile enough to access a bottle bank the alternative is to use the black bins. It was **resolved** to accept a large bottle bank in the Foxenhole lay-by and if that were a success that bottle bank on the Ham would be removed. Members of the public were dissatisfied with this conclusion. Local businesses will liaise directly with SHDC which is the public body responsible for commercial glass waste disposal.

32/14.2 Dog Poo on Manor Street

A Parishioner complained that dog poo on Manor St is a problem and that a dog poo bin opposite Deedas has been removed. The PC is not aware of the bin's removal.

Action Item: Clerk to liaise with SHDC regarding removal of the bin.

32/14.3 National Trust Greenway & Greenway Ferry Service

Cllr Faulkner reported that representatives of the Parish Council met with NT and Greenway Ferry representatives on 4 March 2014. The National Trust has started to conduct a public consultation process regarding opening Greenway seven days a week during its core season (February half-term to October half-term) commencing in 2015 and increased flexibility in its opening hours (not commencing in 2015). Greenway would be open on Monday and Tuesday which it isn't now. The consultation is required because its planning approval contains the restrictions and a public consultation is required to apply to change them. It was **resolved** to agree to a trial of mentioning Dittisham as an access point on the National Trust website until the end of June and then starting again in September, and to ask the National Trust's call handlers to spread the load of visitors to the Village. This is a responsive process and if traffic and parking are a problem the mention can be removed.

Action Item: Clerk to liaise with General Manager, National Trust English Riviera regarding mention of Dittisham as an access point on National Trust website.

33/14 Community Reports

33/14.1 Police

Deferred in the absence of a Report.

33/14.2 DCLT – update on affordable housing project

DCLT reported that the project is moving ahead. Members are currently putting together legal documents to set up the CLT as a Community Interest Company. Business and project plans are being drawn up along with outline costings to establish the viability and affordability of the project. Once the legal side is set up, members will focus on getting funding for the design and planning phase. DCLT has been working with Bob Tomlinson of Living Villages to formulate an outline site design. This will be used to conduct a pre-planning meeting with SHDC. Cllr Faulkner restated the PC's support of the project.

33/14.3 Devon County Councillor

Deferred in the absence of County Cllr Hawkins.

33/14.4 South Hams District Council Councillor

Cllr Tucker chose to defer commenting as the meeting was pressed for time.

34/14 Planning / tree applications

34/14.1 18/0281/14/F & 18/0282/14/LB Old Bakehouse, Manor Street, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0EX Householder application for installation of solar panels on outbuilding roof & Listed building consent for installation of solar panels on outbuilding roof. No objection on the condition that any solar panels approved match the existing slate roof and blend in to it (proposed Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Harris-Evans, Cllr Tucker abstained).

34/14.2 18/0376/14/F Seal House, Lower Street, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0HY Householder application for alterations and extension. No objection (proposed Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Bond, Cllr Tucker abstained).

34/14.3 18/0414/14/F 25 Dittisham Court, Riverside Road, Dittisham, TQ6 0H25 Dittisham Court, Riverside Road, Dittisham, TQ6 0HS Householder application for demolition of conservatory and construction of single-storey extension and porch. No objection (proposed Cllr Stothart, seconded Cllr Bond, Cllr Tucker abstained).

34/14.4 18/2273/13/VAR Barberry Farm Cottage, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0JA Variation of condition 3 of 18/0603/11/F to allow use of existing ancillary accommodation to also be used as holiday let. Written representations to appeal by 27 March 2014. No comments were added to the original conclusion not to object on the condition that the accommodation remain ancillary.

35/14 Communications from South Hams District Council/Devon County Council in relation to planning/tree applications

35/14.1 18/2653/13/F Newlands Farm, Blackawton, Totnes, TQ9 7DR Retrospective application for provision of temporary agricultural workers dwelling (timber chalet) Conditional approval.

35/14.2 18/2837/13/F SX 8320,5290, Newlands Farm, Blackawton, Totnes, TQ9 7DR Erection of agricultural building Conditional approval.

35/14.3 18/2953/13/F Capton Spring, Capton, Dartmouth, TQ6 0JE Householder application for demolition of stable block and erection of garage Conditional approval.

35/14.4 18/2892/13/F Dart View Cottage, The Level, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0ES Householder application for two storey rear garden room extension Conditional approval

35/14.5 18/2833/13/F & 18/2834/13/LB Manor Cottage, Manor Street, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0EX Householder application for demolition and reconstruction of rear addition and conservatory. Alterations to side addition. & Listed Building Consent for demolition and reconstruction of existing rear addition and conservatory. Internal repairs and alterations to side additions. Conditional approval.

35/14.6 18/2859/13/F Manor Cottage, Manor Street, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0EX Householder application for demolition and reconstruction of single storey garage to provide garage and boathouse Conditional approval.

35/14.7 18/0024/14/F Downton Park Farm, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0JD Roofing of existing cattle feed yard Conditional approval.

35/14.8 18/0376/13/F Newlands Farm, Blackawton, Totnes, TQ9 7DR Installation of 50kW wind turbine (hub height 24.6m, tip height 34.2m), associated electrical cabinet, underground cable to pole and temporary access. Conditional approval.

36/14 Reports from Councillors with specific responsibilities/Working Parties

36/14.1 Ham Maintenance Working Party

It was **resolved** that:

1. Playground repairs quotes by SHDC be accepted (replace 6 Quicklinks to the cradle seat chains £69.58, replace round log top rail 2.250 x 125mm round beam, replace loose 187mm eyebolt, refix ladder base, and clean and decorate to support legs to the slide run off on the

Multiplay £ 242.02, and replace two hanging bolts on log bridge separate cost to be checked by Clerk before proceeding).

2. Councillors to power wash Ham benches and log bridge,

3. Cllr Faulkner undertook to replace rails on three benches along the waterfront.

Once all these items addressed it has been assessed by SHDC that the playground equipment is safe and fine to use.

36/14.2 Ham Car Park Working Party

The minutes of the 17 February 2014 Meeting were read out and considered and actions **resolved** as listed below.

1. Sailing Club Permits

The Clerk is to write to the Sailing Club:

- remind all permit holders that permits are issued for daily leisure use only and may not be used for the purpose of conducting a business from or for the Sailing Club.

- There has been some concern about parking on the beach particularly in the context of security given that it is the obvious way for stolen items to be removed. The Council would appreciate the Sailing Club reminding its members that such parking should, in the interest of all users of the beach, be kept to the absolute minimum and that a watchful eye should be kept out for anything unusual.

- 'Over ordered permits may be returned at year end providing they are unused and on the roll.'

2. No changes to patrolling of the Ham Car Park until the situation re taking over of the Level Car Park has progressed and a decision made regarding employing professional enforcement in the context of both car parks.

3. Councillor Faulkner will issue weekly car park permits this coming season. Notices to be amended. Weekly permits will also be addressed when discussing details of running both The Ham and The Level Car Parks in the future.

4. Cllr Tucker to remove old concrete posts and fill in three potholes with scalplings.

36/14.3 Old Chapel Burial Ground

Cllr Faulkner reported that the Maintenance Contractor has agreed to clear overhanging trees and remaining clearing within the agreed charge to remove fallen trees.

Some headstones are now leaning more due to the soft earth following heavy rains. Three or four headstones lean more than 45 degrees to vertical. It was **resolved** to ask the Maintenance Contractor to make these upright.

37/14 Strategic Planning Matters

37/14.1 The Level Car Park

Cllr Unitt reported on a discussion meeting held between DPC and SHDC on 13 February. The management of the toilets on The Ham no longer needs to be linked to this negotiation. The discussion meeting supported in principal the management of the LCP under a 2-3 year licence from which either party could withdraw by mutual agreement. It was noted that a ticket machine would record usage therefore local usage would remain uncertain. After a trial of managing the car park under licence actual revenue will be known to inform a decision whether to purchase the LCP. It was **resolved** to agree in principal to the areas of discussion and actions listed in the letter from SHDC of 4 March 2014 including payment for a reconditioned machine (£300-£500).

37/14.2 Councillors' e-mail accounts

It was agreed that investigation of PC specific e-mail accounts was worthwhile. This is to be further investigated and revisited at the next ordinary PC meeting.

38/14 Financial Matters

38/14.1 Consider approval of current income/expenditure statement.

It was **resolved** to approve the statement which showed a balance of £49,031 and an available balance of £18,031.

38/14.2 Consider Donations

The donations requested by Jubilee Sailing Trust, Totnes and Dartmouth Ring and Ride, Victim Support and Citizens Advice Bureau were considered. It was **resolved** to donate fifty (50) pounds to the Totnes and Dartmouth Ring and Ride and one hundred and fifty (150) pounds to the South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau.

38/14.3 Red Lion Freehold

The legal advice received, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, and its implications were discussed. It was noted that the current owners own the property on a 999 year lease. It was **unanimously resolved** to accept the Red Lion Freehold.

39/14 Correspondence received since the previous meeting

The following correspondence was considered:

39/14.1 Eastern Parish Cluster Meeting, Thursday 20 March 2014
Cllrs Unitt and Harris-Evans will attend.

39/14.2 DCC Adult Residential Care Services Review Consultation closes 26 March 2014.

39/14.3 Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, initial notification and invitation, annual Carol Concert, Tuesday 16th December at Exeter Cathedral.

The following correspondence was noted:

39/14.4 Dartington Hall Estate Community Open Day, Tuesday 27 May, 12-5 pm

39/14.5 Electoral Review of South Hams; Final Recommendations, 25 February 2014

40/14 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 2 April 2014 at 7:30 pm** in the Village Hall following the **Annual Parish Meeting at 7:00 pm**.

41/14 Clerk's Annual Performance Review

The Clerk left the meeting while the Parish Council considered the review including recommended one salary point increment. It **resolved** to accept the review and recommendation.