

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 7 May 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

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

County Cllr Hawkins

No members of the public were present.

53/14 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr S Stothart and Cllr A Stevens.
Cllr Tucker gave apologies for needing to leave the meeting early.

54/14 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None declared.

55/14 Minutes of previous Parish Council meetings.

It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Meeting and the Parish Council meeting held on 2 April 2014.

56/14 Public issues

56/14.1 Entrance road to Capton

It was reported that there is an area of obstruction on the access road to Capton. An ambulance had difficulty passing recently and it was thought a fire engine might not be able to get through.

Action Item: County Cllr Hawkins undertook to inspect the area and take available action.

56/14.2 First World War Memorial

The commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the start of the First World War by DPC has been suggested by some Parishioners. Options available to do this were discussed. A sculpture was considered. It was noted there are two existing memorials in St Georges Church. It was considered that it is too late in the year to plant poppies. It was **resolved** not to pursue this initiative.

56/14.3 Consider Ham Car Park overnight stay request.

A request received for an overnight stay in August was considered with reference to DPC's policy. It was **resolved** to refuse the request.

56/14.4 Clerk's 'Voice of the People' survey

The Clerk reported on the findings of a small survey of Parishioner opinion conducted as part of a training course. Overall, the Parishioners spoken to felt well served by the PC. The main request was for information in a more 'accessible' format. Other issues raised were pot holes (particularly the series opposite Cott Farm), parking, knowledge of the Parish outside the village, accessible public transport information, and under utilisation of the Village Hall.

Cllr Tucker left the meeting.

56/14.5 Ham Triangle

Some concerns have been raised about the management of the Triangle.

Action Item: Cllr Faulkner and the Clerk will review the management and report to the PC.

57/14 Community Reports

57/14.1 Police

Deferred in the absence of a report.

Action Item: Clerk to liaise with Police regarding communication.

57/14.2 DCLT

Deferred in the absence of a report.

57/14.3 Devon County Councillor

A Devon Library Consultation is underway and closes 17 July 2014. Councillor Roger Croad, Devon County Council's Cabinet Member with responsibility for the library service was present at a meeting held yesterday in Dartmouth. It was attended by over 100 people. DCC wants to save £90,000 by making Dartmouth a community library. Cllr Hawkins advocated the aim of

making Dartmouth an area centre. Reasons for its preservation include the distance from Totness and Kingsbridge, lack of public transport, it is very well used especially by youth, there is already a big pull on available volunteers in Dartmouth. He advocated a core of professional staff. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would write to DCC on behalf of DPC including these issues. A Cllr warned to beware of consultation questionnaire questions regarding volunteers. [the phrase 'community-led' is interpreted by DCC as run by volunteers].

Membership and use of Dartmouth library is encouraged.

Cllr Hawkins was advised that the main road in Capton has not been repaired below the ford as planned by DCC. The entrance to Dittisham and the manhole on Higher St were also raised.

Action Items: Clerk to write to DCC, Cllrs to respond individually to the DCC library consultation. Cllr Hawkins will do a tour of the roads in the Parish in the near future.

57/14.4 South Hams District Council Councillor

Deferred in the absence of Cllr Tucker.

58/14 Planning / tree applications

58/14.1 Pre-application Consultation on the installation of two wind turbines at Cotterbury Fields near Blackawton

It was resolved that a letter would be written noting that it is difficult to comment on the limited information provided however DPC has concerns about the visual impact, that the turbines seem to be getting bigger, and concern about the cumulative effect of multiple turbines.

Action Item: Clerk to respond to SHDC Planning

58/14.2 18/0873/14/TCA Blackberry Cottage, The Lane, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0HB Fell five Poplar trees

The Tree Officer has responded stating that visual impact of the trees is not a reason for their removal and that evidence is required to substantiate the danger described in the application.

59/14 Communications from South Hams District Council/Devon County Council in relation to planning/tree applications

59/14.1 18/0376/14/F Seal House, Lower Street, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0HY Householder application for alterations and extension Conditional Approval

59/14.2 18/0281/14/F & 18/0282/14/LB Old Bakehouse, Manor Street, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0EX Householder application Listed building consent for installation of solar panels on outbuilding roof Conditional Approval

60/14 Reports from Councillors with specific responsibilities/Working Parties

60/14.4 Ham Maintenance Working Party

The Clerk has been advised that Cllrs will carry out the power washing required on The Ham next week. The Clerk was instructed not to pay the invoice for playground repair works as the standard of work is not acceptable.

61/14 Parish Maintenance

61/14.1 Manor St Signage

The view was taken by the PC that current signage at the bottom of Manor St is unsightly. The Clerk advised that SHDC is the Planning Authority for signs. Although permission is required, deemed consent exists if signage is established for ten years. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would write to the two main companies responsible discussing the PC's view that the current situation is unsightly and asking them to review the extent of signage.

Action Item: Clerk to write to business owners.

62/14 Strategic Planning Matters

62/14.1 The Level Car Park

DPC is waiting on a head of terms from SHDC. It was suggested DPC agree an end of lease purchase price up-front. Review of the overnight stay policy on The Ham will be required.

Action Item: Clerk to write to SHDC

62/14.2 Parish Council Domain Name

Further detail is required. A SHDC IT system being trialled by Blackawton PC may provide this facility.

Action Item: Clerk to liaise with SHDC. Cllr Harris-Evans will assess domain name and email costs if required.

63/14 Financial Matters

63/14.1 Consider approval of current income/expenditure statement

It was **resolved** to approve the statement which showed an available balance of £7,491.02 and a total balance of £46,491.02.

63/14.2 Conduct of Red Lion 'pre-contract searches'

It was **resolved** that no pre-contract searches were to be requested.

63/14.3 Consider approval Clerk's expenses

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

64/14 Correspondence since the previous meeting

Correspondence considered

64/14.1 Devon County Council consultations on library services (commencing 17 April) and Children's Centres (commencing 22 April).

The Library service consultation closes on 17 July 2014 and the Children's Centre consultation close on 6 June 2014. See minute reference 57/14.3

Correspondence noted for information:

64/14.2 SHDC 3 April 2014 Brixham dog owner in first prosecution for dog fouling

64/14.3 DCC Devon Remembers resource commemorating First World War
<http://www.devonremembers.info/>

Correspondence Sent

64/14.4 Joint Parish/Town Council letter to Dr Sarah Wollaston MP re renewable energy planning application guidance

65/14 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 4 June 2014** at **7.30 p.m** in the Village Hall.