

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 June 2015 at 7.33 p.m immediately following a councillor co-option meeting.

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

1 member of the public was present.

69/15 Apologies:

Apologies were received from County Cllr Hawkins and from Cllr Perry who was co-opted immediately prior to this meeting and was not able to joint it due to a prior appointment.

70/15 Councillors' Signature of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Coxon's signed declaration was received.

71/15 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Tucker declared an interest in Item 6.1 (Dittisham Community Land Trust).

72/15 Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 13 May 2015.

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting of DPC.

73/15 Public issues.

73/15.1 Birthday party event on Dittisham beach in July 2015?

A member of the public has asked for permission to hold an evening party on Dittisham beach just beyond the Dittisham Sailing Club slipway. DSC has also been contacted. It is understood this land is owned by the Duchy. It was **resolved** that no permission is required from DPC and no payment can be received as we have no ownership of the beach in that area, and that it will be suggested to the enquirer that the adjacent landowner, Gurrew Point, be contacted as a courtesy.

Action Item: Clerk to respond.

73/15.2 ?Asbestos near bridleway in Capton

The Parish Council has been advised that bonfires are being burned on an asbestos base next to a bridleway in Capton. SHDC, which has Environmental Health responsibilities, has also been contacted by the Parishioner. It has accepted assurances provided by the landowner that the base is not asbestos. The meeting heard the view from Cllr Tucker that photos provided were consistent with this. However it was also suggested by Cllr Tucker that if another bonfire is burned in the location photos be provided to SHDC. SHDC has advised that if the board shatters and fragments are found on the bridleway following a fire SHDC should be contacted. It was **resolved** that the Clerk will write a response to the Parishioner.

Action Item: Clerk to write to the Parishioner.

74/15 Community Reports

74/15.1 Dittisham Community Land Trust

Dr Walker explained that the landowner has withdrawn the site which was accepted by SHDC for the affordable housing project and that the process of dismantling the project's structure and refunding funds held will be commenced. The scheme had evolved to a complicated mix: proposing social housing as well as up to four open market houses. Dr Walker anticipates a public meeting will be held to inform the Parish.

Dr Walker and the CLT were thanked for the large amount of work done.

74/15.2 Devon County Councillor

Deferred in the absence of County Cllr Hawkins.

74/15.3 South Hams District Council Councillor

Cllr Tucker advised that the process of making Town and Parish Fund grants has been reviewed. The new process will be that decisions will be made by County and District Councillors in clusters. Parish Councillors can attend but won't have decision making authority.

The SHDC Locality Fund has £400 pounds available to Dittisham Parish each year over the next five years. It was **resolved** that DPC would apply for £400 in 2015/16: to be banked and earmarked for the playground equipment expenditure anticipated in 2016. *Action Item: Clerk to make application for £400 Locality Fund grant to be banked and earmarked for anticipated playground equipment expenses.*

75/15 Planning/tree applications

75/15.1 15/1011/15/F Field at SX 845 517, West Norton Farm, Norton, Dartmouth TQ6 Installation and operation of two 50kW wind turbines both with hub height of 24.6m and overall tip height of 34.2m

Cllr Unitt summarised the proposal, letters of objection and comment by Natural England (which includes a comment on the effect of the proposed turbines on the setting of an Iron Age fort). The meeting understands that the community consultation did not include nearby Norton Park. It was **resolved** to object to the proposal for the same reasons as given in DPC's response to the public consultation: noting the negative effect the proposed large turbines located high on the landscape and widely visible would have on the character of the landscape, concerns about the cumulative effect on the landscape of multiple turbines in a small geographical area, possible secondary effect on the tourist economy, visual hazard distracting drivers, and inadequate community consultation (proposed Cllr Harris-Evans, seconded Cllr Unitt, Cllrs Tucker and Coxon abstained, Cllr Wotton does not object and voted against the motion).

Action item: Clerk to respond to SHDC.

75/15.2 Laburnum Cottage planning applications - Development Management Committee

The two current applications will be considered by SHDC together by SHDC's Development Management Committee. The date of the meeting has not yet been set. DPC hopes to send a representative. Cllr Tucker explained that members of the public are also permitted one representative.

Member Services at SHDC must be notified of the wish to speak by 12:00 on the Monday preceding a meeting on a Wednesday, or on the Friday before that if the Monday is a bank holiday.

76/15 Communication from South Hams District Council/DCC in relation to planning/tree applications.

76/15.1 18/0926/15/MIN Seal House, Lower Street, Dittisham, Dartmouth, TQ6 0HY. Non-material amendment to householder consent 18/0376/14/F

77/15 Parish Maintenance

77/15.1 Use of Parish Council land on Manor Street

It was **resolved** that Laburnum Cottage's pots can be located on the crescent of land between Laburnum Cottage's wall and Manor Street so long as this is not used to support a claim of ownership at any time. The Clerk is to obtain the evidence of Parish Council ownership of this area and liaise with the owner.

Action Item: Clerk to respond. Clerk to obtain DPC's ownership documentation and liaise with Laburnum Cottage's owner.

78/15 Strategic Planning Matters

78/15.1 Level Car Park

DPC's valuer has agreed that in principle revisions to the draft Level Car Park purchase contract proposed by SHDC would mean the valuation of £160,000 can be applied to all the assumptions. However the valuer recommends that the right of pre-emption should be subject to a minimum price of £160,000. It was **resolved** that DPC accepts

the valuer's advice and will request a minimum purchase price in the contract (Cllr Tucker abstained). It was **resolved** that when a draft contract is received which implements these revisions it would be circulated to Cllr Perry and to DPC's lawyer for review (Cllr Tucker abstained).

Action Item: Clerk to respond to SHDC.

78/15.2 Revised Delegations & Emergency Committee terms of reference

It was **resolved** to approve revised delegations and Emergency Committee terms of reference the as circulated.

79/15 Financial Matters.

79/15.1 Consider approval of current income/expenditure statement

It was **resolved** to approve the statement which showed a balance £67,453 and an available balance of £12,453 as at 29 May 2015.

79/15.2 Review signatories to DPC bank account.

It was **resolved** that Vice Chairman David Harris-Evans will replace retired Cllr Stothart as a third signatory to the Parish Council's bank accounts.

79/15.3 Parish Council Insurance

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council will enter a new three year insurance agreement. The decision takes into account that asbestos is not covered and that the insurer's structure has changed such that its Local Council's policy is insured by Allianz and Aviva (60:40 with the exception of legal which is 100% Aviva) and the policy is underwritten by AoN/Maven. The 2015/16 charge for Parish insurance will be £339.87.

80/15 Correspondence since the previous meeting.

The following correspondence was considered:

80/15.1 Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Electoral Review of Devon - Draft Recommendations. Public consultation closes 6 July 2015.

81/15 Outdoor Swimming Society Event 5 & 6 September 2015

A meeting is required between DPC Events Cllrs Harris-Evans, Robinson & Faulkner, DSC and Cllr Tucker as the provider of land for car parking. The Clerk is to arrange to take place last full week in June.

Action Item: Clerk to liaise with OSS.

82/15 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 1 July 2015 at 7:30 pm.** in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:59 pm.