

## **DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe**

#### **DRAFT minutes of the monthly meeting of Dittisham Parish Council held in Dittisham Village Hall on Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 7.30p.m.**

**Present:** Cllrs J Tucker, M Faulkner, R Bond, N Green, S Nightingale, S Quinn, S Bond, and Devon County Cllr Hawkins were present as were A Thom (Clerk), and three members of the public.

#### **125/17 Apologies**

None received.

Cllr Coxon's resignation was noted.

#### **126/17 Declarations of interests**

None declared.

#### **127/17 Approval of minutes**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 5 July and 2 August 2017.

#### **128/17 Public Issues**

##### **128/17.1 Dittisham Recycling planning application**

A member of the public requested clarity on the proposal and commented that if this an extension to the existing site there may be an increase in HGV road noise. Noise is currently dampened by the woodland area and is further away from neighbours. The new site will be visible from the public footpath at the top of the field and have a negative visual effect.

##### **128/17.2 Car Park signage**

A Parishioner's request to change DPC car park signs and line markings was considered.

It was agreed that a review of all signs in the Village would be valuable however this has to be deferred to attend to more pressing issues.

##### **128/17.3 Lower Street Sign request**

The request from a resident that a sign is placed at the entrance to Lower Street indicating 'no access to the Ferry Boat Inn or The Ham' was discussed. The PC agreed to request more information about the size of the problem to consider in its October meeting. It will also take action regarding restoration of the existing damaged signage at the entrance to Lower Street.

##### **128/17.4 Defibrillator**

The PC considered a suggestion that a community defibrillator be installed. The Clerk was asked to obtain NHS data on effectiveness for discussion by the October meeting. TAP funding could be sought. Increased local first aid training may be more effective. A core group would be needed to train and to maintain the defibrillator.

#### **129/17 Community Reports**

##### **129/17.1 Devon County Councillor**

A DCC Officer is about to order agreed signage to prevent long articulated vehicles taking the route to Cornworthy via Dittisham. It was agreed DPC will apply to use the £500 Devon County Council Locality Fund grant to support the playground project.

##### **129/17.2 South Hams District Council Councillor**

Cllr Tucker emphasised the importance of the proposal for SHDC and West Devon Borough Councils to form one council. Hard copies of the consultation documents can be provided. He encouraged people to please read the facts because incorrect information has been reported in the press. Cllr Tucker is available to speak to everyone – individually or in groups.

#### **130/17 Communications in relation to planning/tree applications.**

**130/17.1** 1290/17/CLE The Stables Chipton Barton Old Mill Lane Dittisham Devon TQ6 0HW. Application for lawful development certificate for existing use of private residential house. Cert of Lawfulness (Existing) Certified.

**130/17.2** 1207/17/TCA Dittisham Court Dittisham Devon TQ6 0HS. T1: Sycamore - Dismantle and remove. Tree Works Allowed.

**130/17.3** 0761/17/VAR Orchard House Riverside Road Dittisham Devon TQ6 0HS Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 8 (bat provisions) of planning consent 18/1947/13/F (demolition and replacement of dwelling). Conditional Approval.

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**130/17.4** 1952/17/TCA 2 Watermans Cottage, Manor Street, Dittisham, Devon, TQ6 0EX. T1: Leylandi - Fell; T2: Leylandi - Fell; T3: Leylandi - Fell; T4: Leylandi - Fell; T5: Leylandi - Fell; T6: Leylandi - Fell; T7: Leylandi - Fell; T8: Liquid Amber - crown height reduction by approx 3 metres; H1-H9: Hazel and holly - reduce height to approx 2 metres from ground level to re-instate as hedge. Tree Works Allowed.

#### **131/17 Planning Applications**

**131/17.1** DCC/3930/2016 Dittisham Recycling, Bosomzeal Cross to Downton Cross, Dittisham, TQ6 0HP. Extension of existing permission site area (18/1633/09/CM). To include North access road to allow re-positioning of existing access road nearer the boundary of the permitted application site.

Decision deferred to extraordinary meeting 13 September 2017 at 4:30 pm following a site visit at 3:00 pm on the same day.

**131/17.2** 3979/16/HHO Lanes End Cottage, The Level, Dittisham, TQ6 0ES. READVERTISEMENT (Revised Plans Received). Householder application for demolition of existing ground floor flat roof extension to rear and replacement with a two storey pitched/flat roof extension and associated decking area.

Decision deferred to extraordinary meeting to allow clarification of the proposal.

**131/17.3** 2785/17/HHO & 2786/17/LBC Bay Cottage, Manor Street, Dittisham, TQ6 0EX. Householder application and listed building consent for removal of existing oil tank and associated substandard pipework and erection of new enclosure and bunded oil tank. Support (resolution proposed Cllr Green, seconded Cllr Nightingale, Cllr Tucker abstained).

**131/17.4** 2573/17/FUL Galmpton Touring Park, Greenway Road, Brixham, TQ5 0EP. Change of use of land from touring pitches to the stationing of seven lodges for twelve month holiday use. Support (resolution proposed Cllr Green, seconded Cllr S. Bond, Cllrs Tucker and Quinn abstained).

**131/17.5** Yarn, 4a Smith Street, Dartmouth, TQ6 9QR. Application for the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, Monday to Saturday from 09:00 to 23:00 and Sunday from 09:00 to 22:30. Non-standard timings: Dartmouth Regatta from 07:30 to 00:00, Dartmouth Music Festival from 07:30 to 00:00, Christmas Eve from 07:30 to 00:30 and New Year's Eve from 07:30 to 00:30. The premises is described as a bar/café/eatery. No comment.

#### **132/17 Consultations**

132/17.1 West Devon and South Hams' proposal to form one council. Closes MN Sunday 8 October 2017.

DPC will form a view in its October meeting.

132/17.2 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy. Closes 30 September 2017. No comment.

132/17.3 Torquay Neighbourhood Plan consultation. Closes Sunday 17 September 2017. Cllr Tucker encouraged Cllrs to look at the consultation.

#### **133/17 Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities / External Forums**

##### **133/17.1 Playground**

The Working Group is carrying out a second consultation. The results will be used to write specifications and to tender for the best price. Fund raising is being considered concurrently. Donations will be welcomed.

##### **133/17.2 Ham Maintenance Working Group**

Cllr Tucker will contact SHDC to arrange emptying of bottle banks before the weekend and ask SHDC to carry out a Sunday visit on holiday weekends to empty bins on The Ham. It was identified that this is when the main problem with overflowing bins occurs.

It was agreed that DPC's maintenance contractor would work with Cllr Faulkner to expose a post of The Ham noticeboard to investigate soundness.

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#### **133/17.3 Car Park Working Group**

DPC will continue to liaise with SHDC regarding whether an additional sign is needed to address parking in the entrance funnel of The Level Car Park.  
It was agreed that weeds in LCP would be sprayed.

#### **133/17.4 Dartmouth Caring Alliance**

Cllrs Quinn and S. Bond may participate. Further information to be obtained.

#### **134/17 Communication with the Parish**

The need for methods to efficiently contact Parishioners was discussed.

#### **135/17 Branding**

Cllr Nightingale introduced the question of images to brand DPC.

#### **136/17 Village Hall Fees and WiFi access**

Cllr Nightingale will pursue whether DPC can make arrangements to use a local WiFi network in the Hall. A fee remains to be agreed. Cllr Tucker explained Village Hall usage fees are controlled by the Management Committee.

#### **137/17 Communication with the Parish brainstorming**

It was agreed Cllrs Green, Quinn and Nightingale would form a working group to consider DPC's communication with the Parish.

#### **138/17 Financial Matters**

##### **138/17.1 Approval of maintenance contractor's invoice concreting signs and treeworks.**

It was **resolved** to approve payment of the invoice.

##### **138/17.2 Approval of financial statement.**

It was **resolved** to approve the statement which showed a balance of £73,994.26 and an available balance of unearmarked reserves of £30,712.58.

##### **138/17.3 External Auditor's report.**

The External Auditor's report confirmed proper practices and is available on DPC's website.

#### **139/17 Correspondence**

##### *139/17.1 For consideration*

139/17.1.1 SWW 14/8/17 Dittisham Sewage Treatment Works.

139/17.1.2 Parishioner letter Increase in Visitor Traffic to Dittisham and On Street Car Parking.

Discussed at length. DPC acknowledges the challenge of traffic and car parking in the Village. Clerk to respond.

##### *139/17.2 For information*

139/17.2.1 SHDC Invitation and Briefing note public Developer Forum Noss Marina 10:00-11:00 6 September 2017.

139/17.2.2 Citizens Advice South Hams and SHDC event for Private Landlords new energy efficiency requirements and penalties. Thursday 7/9/17 Follaton House & 14/9/17 The Watermark Centre, Ivybridge. 2pm and 6pm on both days & expected to last 2 hours.

#### **140/17 Confirmation of the date of the next meeting of Dittisham Parish Council**

It was confirmed that the next ordinary meeting will take place on 4 October 2017 at 7:30 pm. An extraordinary meeting is scheduled for 13 September 2017 at 4:30 pm.

The meeting closed at 22:10.