

**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 3 January 2018 at 7.00p.m**

**Present:** Cllrs Faulkner, Bond, Green and Munro were present as were A Thom (Clerk) and Devon County Councillor Hawkins and one member of the public.

**01/18 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Tucker, Nightingale, Quinn and Anderson.

**2/18 Declarations of Interests**

Cllr Munro declared a disclosable pecuniary interest Item 6.1 Low Dolphin tree application. It was **resolved** to grant a dispensation to allow Cllr Munro to explain the application before leaving the room.

**3/18 Approval of Minutes**

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2018.

**4/18 Public Issues .**

**4/18.1 The Level Car Park**

There has been a car without a Blue Badge parking in The Level Car Park's disabled parking bay over the holiday period. Enforcement Officers will be asked to ensure they visit at varying days and times.

**4/18.2 Royal Garden Party**

It was **resolved** to nominate a Parishioner to go into the ballot to attend the Royal Garden Party (Cllr Green declared a personal interest and abstained).

**5/18 Community Reports**

**5/18.1 Devon County Councillor**

Devon County Councillor Hawkins discussed DCC's visit to the Parish in December 2017. He brought a mock-up of an 'Dittisham' entrance sign to the Village with the AONB logo. A sign at each entrance can be funded from his Locality Fund. DCC has responded regarding the HGV signs for the East Cornworthy route. This will be on the February Agenda. Cllr Hawkins suggested asking whether the businesses are willing to contribute to the signs.

**5/18.2 South Hams District Council Councillor**

This item was deferred in the absence of Cllr Tucker.

**6/18 New Planning/Tree Applications.**

6/18.1 4081/17/TCA Low Dolphin, Lower Street, Dittisham, TQ6 0HY. T1: Magnolia - Removal to allow more space for play.

No objection. Replacement planting of a suitable tree in a more suitable location will be requested. (**resolution** proposed Cllr Green, seconded Cllr Faulkner).

**7/18 Ambulance Night Landing Site**

Cllr Faulkner raised concerns about how 'waterlogged' The Ham is in wet weather. This is not the case for the football field. He also raised concerns about space for landing during events and said that installation will be easier using the field's electricity supply. Cllr Green summarised the key issues of drainage, visual impact of the lighting column, and ease of its installation. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Devon Air Ambulance's representative to raise these concerns and request he revisit. The item will be on the February Agenda.

**8/18 Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities / External Forums**

**8/18.1 Ham Events**

The request from the Outdoor Swimming Society for an increase in number of swimmers from 800 to 1,000 per day was considered at length. It was unanimously **resolved** that the numbers permitted would 'stay as is'.

**8/18.2 Playground**

The possibility of establishing a Charity to assist with fund raising was discussed. It was agreed this would be researched. A funding request letter will be sent.

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#### **8/18.3 Trees**

Works to Capton triangle' trees to improve access beneath them for mowing were discussed. It was **resolved** that a decision would be deferred to allow Capton residents to be consulted.

#### **8/18.4 Car Parks Working Group**

Cllr Faulkner reported that permits are to be decided. A review will be followed by a public meeting. The Group will as soon as possible consult on current car park operations and request suggestions, and report to the February meeting of DPC. A new permit system will then be considered, followed by a public meeting.

### **9/18 Financial Matters**

#### **9/18.1 Current receipts/payment statement & report.**

The meeting **resolved** to approve the Report which showed a 2017/18 balance of £3,921.56, a total balance of £64,435.55 and unearmarked reserves of £33,968.77.

#### **9/18.2 Renewal of Devon Communities Together subscription**

It was **resolved** to approve the renewal at a cost of £50.

#### **9/18.3 Reimbursement of Clerk's expenses**

It was **resolved** to approve CE19 £101.24 incl VAT.

#### **9/18.4 Clerk's overtime claim**

It was **resolved** to approve DPC05 £164.09.

#### **9/18.5 2018/19 budget**

It was **resolved** to approve the budget as circulated. £1,500 remains in current budget as well as the same sum in earmarked reserves for professional/legal fees, because Cllrs noted there are three current projects which may require legal advice. No new reserves have been allocated to the playground/Ham project – an interim budget will be required.

#### **9/18.6 2018/19 precept demand**

It was **resolved** that the precept demand plus council tax support grant would remain £12,000.

#### **9/18.7 HeartStart & AED training**

Cllrs agreed that a voluntary £100 would be donated to support ongoing work of Kingsbridge Rotary – which is delivering the training. Kingsbridge Rotary will accept donations however its priority is the community service of the training.

### **10/18 Correspondence**

#### *10/18.1 For consideration*

- South West Ambulance Service, 3/12/17, Response to concerns raised by DPC about refusal to drive down Manor Street.  
The written interim response received was noted.

### **11/18 Next meeting of Dittisham Parish Council**

The next monthly meeting of the Council will take place on 7 February 2018 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting closed at 21:01