

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 April 2019 at 7:00 p.m

Present: Cllrs Tucker (Chairman), Faulkner (Vice-Chairman), Anderson, Bond, Munro, Nightingale, and Quinn were present as were Devon County Cllr Hawkins, A Thom (Clerk), and five members of the public.

46/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Green and Westcott.

47/19 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Quinn said that she was going to leave the room for Item 12 and didn't request a dispensation. Cllr Quinn asked for Item 15 to be removed or postponed because of data protection issues. It was resolved to leave the item as it is.

48/19 Approval of Minutes

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2019

49/19 Public Issues

49/19.1 Land at SX 861 514 North Of Seymour Drive Dartmouth

Some Dartmouth residents described the recent history of the site and the reasons for their objection to the planning application. Cllr Tucker commented that the land is not allocated in the now registered Joint Local Plan which protects from rogue applications.

49/19.2 Oil Spill Response Training Exercise

The request to use The Ham car park and possibly a small area of The Ham on 23 May while carrying out a training exercise was considered. Dittisham Parish Council agreed to. It was commented that such exercises are important and DPC supports them being as realistic as possible. DPC expects that the company pays for the car park spaces utilised for the exercise and it gave permission for the trailer to be parked in the car park but also that it can be placed on the beach if it fits. DPC owns the beach immediately outside the gate (above mean high water).

49/19.3 Dittisham Regatta 5 K Race

The courtesy request for permission to again use The Ham between 9am and 12pm, Sunday 11th August 2019 was discussed. DPC did not raise any objection. It will respond noting that The Ham is not being hired and that the organisers are responsible for their own insurance, and also responsible for ensuring that any rubbish produced by the event is removed from The Ham.

50/19 Community Reports

50/19.1 South Hams District Council Councillor

District Cllr Tucker reported that SHDC has a lot of capital projects on the go and is only investing in the South Hams. Projects include with a UK budget hotel provider for a 79 bed hotel, 10 acres of commercial land in Sherford attached to the A38, and the Health and Well-Being Hub in Dartmouth. SHDC has approved expenditure of about 15 million pounds for an office development on a brown field site on Steamer Quay in Totnes, construction of 7 chalet style beach huts at Beesands, additional single deck car park on Shadycombe Car Park Salcombe, 5 employment units in Batson, and £8.5 million for community housing. The Joint Local Plan has been adopted. Contaminated re-cycling leads to batches of recycling being wasted. Please wash cans and plastic bottles. A batch can be contaminated by a couple of cans which results in batches going to landfill. The Stoke Fleming Neighbourhood Plan has been adopted.

50/19.2 Devon County Councillor

Devon County Councillor Hawkins reported that the negotiations between the CCG and SHDC for the new Health and Well Being Centre are continuing and hopefully the planning application will be in soon. The West Dart developer had an interesting exhibition at the Leisure Centre. A full planning application is expected in the Autumn. Lower Street resurfacing will be done in the current financial year. The use of the Dartmouth Leisure Centre is going up. The price of the indoor pool is still a concern.

51/19 Communications in relation to planning/tree applications.

- 3172/18/VAR Little Coombe Farm Downton Cross To Kingston Dittisham TQ6 0JB. Application for variation of condition 2 (with relocation of communal building, alterations to landscaping and installation of lighting) and removal of conditions 4 and 8 following grant of planning permission 18/0490/13/F. Conditional Approval.

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- 0079/19/LBC Fern Cottage Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EX. Listed building consent to replace 3 windows on lower floor, front elevation with one french door and 2 windows. Conditional Approval.
- 0180/19/ARC Downton Farm Dittisham TQ6 0JD. Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 following grant of Listed Building Consent 3617/18/LBC. Conditional Approval.

52/19 New planning/tree applications.

- 0852/19/FUL Land at SX 861 514 North Of Seymour Drive Dartmouth. Development of 9no. dwellings and associated works. Object. (resolution proposed Cllr Tucker, seconded Cllr Faulkner, carried unanimously). The issues to be raised are:
 - I. SW Devon Joint Local Plan - The proposed development would be sited on land which is not allocated or identified for housing in the Adopted Joint Local Plan.
 - II. Negative Visual Impact - The proposed development would be visually prominent from the AONB, Dartmouth and surrounding wider area. The development would therefore have a significant negative visual impact on the AONB and distant viewpoints from the surrounding countryside.
 - III. Loss of trees and biodiversity within the site would be detrimental.
 - IV. Loss of previously planned screening - The trees which have recently been cleared from the site were planted and retained to screen the Seymour Drive development and to make it more acceptable in planning terms and therefore the wider landscape.
 - V. The lack of any clearly identified local need for the houses proposed would be detrimental to the overall housing strategy for the area.
- South Hams District Council Parish of Dittisham No. 977 Tree Preservation Order 2019. Downton Wood, Foxhole Copse & Bullcombe Copse, Dittisham. Serving of New Order. Support. (resolution proposed Cllr Faulkner, seconded Cllr Anderson, carried unanimously)
- 0740/19/TCA Sherwood Cottage, Riverside Road, Dittisham, TQ6 0HS. T1 & T2: Limes - Fell and replace with hedging; T3: Walnut - Fell dying tree and replace with specimen Magnolia; T4: Cherry - Fell dead tree and replace with Ornamental Pear. Support. (resolution proposed Cllr Faulkner, seconded Cllr Nightingale, carried unanimously)
- New premises licence application from Blackawton Community Shop Association Ltd for Blackawton Community Shop, Oakleigh Cottage, Main Street, Blackawton, TQ9 7BG. The application is for the supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises Monday to Friday 08:00 - 18:00, Saturday 09:00 - 13:00, Sunday 10:00 - 12:00. Support. (resolution proposed Cllr Nightingale, seconded Cllr Faulkner)
- New premises licence application from Alexia Motor Yacht Charters LLP for Alexia Charters, Princess S65 Motor Yacht, Noss at Dart Marina, Dartmouth. The application is for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises Monday to Sunday 12:00 - 22:00. No Comment.
- 0663/19/LBC Dinahs Side Dittisham TQ6 0HZ. Listed Building Consent for restoration of existing lime kiln with new slate roof, stone wall repairs and joinery to lean to store. Support. (resolution proposed Cllr Faulkner, seconded Cllr Anderson)

53/19 Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities / External Forums

53/19.1 Ham Events

Cllr Tucker declared a disclosable pecuniary interest and left the room.

It was unanimously resolved to refuse the Outdoor Swimming Society's request to increase swimmer numbers by 50-100, from the existing 800/day.

53/19.2 Village Hall Management Committee

It was agreed that the VHM's presentation to DPC Cllrs on the refurbishment plans would be at 6:30 pm on 10 April.

53/19.3 Galleon

Wicksteed had not yet presented a proposal to address a flow of play issue. The Clerk was delegated responsibility to, in consultation with the Playground Working Group, respond to the proposal. The Play Inspection Company's approval will be sought.

53/19.4 Redirection from www.dittishamparishcouncil.gov.uk website and emails

It was resolved to approve the expenditure of £38.94 for a package to redirect for 12 months.

53/19.5 Car Parks

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The Clerk will continue to follow up with SHDC the outstanding issues with the virtual permit system.

54/19 Footpath 1

Expenditure was authorised for DPC's maintenance contractor to replace wooden risers in the steps just above the kissing gate. Funds will be sourced from P3 reserve.

55/19 Strimming of Footpath 1

It was resolved to suggest to DCC that it ceases strimming in June, because adequate strimming is already being done.

56/19 Replacement bench on The Ham

Cllr Faulkner will go and look at a possible bench and report back to the May meeting.

57/19 Manor Street Turning Bay Bin

Cllr Quinn left the room.

It was considered that the only available relocation position was unsuitable. It was resolved that the bin will be removed. It will not be replaced in the immediate area. SHDC Environmental Health has decided that the current position of the bin is a potential hazard to health and that it cannot stay in the current location.

The removal from the highway of the grey and brown household bins which have been near this location for some time was raised for further investigation.

58/19 Planting at The Level Car Park Entrance

Cllr Faulkner reported that funds from the Dittisham Horticultural Society have been used to clear and to plant trees & shrubs in the entrance to the car park.

59/19 Financial Matters

59/19.1 Financial Report.

The report which showed a balance of £67,245.70 and unearmarked reserves of £20,167.42 was approved.

59/19.2 Payments Made, Due and Received

The following payments were approved:

HMRC	March PAYE	12.60	
MAT Electrics	DAA night landing column	7,200.64	
SHDC	payroll	120.00	
SHDC	weed spraying and moss treatment 2018	401.86	
SHDC	Level Car Park Business Rates 2019/20	2,615.80	
SHDC	Ham Car Park business rates 2019/20	2,798.70	
Community Heartbeat Trust	Two Zoll 3 defibrillators and cabinets		4,200.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	Annual Support year 1, two machines		396.00
The following payments made since the last meeting were noted:			
T Wotton	Jan - March 2019 web hosting & support (final invoice)		36.00
Clerk	March salary & pension, Feb overtime	656.25	

59/19.3 Death of a Senior Figure

It was confirmed that the expenditure of £40 for storage box and tablecloth related to preparations used the last of the previously allocated budget and reimbursement was approved.

59/19.4 Lloyds Bank Account

It was resolved to open a Lloyds bank account and to permit electronic banking replicating the current bank mandate.

59/19.5 Financial Regulations

It was resolved to approve updated Financial Regulations. The Regulations have been changed to include the sections required to regulate the use of electronic banking

59/19.6 Parish Lengthsman

The advice that DPC cannot employ a Councillor was accepted.

59/19.7 Office Laptop

This item was deferred.

59/19.8 Clerk's Overtime Claim

The payment of the invoice for five hours overtime was approved.

60/19 To note / consider correspondence

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- 18/2/19, Concerns raised about building works on Manor Street.
The referral of this correspondence to SHDC for assessment and the response that no action would be taken was noted.

61/19 Annual Parish Meeting 21 May 2019 7:00 pm

Climate Change and light pollution are suggested topics. A call to be made to parishioners for requests.

62/19 Next meeting of Dittisham Parish Council

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be on 8 May 2019 at 7:00 pm.

63/19 The Old Chapel Burial Ground's encroachment by the Old Chapel School & possible sale of some land

It was resolved that members of the public and press would be excluded from the discussion of this matter. DPC considered its response to correspondence from the owner on the matter.

It was unanimously resolved that: DPC does not agree with the claim by the owner of The Old Chapel of the areas of land immediately to the south and west of the old Chapel by adverse possession and that it will not be contesting the claim in a legal dispute, DPC remains open to the possibility of selling a small area of land at the northern end of the burial ground subject to the determination by non-invasive means that there are no burials located there, DPC will check whether the right of way to access the burial ground via The Old Chapel steps can be claimed by adverse possession, and that Bettsworths will be the instructed valuer.

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