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 July 2019 at 7:00p.m.

Present: Cllrs Tucker (Chair), Anderson (Vice-Chair), Bond, Faulkner, Green, Munro, and Nightingale were present, as was A Thom (Clerk). There were no members of the public.

115/19 Apologies
Apologies were received from Cllrs Quinn and Westcott, and from South Hams District Councillor McKay.

116/19 Declaration of Interests
Cllr Nightingale declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 7.4 Barn at Capton planning application

117/19 Approval of the minutes of the meetings held on 5 June, 13 June and 19 June 2019
It was resolved to approve the minutes.

118/19 Public Issues

118/19.1 Request from a Parishioner to erect tents on The Ham
A request to place two tents on the side of The Ham for four nights from 10 August was considered. It was resolved to approve tents at a location near the stream edge of The Ham on the Lod Cottage side away from the footpath roughly parallel with the River Dart, use only for sleeping, if feasible to be taken down during day, and DPC accepts no liability for the tents or their contents and inhabitants.

118/19.2 Proposal for two responsible behaviour signs, on and near the Pontoon
It was resolved not to adopt the suggestion for the two signs however DPC's thanks are sent for the suggestion. DPC will discuss signage with DHNA. DHNA is aware of the need for education about crabbing and this is already under discussion. The Environment Group will consider signage as part of a bigger project.

118/19.3 Emergency Plan
Cllr Tucker suggested use of the Ashprington Emergency Plan as a starting point. This will be circulated by the Clerk.

119/19 Community Reports

119/19.1 South Hams District Council Councillor
Deferred in the absence of Cllr McKay.

119/19.2 Devon County Councillor
Deferred in the absence of Cllr Hawkins.

120/19 Communications in relation to planning/tree applications.

120/19.1 1113/19/CLE Camelot Lower Street Dittisham TQ6 0HY. Lawful development certificate for existing raised deck in rear garden of property. Cert of Lawfulness (Existing) Certified.

121/19 New planning/tree applications.

121/19.1 1680/19/FUL Little Coombe Farm Dittisham Devon TQ6 0JB. Continued use of land for the siting of an airstream caravan to be used for holiday use - previously granted permission under application 18/2996/13/F.

Support (Proposed Cllr Anderson, seconded Cllr Faulkner, Cllr Green abstained).

121/19.2 1760/19/FUL Village Hall Dittisham TQ6 0ES Demolish existing WC facilities. Erection of single storey extension to south east elevation to provide replacement WC facilities, erection of porch and decked and alterations to windows.

Cllr Faulkner reported that a party wall agreement with the neighbouring property uphill has yet to be agreed. He reported that the rock to be removed will be minimal and that the proposed rock removal site has been assessed by a professional and was not thought to be a big issue.

Support (proposed Cllr Anderson, seconded Cllr Bond, unanimous) subject to the following comments: Wet decking is a health and safety issue. The proposed larger windows will increase the potential for light pollution. DPC wishes to address the cumulative effect of light pollution on survival of nocturnal species and on residential amenity. It is requested that the build includes effective night time curtains or blinds for the windows. The installation of a new condensing boiler is under consideration. DPC requests that best practice relating to the protection of the environment is modelled and requests that alternatives are considered.

Cllr Nightingale offered to work with the Village Hall Management Committee regarding environmental best practice. The Clerk was instructed to write to the VHMC to communicate DPC's request for best practice relating to the protection of the environment. The Clerk will circulate to Cllrs advice from Devon Communities Together regarding DPC's responsibilities in the context of the proposed build.

121/19.3 1902/19/ARC Pond View Newlands Farm Blackawton Devon TQ9 7DR. Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 12 of Planning Consent 1212/18/FUL.

This application had been approved prior to the meeting.

121/19.4 1737/19/PDM Barn at Capton Dittisham Dartmouth TQ6 0JE. Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2no. dwelling houses (Class C3) and for associated operational development(Class Q(a+b)).

Support (unanimous resolution). The Clerk will confirm agricultural use as required for this type of application.

121/19.5 1538/19/ARC & 1537/19/ARC Quicks Cottage Lower Street Dittisham Devon TQ6 0HY. Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 3,4 and 5 of Planning Consent 0719/18/HHO & 0721/18/LBC

Support (resolution proposed Cllr Anderson, seconded Cllr Nightingale).

121/19.6 0847/19/TPO Firebird The Level Dittisham Devon TQ6 0ES. T0043, T0044, T0045, T0046 & T0051: Sycamore - coppice to ground level. Reason: to manage as hedgeline and encourage new growth at base. Replant with 20 native hedge mix. T0042: Ash - Fell due to showing signs of die back in crown and structurally weak union at base.

Cllr Tucker declared a personal interest as the occupant of neighbouring land. The interest in the item is not pecuniary in nature.

Object The trees are part of the landscaping scheme which was an integral and essential part of the planning approval for Firebird. No acceptable and relevant reason has been given which justifies the removal of the trees. They are mature trees and their removal would have a negative climate change impact. (resolution proposed Cllr Faulkner, seconded Cllr Green).

121/19.7 New premises licence application from The Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta Ltd for Coronation Park, Dartmouth. The application is for:

The provision of recorded music indoors & outdoors Wednesday 14:00 – 23:30 Thursday to Friday 10:00 – 23:30 Saturday 10:00 – 19:00
The provision of live music indoors & outdoors Wednesday 14:00 – 23:30 Thursday to Friday 10:00 – 23:30 Saturday 10:00 – 19:00
The provision of late night refreshment indoors & outdoors Wednesday 14:00 – 23:30 Thursday to Friday 10:00 – 23:30 Saturday 10:00 – 19:00
The supply of alcohol for consumption on & off the premises Wednesday 14:00 – 23:30 Thursday to Friday 12:00 – 23:30 Saturday 12:00 – 19:00
Licensable activities must only take place during August – September each year for The Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta events.

No Comment.

122/19 Consultations

- Proposed changes to Service Delivery within Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. Closes 20/9/19.

The proposals will be considered by the September meeting. There will be local public consultation sessions in August.

123/19 Working Group Terms of Reference & Structure

The recommendations in the Report of the discussion meeting were adopted.

124/19 Environment Group

The Environment Group will be a community based group. The name Sustainable Dittisham is proposed. It will be supported by the Parish Council. It was resolved to approve expenditure of up to £40 to set up a section on the Parish website and for other publicity materials.

Three proposals around considering the climate and environmental impact of DPC's activities were considered. It was unanimously resolved that DPC should from now on consider the climate and environmental impact of all its decisions and activities. It was agreed that each sub-group of the PC should be considering as a matter of course what they can do to make improvements with respect to the climate and environmental impact of their activities. The proposal that any of the electricity supplies we have be from 100% renewable suppliers was not carried.

125/19 Reports from Councillors with Specific Responsibilities / External Forums

125/19.1 Trees

Cllr Faulkner has reviewed DPC Ash trees. None of the trees are showing the signs of ash dieback in DCC's guide. However, one of the ash trees in The Level car park has recently dropped a branch for no apparent reason. These trees are in a space frequented by the public and in which vehicles are parked. Cllr Green supports Cllr Faulkner's recommendation that the two ash trees in The Level car park are removed. Quotes for removal of the two trees have been requested but were not available for the meeting. It was noted that the trees can be climbed for removal only when they are in good health. The meeting agreed with the proposal to remove the trees. The decision about the contractor will be made in an extraordinary meeting.

125/19.2 Playground

It was resolved that the two panels whose removal has been agreed can be removed by Cllrs in line with the e-mailed response from Wicksteed.

The proposed approach to install a BBQ on The Ham was agreed in principle. It was suggested that some sort of hard standing will be needed, and cleanliness and removal of coals needs to be addressed, as does the safety of hot coals (perhaps with a hinged lid). The group will bring a costed proposal considering these issues to a future meeting.

125/19.3 Booking Request for The Ham, Saturday 17 and Sunday August 18

It has been confirmed that the hog roast will be cooked in a way which does not damage the grass. The question of whether the proposed marquee was of an acceptable size was discussed. Confirmation of the proposed size and its size in relation to The Ham is required. The decision on the final booking arrangements will be made by an extraordinary meeting.

126/19 Risk Register Review

It was resolved to authorise expenditure for one 'children playing slow down' sign for Ham Lane.

It was agreed that the two temporary playground signs will be replaced at no cost to DPC.

127/19 To approve installation of 3-4 posts to protect the galleon from vehicles

It was resolved that three one metre high wooden posts will be installed just before galleon either side path as marked on a plan. The purpose of the posts is to protect the galleon from vehicles driving over the safety surface.

128/19 Ham Lane Repair by South West Water

It was resolved to confirm the suggested repair in the week commencing 23 September. The work will be arranged by SWW at its cost. Ham Lane will be closed for the works.

129/19 Old Chapel Burial Ground

It was resolved to agree that broken fleur de lis on the railings can be replaced by the Old Chapel at its expense.

130/19 DHNA Signs

It was agreed that DPC supports installation of the signs on the pontoon.

131/19 Weed Spraying
The question of whether DPC will arrange for weed spraying and moss treatment in the village was deferred to the September Agenda. In the interim the question is referred to Sustainable Blackawton.

Residents are reminded that they are responsible for trimming hedges and other vegetation which grows out of their property to obstruct roads and footpaths.

132/19 Car Parking Advertisement by the National Trust
It was resolved that DPC will ask for removal of the reference to not parking on the roads in the village.

133/19 Publicising events on the Dittisham Parish Website and Social Media
It was resolved that parish groups will be advertised. Advertising of business events was not approved.

134/19 Financial Matters

134/19.1 Consider approval of financial report.
The Report which showed a balance of £53,459.82 and unearmarked reserves of -£6,903.69 was noted.

134/19.2 Payments Made, Due and Received
The following payments were approved:

- Dittisham Village Hall Hall hire May and June £66
- Clerk June salary and PAYE £891.91
- HMRC PAYE June £88.13

134/19.3 Approval of Clerk's Expenses reimbursement CE29
It was resolved to approve the payment of £107.87.

134/19.4 Approval of Clerk's Overtime claim DPC16
It was resolved to approve the claim for 19 hours and 50 minutes.

134/19.5 Report on review of Clerk's hours
The Clerk left the room while Cllrs considered the Report's recommendations.
It was resolved that the meeting would be closed to the public.
It was resolved to implement the Report's recommendations in full. It was resolved that the Clerk will be paid on the last day of each month with salary payments reviewed annually in December, starting in December 2019. Payments will not therefore continue to be approved by each meeting of the Parish Council.

134/19.6 Car Park Supervisor Contract
Car Park Working Group Councillors' recommendation that banking is done in the Red Lion Post Office by the Clerk or a councillor was accepted. Cllr Faulkner advised that a receipt of the value of each banking will be obtained.

134/19.7 `Parish Lengthsman
DPC resolved unanimously to accept the application for the role of a lengthsman to supplement the service from DCC. The initial agreement will be to March 2020 and for the same hours and approach as those the previous lengthsman.

134/19.8 Clerk's Leave
The Clerk's request for leave 29 July to 16 August and 23 December to 3 January was approved. Cllr Tucker will stand in. The planned leave approximately 9 October to 16 October was noted.

135/19 Correspondence
The following correspondence was noted.

- Slapton Line Partnership events future plans for the A379 between Strete and Torcross. Wednesday 10 July at Slapton Village Hall between 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m & Tuesday 16 July at Stokenham Village Hall between 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m

136/19 Date of the next meeting of Dittisham Parish Council
It was confirmed that the next ordinary meeting will take place on 4 September 2019 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting closed at 22:01.