

DRAFT Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Dittisham Parish Council held in Dittisham Village Hall on Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Nightingale(Chair), Bond(Vice-Chair), Golding, Green, Hawke, Neale, Pope, and Unitt were present, as were Devon County Council Councillor Hawkins. SHDC Cllr McKay.

There were no members of the public present in person and there was no Zoom audio-connection.

Public Forum

No issues raised

1. Apologies:

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Golding. (Clerk)

Absent: Cllr Lloyd; Annette Thom (on sick leave – Cllrs sent their best wishes for a speedy recovery)

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllr Bond declared an interest in item 5.2

3. Approval of Minutes

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the meetings held 3rd July 2024

4. Community Reports

4.1. South Hams District Council Councillor

4.11 Cllr McKay reported that SHDC were working towards taking over the Cider Press in Dartington to create a local food hub supporting regenerative agriculture and reducing the supply chain length.

4.12 SHDC have offered to help Schumaker College, Dartington to develop a robust business plan to enable them to become independent of Dartington Trust. Existing students have been given assurance that their courses will complete.

4.13 The South Hams Festival – all go for June/July 2025 – Theme climate change and biodiversity. Matched funding up to £1000 can be claimed by the PC to put on a local event.

4.14 Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) awards up to £10,000 for capital costs if matched and matching can be for running costs not just capital.

4.15 Oct 11th Sustainable South Hams meeting at Follaton House – (D H has filled in questionnaire,with Sune’s help, and has signed up to attend)

4.16 South Brent woodland project is developing well. SHDC acquired the land and also grant support from DEFRA. There are plans to do a similar project in Kingsbridge.

4.17 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is still in consultation and SHDC will be appealing the suggestion that the housing formula indicates that 875 new houses need to be built in South Hams per year (up from 550).

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4.18 Renewable energy: SHDC will concentrate on encouraging PV's on all suitable buildings. Sune suggested we need information sheets/guidance to encourage homeowners to take the plunge.

4.2. Devon County Council Councillor

4.21 Renewable energy: Cllr Hawkins agreed with Cllr McKay and reported that Townstal Hall roof will have PVs installed and EV charging points in the car park.

4.22 Grade II listed buildings should be encouraged (or at least given permission) to install PVs on rooves, especially outbuildings, double glazing permitted, insulation etc.

4.23 There is a need to address the need for social/rental housing for local residents.

4.24 Dartmouth composting scheme: The site will be in part of the car park at Jawbones and several local organisations have agreed to be involved and there have been offers of volunteers who will be required to make it a viable project.

4.25 Dartmouth Youth Club: Have to move from Ivy Lane (due to be sold by auction) and will be using the Ballroom in the Guildhall until such time as a new venue can be found. They have their sights on acquiring and developing the RNLI building on Coronation Park once the RNLI have moved to their new base near the Higher Ferry.

4.26 Friday food hub update: Going well. The number of weekly clients varies but on average about 35.

4.27 Really pleased to report that the main road to Totnes Cross is finally being resurfaced (in stages – current stage underway at present). This was a big deal to get and costs a fortune.

The Chair thanks Cllrs McKay and Hawkins for their reports.

Cllrs McKay and Hawkins left the meeting

5. Financial Matters

Deferred

5.2. Payments

Cllr Bond left the room

It was resolved to authorise the following payments::

- Ringo processing fee, SHDC, £234.22
- Tindle newspaper, for advert in Kingsbridge Gazette £134.40
- Install mid rail to fence. £298.29
- To reimburse Cllr Bond for Parish-related hardware expenses £6.78 and £4 respectively.

Payments authorised since the last monthly meeting were noted:

- Tree Survey £540.00
- Mileage costs for Dementia Friendly Awareness Session Speaker £31.95

Cllr Bond returned to the room.

6. SHDC Planning Decisions

The following decision was noted:

6.1. 1764/24/TCA 27 Dittisham Court Dittisham TQ6 0HS. T1: Conifer – Remove. No Objection in

7. Planting in Gullies

7.1. Cllr Neale's report was discussed and it was resolved to:

- Clear the Hemlock water dropwort in Autumn/Winter.
- Plant suitable marsh type flora eg yellow flag and marsh marigold in the North gully, The East end of the South gully and in the area parallel to Brook House land.

It was also suggested that the ongoing nature recovery project for the whole of the Ham area is put forward for inclusion of the SHDC Festival 2025 (see 4.13)

8. West Dart Bus

It was resolved to set up a Working Group to consider what actions and responses could be taken in the Parish with regard to the West Dart bus.

Cllr Hawke; Cllr Green and non Cllrs to make up the group.

9. Jubilee Steps Project Update

The report from PU was discussed and the final specification from PU will be put out for quotes.

10. Invitation to attend Dementia Awareness Forum.

Wed 25th Sept 24, Follaton House.8.08.24

SN will check time of the event and attend if possible. If not, he will send apologies on behalf of DPC

11.New Planning Applications

11.1. 2406/24/HHO Pump Cottage The Level Dittisham TQ6 0ES Householder application for demolition of single storey garage, store & first floor dormer, removal of oil tank & slab, Internal alterations, roof extension & installation of ASHP Support (by resolution) with a comment about the increase in glazing and potential negative effect on habitat and neighbours amenity using DPC's standard light pollution comment.

11.2. 2450/24/LBC Mulberry House Dittisham TQ6 0ER Listed Building Consent for external alterations to outbuildings to include installation of Solar PV and air source heat pump.

Support (by resolution).

11.3. 2451/24/HHO Mulberry House Dittisham TQ6 0ER Householder Application for external alterations to outbuildings to include installation of Solar PV and air source heat pump.

Support (by resolution).

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11.4. 2419/24/FUL Downton Lodge Dittisham TQ6 0JD Replacement balcony, new sliding doors to re-place existing french doors/windows to East elevation, internal alterations.
Support (by resolution).

11.5. Application from the Premier Marinas (Dart) Limited, for The Boat House, Noss On Dart Marina, Kingswear, TQ6 0EA. For: the Supply of alcohol for consumption On and Off the premises, Monday to Sunday 08:00 to 22:30. Opening hours Monday to Sunday 08:00 to 23:00. Representations no later than 20 September 2024.
Noted. No Comment

12. Planning Decisions to note since our July meeting.

The following decisions were noted.

12.1. 2062/24/LBC Myrtle Cottage, Manor Street, Dittisham, TQ6 0EX Listed Building Consent for replacement of 5 timber single glazed windows - **decision not yet known, consultation ends 29/08.**

12.2. 2293/24/TCA 27 Dittisham Court Dittisham TQ6 0HS T1: Conifer - Remove tree to enable the plum trees & other nice trees around it to flourish **Approved**

12.3. 2075/24/LBC Higher Dart Cottage, Manor Street, Dittisham, TQ6 0EX Listed Building Consent for general internal alterations, replacement flat roof & slate hanging to the North elevation. **Conditional Approval**

12.4. 1965/24/ARC Bozomzeal Manor Bozomzeal Dittisham TQ6 0JG Application for approval of details reserved by condition 4 (Internal Wall Finishes) of planning consent 0928/24/LBC **Approved**

12.5. 1764/24/TCA 27 Dittisham Court Dittisham TQ6 0HS T1: Conifer - Remove **Approved**

12.6. 1253/24/HHO 1 Glendale Manor Street Dittisham TQ6 0EY Householder application for proposed erection of a free-standing shed/summer house.
Conditional Approval

12.7. 1476/24/FUL Fairholme, Riverside Road, Dittisham, TQ6 0HS New 3 bed dwelling and detached garden store with associated car parking & landscaping (including new tree planting) **c**
Conditional Approval

12.8. Bula Lifestyle, Dartmouth new premises licence from Bula Lifestyle Ltd for 4 Newcomen Road, Dartmouth, TQ6 9AF. The application is for: Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises: Monday to Saturday 09:00 to 18:00; Sunday 10:00 – 17:00. Supply of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises during pre-booked events only: Monday to Sunday 09:00 – 21:00.

13. New Tree Applications

No current TPO Applications

14. Consultations

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None to discuss

15. Reports from Councillors' Working Groups and External Forums

None to discuss

16. Correspondence:

The following correspondence was noted.

- 20/8/24 – Parishoner wanting guidance on work to trees. Signposted to SHDC and shared Cllr Bond's email address.

 - 17/08/24 – Notification of possible road closures by **Network Plus**. Wanting notification if there are vulnerable people inside the closures that would need emergency access. No date set yet so mainly just for info.

 - 21/08/24 – email from visitor about provision of dog bins by the pontoon. Cllrs Bond, Neale and Nightingale discussed and responded to explain the lack of bins on Manor St.

 - 28/6/24 SHDC Localities Officer, Enquiry re. problem spots or notices needed. Cllrs Bond and Neale asked for signs to be put on the litter bins to encourage their use for litter and dog waste and to raise awareness about the antisocial nature of fly tipping.

 - South Hams Community Action Membership Invitation, £60

 - 7/7/24 The Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill (email was circulated to Cllrs On 15.07 24)
- Lifestyle Offer to try Try Seated Exercise Or Nordic Walking (Walking With Poles)
- 10/7/24 South Hams Community Action, Report on its Loneliness & Social Isolation Survey

 - 11/7/24 Devon Communities Together Report on its Audit of Devon Village Halls

 - 11/7/24 Devon Communities Together Report on Report now published: The first Devon Prepared conference on Whole of Society Resilience

 - DCT Notice of next Devon Community Resilience Forum 26/9/24 10.00am – 4.00pm Crediton

 - 16/7/24 Peninsula Transport, share our regional transport strategy.

 - 18/7/24 SHDC Parish Housing Profiles

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17. Next Meeting:

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on October 6th 2024 at 7:00 pm.

18. Closure of the Meeting

It was resolved, in accordance with the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act to exclude the public and press during consideration of the following item(s) because of the confidential nature of the business.

19 Appointment of a temporary clerk/officer.

Cllr Neale appointed to the temporary role of Clerk /2nd Proper Officer
Cllr Green appointed to the temporary role of 2nd Financial Officer.
The situation is to be reviewed at the October PC meeting.

20 Possible community offer for the Red Lion Inn.

An update was received and discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

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