

# **Diptford Playing Field Group 2025 AGM**

13<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Diptford Village Hall  
7pm

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Diptford Playing Field Group (DPFG), members of the Diptford Amenity Trust (DAT) and local people.

## **Minutes**

Minutes from the 2023 AGM were read and approved.

## **Annual Report by Chair**

A summary of the the previous year's activities was read by Mike Cox, mentioning the wide range of ages of those using the park, the substantial repairs to the activity frame, clearing back of brambles and the treatment of the bamboo growth. Much effort had been put into fund raising for the refurbishment of the tennis court to enable it's conversion into a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). Thanks were given to the DAT for the ongoing maintenance of the grounds and also for their quick response to the removal of the large Monterey Pine which had become a safety risk.

Also discussed was the annual Parish Walk which will be held this coming April and details will be announced shortly. Last year's walk raised over £100 and was enjoyed by a wide range of ages, this year it's hoped the playing field will feature as part of the route.

## **Financial Report**

The current account stands at £1436 with little change from last year which was £1475.

## **The future of the Diptford Playing Field Group**

Firstly, a brief history: the land of the playing field was gifted in the 1970s and the Diptford Parish Council became the Custodian Trustees. All parish councillors became trustees by default and they in turn formed the Diptford Amenity Trust as a separate entity from other council business. Alongside them the Diptford Playing Field Group was formed to assist in the running of the playing field along with fundraising and any upkeep.

As the years have gone by the need for repairs and maintenance has increased due to age of equipment and it was proposed that the role of the DPFG be now absorbed into the DAT for the future. All attendees were invited to discuss this proposal and it was agreed the benefits of doing so would be clearer communication, a de-duplication of time and work and greater efficiency.

A vote was taken and the decision to proceed was unanimous.

DAT will liaise with the outgoing DPFPG to facilitate a handover/ amalgamation and all members of the DPFPG will be invited to attend & take an active part in future DAT meetings.

The attendees at the meeting thanked both Mike Cox for his DPFPG services over many years and also Ralph Mortimore who has done so more recently.

Meeting closed 8.45pm.