

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET ON MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2018 AT 19:30

Present: H. Clasper (Vice Chairman), P. Darban, E. Larcombe, Mrs L. O’Flynn,
Mr T O’Flynn, I. Thompson, Miss K. Fitzgerald, Miss L. Darban (19:52), G. Muir (20:07)
and J Grey (20:10)
Clerk to the Council – Mrs K. Jones and Miss K. Hillis

Apologies: Cllrs, A. Clemens, Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor, Mrs M. Davies, Cllrs Mrs Stickland

There were 8 members of the public present, 1 Guest speaker Glen Tobin from Heathrow

17.182 ANNOUNCEMENTS – In the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chairman H. Clasper will be in the chair.

17.183 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – A Datchet Resident questioned i) If the website was working as she was unable to open Agendas/Minutes. The clerk replied the website was working fine.
ii) Re: - item 10 on the agenda, why was the council considering restructuring? Cllr Clasper replied it was put on the agenda by Chairman to open up discussion about going back to the old system of committees. There was no pre-supposition. Cllr Thompson commented that the reason behind going back to committees and away from lead members was to spread the work load and increase efficiency as the present system is not working.
iii) Why have a schedule of meeting dates when the council are not sticking to them and putting in Extra Ordinary meetings which the public are missing? Cllr Clasper replied that regular meetings have taken place when scheduled and the Chairman/ clerk have the power to call Extra Ordinary meetings if required. Agendas for these are put on the notice boards and website. She replied that social media and twitter should also be used.

Mr D Loveridge stated that the £500 DPC had paid for storage of sand bags at Christmas was not passed onto St Marys School, as they did not want cash. Instead sports equipment had been purchased for them and they are very happy with this. Cllr Clasper thanked Mr Loveridge.

17.184 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – NONE

17.185 PRESENTATION BY HEATHROW REPRESENTATIVE

A presentation was given by Glen Tobin the Community Engagement Manager on the Heathrow consultation of the 3rd runway, brochures are available to take from the Parish Office. Questions that were unable to be answered will get a response by the end of the week. Residents were advised to go on online and complete the consultation form. Cllr Clasper thanked Mr Tobin for coming.

17.186 MINUTES OF THE PART II MEETING HELD ON THE 29TH JANUARY 2018

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17.187 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH FEBRUARY 2018

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17.188 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

None. The Clerk referred to the action sheet.

17.189 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Lead Member presented the payment sheets for consideration. Following discussions by members and answers provided as necessary, it was proposed by Cllr Darban, seconded Cllr Miss Fitzgerald and **RESOLVED** that the payments list be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

17.190 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

In the absence of both the Lead and Deputy Lead Member, the Clerk presented the planning application list. The decisions being as follows;

18/00265 – 21 Castle Avenue – Members had **NO OBJECTION** to this application provided it does not exceed the 30m² flood allowance and there is sufficient onsite parking for a house this size.

18/00381 – Land North of 2 and rear of 2 to 36 Ditton Rd – Members had **STRONG OBJECTIONS** to this application on the following grounds: -

- It is in the Green Belt, and as such the proposed use is inappropriate.
- It is in Flood Zone 3 and as such is liable to flooding. Creating more hard surfacing will increase the risk of flooding to surrounding properties.
- The proposed use, airport car parking, will have associated fuel contaminants going into the ground which will eventually leach into the Datchet Common Brook at the rear of the site causing pollution to the environment and users further downstream, which is unacceptable.
- The proposed access and egress to the site is by a small private road off Ditton Road. The proposal would increase traffic movements on an already busy road and could involve night movements which will disturb nearby residents.
- The application form is incorrect in that the site can be viewed from public land – Datchet Cemetery. The council feel very strongly that the proposal is an inappropriate use of land in close proximity to the cemetery, which is used daily by bereaved families and visitors who quite rightly expect a peaceful and dignified setting.

18/00382 – 3 Fairfield Avenue – Members **OBJECTED** to this application on grounds of over-development of the site and lack of off street parking.

18/00496 – 16 Holmlea Rd – Members had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

17.191 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum and additional addendum dated 12.03.18.

17.192 PLANNING GENERAL

Ward Boundary Review; the consultation period by the Boundary Commission ends on 7th May. Their recommendation of combining Datchet, Horton and Wraysbury with 3 ward councillors is what Datchet Parish Council wanted. *Clerk to respond to the Commission saying that DPC are pleased that they have taken on board their considerations.*

17.193 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

i) In the absence of Chairman Cllr Mrs. Stickland the Clerk gave feedback from the Partnership Review meeting on 16th Feb. She advised that such topics as motorbikes and antisocial behaviour were being looked into. The Borough and Radian are working together to find a better design for the Holmlea Road estate gate. The Police are looking at CCTV footage to find the culprits of the recent motorbike intrusion.

ii) Cllr Mrs. Stickland will give her report from the RBWM stakeholders meeting at the next DPC meeting.

Cllr Grey advised that RBWM have 1.3million to spend on CCTV and asked, if there are areas that attract antisocial behaviour, let him know. Also another 7 community wardens are to undergo a training and will have more 'police powers' once they are accredited in May.

17.194 CLERKS REPORT

i) Datchet United Charities had written regarding 2 of their 5 Trustees which are appointed by the Parish Council. They requested that Mr Timothy O'Flynn and Mrs Helen Dalton be considered (N.B. they do not have to be a councillor, although Mrs Dalton previously was) It was Proposed Cllr Mrs O'Flynn and Seconded Miss Darban that DPC agree to the appointments. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Clerk to write to inform agreed

ii) Committee Structure; Cllr Clasper gave the background - when RBWM moved to a cabinet structure, DPC did the same. It is on tonight's agenda for discussion to see if DPC would operate more efficiently if go back to the previous system of committees and not lead members. Cllr Clasper personally felt that Planning would benefit from this as takes up a lot of time at each meeting.

Cllr Thompson stated the proposal has been looked at with Cllr Mrs. Stickland there are problems with current system, especially Properties. He felt planning and properties as have a wider portfolio and need more support.

Cllr Mrs O'Flynn felt that there would be a lot if repetition and it meant more agendas and minutes would have to be produced.

Cllr O'Flynn felt it would be better to go back to holding 2 council meeting per month.

After discussions Cllr Clasper asked councillors to give thought on this matter and to send opinions to the Clerk to bring this back to the May meeting, where council would be in a position to make a decision.

17.195 CORRESPONDENCE

i) Churchmead School had written thanking DPC for the donated benches

ii) Mrs S. Needham had replied on behalf of DHMC re DPC's motion requesting them to hold an AGM confirming that they did not have to hold one. The clerk asked how does DPC wish to reply? Cllr Larcombe had requested 5yrs worth of minutes. Cllr Thompson asked for scrutiny of financial document under power 5 of trust document (1967) and for pin numbers etc. to be handed over at the same time as an AGM. Cllr Clasper replied that the Trust Deed and Charity Law doesn't require an AGM to be held. The 1976 document does not have the requirement, and it is not required by Charity Law unless it is specified in the governing documents.

iii) Cemetery Chapel Feasibility Study - a letter has gone out to various local groups and estate agents. RBWM had responded that they do not give out free advice. Cllr Clasper questioned if the original brief to ESH included for them to test the market place. *Clerk to check*

Cllr Darban happy to accompany Cllr Mrs Stickland on a site visits.

17.196 PROPERTIES

i) With the absence of the Leam Member, the Clerk showed and explained a spread sheet re: quotes for the Village Hall Lighting. Cllr Clasper suggested not to be too hasty, Cllr Verma had talked previously about a different lighting system and suggested to ask him to get detailed proposals to the council. What we currently have is adequate or the present. After discussions it was proposed to have a small working group to look at a way forward to discuss the lighting and internal issues such as curtains. It was Proposed by Cllr Clasper, Seconded Cllr Miss Darban that group include: - Cllrs Clasper, Verma, P. Darban and also Ian Bacon from the DVHMC.

ALL IN FAVOUR (with 1 abstaining)

ii) Village Hall Heating: Cllr Clasper reported that there are 2 fully functional boilers and as of Wednesday fully functional underfloor heating as well. However the 2 units either side of the stage were found to be empty as the fans and wires were removed. (The hot water system is okay). SEC had quoted £9,069 for 2 new units for either side of the stage and £30,119.28 for a complete new system keeping the boilers. Cllr Thompson suggested that as the system is approx. 50yrs old to get other companies to give quotes for replacing the whole system. Cllr Miss Fitzgerald proposed that this should be part of the remit of the group set up to look at the lighting. Cllr Clasper agreed.

ALL IN FAVOUR (with 1 abstaining)

17.197 GROUNDS

Report from Lead Member Cllr Muir: -

i) Tennis Courts have been cleaned and treated which looks good and extended the life expectation to another 3 - 4 yrs.

ii) The new tractor and stealth have been delivered.

- iii) The Parish Yard asbestos roof is to be professionally removed and then the garage is to be removed and a new base to be laid for the new building. Currently getting rid of rubbish.
- iv) New summer plants have been ordered and will check the brackets for the hanging basket.
- v) New Benches & bins to be ordered for the other village greens in this year's budget. Cllr Clemens' to email through.
- vi) Football, pitches are in tremendous condition and have the best facilities in RBWM.
- vii) Play areas are in need of minor repairs to be completed by Easter.

Cllr Larcombe asked about Byelaw signs? The Clerk stated the designs have come back to her and are on list to do once she gets a chance.

Cllr Larcombe stated the bins outside the Charity Shop are still there. Cllr Thompson agreed they are an eyesore and has been down with Cllr Mrs Davies and worked out an area which could incorporate these with a picket fence enclosure. Cllr Clasper proposed to put this in writing with drawings to bring back to the next meeting. Will need to talk to the Conservation Officer.

Chairman requested the meeting to finish at 22:00 and move the Fair request and any unfinished business to the April meeting. AGREED

The Clerk gave an update on the urgent works to be done on the Recreation Ground including the felling of 1 diseased tree by the scout hut. Notices to go up.

Cemetery Fees and Charges: The lead member explained that there is approx. only 4yrs left until the Cemetery is full. He explained the spread sheet that was shown on the screen and recommended following suit with Old Windsor for Deed of Burials and increase to £600 for inhabitants and £4,000 for non-inhabitants. All other charges to have a 3% price increase with the exemption of the Lined Graves which will be increased in proportion. **ALL AGREED**

Clerk to work the final figures out.

17.198 HIGHWAYS & GENERAL PURPOSES

Report from Lead Member Cllr Grey:

i) Given the new role of reducing the use of plastics, a rate reduction to be given to business. Confirmed waste collection to remain weekly.

ii) To tackle the issues with the drains in the village, which was not finished.

Cllr Larcombe stated Horton Rd parking is still an issue, and asked about the 'Task and finish group' which is to monitor 'Planning'. Cllr Grey explained this is to reduce the red tape that prevents applications from moving forward.

Chairman suggested moving Cllr Larcombe's motion to the April meeting. Cllr Larcombe happy to do this

17.199 FLOODING & DRAINAGE

Cllr Thompson to talk to Cllr Grey regarding the drainage issues in the village, flooding and report.

17.199 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident asked how much longer will DPC uphold Cllr Larcombe's racist views? And asked the Council to look very hard at themselves and what they will they do about this as it is making them all look bad.

Cllr Clasper stated 'Point taken'

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 22:04

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD 9th APRIL 2018

CHAIRMAN

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