

DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING 14th November 2022 AGENDA ITEMS 8

1. Report to Council

Dated 14th Nov 2022

2. Subject: Chairman's Report

3. Report Prepared By: Cllr D Buckley

CHAIRMANS REPORT

- There is an ongoing request from other local Parish Councils to join resources on common issues. From Highways, public transport (buses) to flooding we will continue to make headway on joining up the local Parish Councils with the Borough Council to support the needs of all village residents in particular Datchet residents, to add weight on important issues that commonly affect us all at a very local level.
- The Lead member for Events is looking at how different community groups are looking to work with the Parish Council to make the very best events for the village and we welcome all groups to take this initiative and contact the Parish Council so we can combine resources to create a stronger community spirit that can grow together. The Datchet fete committee have already approached DPC with a view to joining our Coronation event over the bank holiday weekend on 7th May 2023 and I am sure you will join me in welcoming all the village groups coming together, at a time when inflation, cost of living crisis and resources are stretched.
- There are continuing inflationary pressures being applied onto the Parish Council's finances and the cost-of-living crisis is affecting many residents. We need to think of those who will be adversely affected in our community and look at ways we at DPC can support those who are struggling to heat their homes during the colder months that will come. There is an initiative from RBWM to support any local groups who could come up with ideas for the difficult years ahead.
- We have had seen quite a number of local issues of late and some of these continue forward into the winter and beyond. These have prompted more residents to attend regular Parish Council meetings as well as any extraordinary meetings. Residents have taken the time to learn how the Parish Council works to support all the local community. Some have created working groups with the Council. We thank everyone that has engaged directly or indirectly with us and hope they have seen the value of the Parish Council. I would like to extend a request, that should any residents of the village wish to support our community further, they could apply to become a Parish Councillor in the local elections to be held on 4th May 2023. You can do this by contacting RBWM and request information on how to become a Parish Councillor and stand for election. I look forward to working with a progressive Parish Council with improved resources to support the community of Datchet for many more years.
- I would remind everyone that we have the Police Crime Commissioner attending our next Parish Council meeting on 12th December and I am sure this again will see a larger than normal public attendance. We will be requesting public questions in advance to make the meeting as progressive as possible for all who attend.