

DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING: 12 April 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 12. Events

Report to Council

Dated: April 2021

Subject: Events - Lead Members Report

Report prepared by: Cllr Allen Corcoran

Reason for report: Monthly update – Report 10

Members are requested to: Please see recommendations below

Datchet Post Office, 13 April 2021

Background: Following the government's 'Roadmap out of Lockdown', the PO Outreach Team expects to be able to reopen on Tuesday 13 April 2021 unless otherwise directed by PO Ltd. The W.I. Hall has confirmed they are able to host.

Recommendation: Cllr Corcoran to update DPC when information is available and relay the news to residents via Datchet Eye Facebook page. DPC notice boards will also be updated.

Stalls on The Village Greens, 22 May 2021

Background: A request has been made by the Bridge Café to use a DPC gazebo as they intend to hold a reopening event selling food and drinks on Memorial Green on Saturday 22 May. I am unaware if permission has been granted for use of the Green and whether they have provided public liability insurance details to the council.

Suggested way forward: If permission has been granted, it would seem fair that all Datchet shops be given a similar opportunity to use the Green as a Covid-compliant outdoor space to welcome back customers and boost trade. If Step 3 of the Government's Roadmap is confirmed on 17 May, then 22 May would be a good opportunity to allow this.

Recommendation: Cllr Corcoran to request this loan of the gazebo be considered by council under item 12 Events, and the opportunity to trade on The Green extended to all local businesses.

The Ellis Journey, Sunday 4 July 2021

Background: The Borough's Safety Advisory Group could not support the Ellis Journey being held on The Green and The Cut due to the expected increase of through-traffic caused by M4 closure, Royal Horse Show and Championship Dog Show on the same weekend. It was therefore proposed and agreed at March's DPC meeting to use the Sabatini Land.

Since then, Cllr Thompson, Lead for Grounds, and Cllr Davies, Lead for Properties, have told me this vote is invalid as the land is the property of the DRCCT even though parish councillors are also DPC trustees. I subsequently met with Cllrs Thompson and Loveridge in an attempt to find a way of working together as a council to hold an enjoyable event for the village as it comes out of lockdown. Cllr Thompson said the Rec was not available as an alternative; both spaces were required as football matches would be taking place on the Rec and dog-walkers would take priority on the Sabatini Land.

Suggested ways forward: Cllr Thompson said he would email councillors concerning his discussions with Cllrs Davies and Corcoran and would have the vote annulled. Cllr Loveridge has said he will approach Greg Nelson at SAG to request use of The Cut.

Recommendation: Cllr Corcoran to keep DPC informed as discussions progress.

Cllr Allen Corcoran