

DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING: 10th January 2022

AGENDA ITEMS: Grounds & 14. Flooding

Report to Council

Dated: 7th January 2022

Subject: Lead Members Report – Cllr. I Thompson

GROUND, and FLOODING and DRAINAGE Reports January 2022

GROUNDS REPORT

1. Testing of Utility Vehicles is continuing. Two models of John Deere vehicles and one model of Kubota have been tested and evaluated and an Electric vehicle is to be delivered shortly for evaluation. As previously stated, a report on the comparison of these makes and any offers for our redundant equipment will be put before Council.
2. Problems regarding fly tipping continues, our PCSO Les Bradfield has been helpful in requesting the Borough to clear problem areas.
3. The Christmas tree compound is available and being used as previously.
4. Some of the Christmas tree lights have failed, Cllr Larcombe has checked our supply box which is ok, one and a half strings of lights are working, the cause of the other strings is probably water ingress. The tree will be removed shortly.
5. The tree protectors for the small trees have arrived and we will be contacting Wild About Datchet for some manpower for planting about 20 oak Whips. We still await delivery of the wire mesh protectors for the larger ones.
5. A survey has been carried out in relation to where an oak tree can be planted on Memorial Green. Re the HM Jubilee celebrations.
6. A BT contractor damaged Memorial Green with an unauthorised excavation, the matter is with the DPC solicitors.

FLOODING AND DRAINAGE REPORT.

1. Currently the recreation ground ditch is at its normal winter water level, also the River Thames at Datchet. Monitoring of these water courses will continue, there are no flood alerts relevant to Datchet at the time of writing.
2. May I ask every councillor to make a response to the EA Flood Risk Management Plan that you have all been circulated with and send you concerns and comments to the Parish Office ASAP. Thank you.
3. The intended increased sewage volume of outfall by Slough sewage works into the River Thames past Datchet is of concern especially in regard to local pollution and extraction to the reservoirs downstream. Cllr Larcombe will continue to pursue this issue.

4. A reply from the EA is requested regarding why The Myrke Stream designated main river is not included within the EA modelling of local water courses especially regarding the heavy sewage pollution it contains.

Cllr Ian Thompson,

Lead Member for Grounds, Flooding and Drainage.
