

# DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING:** 8<sup>th</sup> November. 2021

**AGENDA ITEMS:** 10. Grounds & 13. Flooding

**Report to Council**

**Dated:** 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

**Subject:** Lead Members Report

## **GROUND and FLOODING and DRAINAGE Reports SEPTEMBER 2021**

### **GROUNDS REPORT NOV 2021**

1. The Green Lane Ha Ha hedge has been cut.
2. The Milestone tail hole has been excavated clear of a service cable and is ready for Mr Chalk to install the milestone before the Christmas tree is erected.

#### ARCHEOLOGICAL NOTE :-

Three freshwater oyster shells were found at 26 inches below grass, confirming that this was common food in past centuries, likely found in the River Thames locally. Someone please record/collect.

3. Firework notices attached to DPC posts on greens without permission to be removed.
4. Antisocial dumping of bedding, garden furniture, and other items in the Rec ditch, some removed others to heavy and waterlogged will be removed with the ditching JCB.
5. The Borough have been requested to remove the road sign at Green Lane relating to Refuse point.
6. The Greens and Recreation Ground have had to have an additional grass mowing due to the exceptional weather this year.
7. The estate side of the Rec hedging is due for cutting. Arranged.
8. The rec ditch is due for clearing and cutting, Arranged.
9. A contractor has been approached to provide a specification and price for replacement of some rec pathways, and repair of the damaged new path section.
10. Wild about Datchet have been in contact with regard to planting of wild flowers as per Katy's drawing.
11. A quotation has been received for the extension of Datchet Christmas Lighting; this will be a voted item in November's meeting.
12. Katy has obtained Quotations for the Queen's Jubilee plaques, approval required at November's meeting.
13. The riverside bench commemorating WW1 has been renovated and with new signage painted.
14. The riverside chain installation will recommence as the correct chain has been delivered.
15. Failed riverfront lighting and leaking water fountain have been reported to the Borough for rectification.
16. Contact will be re-established with Maydencroft Ltd or Consultant on the rec ditch project with the intention of culverting the section of the rec ditch between the Parish Yard to the end of the Football Club building. This is now an increased priority due to antisocial dumping behaviour.

17. The EA have been contacted re the unsocial mooring of a motorboat obstructing other river users from our riverside frontage. Issue ongoing.
18. It is intended that initial tree planting will commence at the end of Nov/ early December.
19. Christmas tree installation 18<sup>th</sup> November.
20. rectification work to the children's play area has been completed, future work is required.

### **FLOODING REPORT NOV 2021**

1. The Datchet Parish Council have invited Wraysbury, Horton and Old Windsor Parish Councils to join with them to form a combined communities Flood Risk Action Group to press the Government for funding of a new Channel 1 project to link with Channels 2&3 of the River Thames Scheme. Wraysbury and Old Windsor Parish Councils have accepted the invitation, we await response from Horton PC, the proposal has the intention of providing flood protection for over 30,000 residents and businesses within the Channel 1 catchment area. The combination of the Parishes gives weight to this proposal.
2. The EA have published their national invitation for communities to provide their requirements for flood protection within designated areas of the UK. Our area is Thames. This is an opportunity not to be missed and the setting up of our FRAG group is ideal. the consultation ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022.
3. No response received from the Borough yet on the extent of repairs of the Barrel Arch and when they can commence.
4. As above re commencement of the flap valve installation at Penn Road DCB/Rec ditch intersection.
5. No response from Thames Water re work needed in the DCB to undertake the above work. Or joint survey with DPC
6. Sewage pollution within the Myrke Ditch, photos provided to Thames Water, response awaited.

Cllr Ian Thompson LM for Grounds, Flooding and Drainage.

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