

DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING 14th November 2022 AGENDA ITEMS 12 & 15

1. Report to Council

Dated 27th October 2022

2. **Subject:** GROUNDS and FLOODING.

3. **Report Prepared By:** Cllr Thompson.

Lead Members Report

GROUND'S REPORT

1. The rec ditch has been cleared and arisings removed.
2. The Green Lane Ha Ha has been cut.
3. The Housing Estate Hedge is to be cut on 28th October.
4. Memorial Green, Mays Island, and North Green have been subject to scarifying, seeding and weed kill to improve the grass condition following this past summer overheat. A late season mow has been carried out; others may be required relative to the warm weather we are currently experiencing.
5. Football matches have restarted on the Recreation Ground.
6. All new play equipment has been installed together with resurfacing of play equipment areas.
7. The WI Queen's memorial Oak tree on The Cut has had the temporary encasement removed, a black steel protective cage installed to match the Queen's Memorial Oak on Memorial Green and the Memorial Plaque set in place with its stone base, Both Oak tree plantings are now identical.
8. A replacement Oak tree on The Cut has had a protection cage installed.
9. All summer flowers have been removed and replaced with Autumn/Winter planting.
10. Initial fitting out work on the red telephone internals is commencing, both Electrical and Mechanical.
11. Oak seedlings are now underway, it appears that possibly 12 of our Oak plantings on the Rec have survived. We now have spares in process.
12. The DPC has contacted the Borough Arboreal Officer with our report and proposals by a professional tree surveyor with regard to the central Datchet Jubilee Oak tree. Response Awaited.
13. A survey called by a resident in Penn Road in relation to over growth of weed and possible clearing has been drawn to our attention as uncontrolled resident dumped garden waste is impacting on the cemetery boundary fencing.
14. Cemetery boundary fencing overgrowth and minor tree work to commence.
15. Fly tipping around the Allen Way clothing containers is continuing, also minor dumping on the recreation ground.

FLOODING AND DRAINAGE REPORT

1. Drainage flooding occurred at The Green Datchet following a broken water main subsequently repaired by Thames Water, this highlighted the fact that the surface water drain gulley was inoperative, this is now a matter of a survey between RBWM and the DPC.
2. The Barrel Arch restoration work is due to commence in the near future, we await notice from RBWM as this will result in some aspect of a road closure.
3. The Penn Road interception chamber flap valve proposal is in the process of modelling the effect this may have on flood envelopes locally this is intended by January 2023, Thames Water await a survey and report from their contractor.
Both of the above items are listed on the Datchet to Bell Wier flood protection scheme proposal with the EA. This latter provision is unlikely to occur to provide protection to Datchet this winter.
4. The Eton End rail tunnel flood water control is at a discussion level between RBWM, Network Rail and the EA who have completed modelling and support the proposal which will bring a flood protection benefit to West Datchet residents and properties. Again, this will not be available for this winter. However, the DPC has succeeded in getting into the Datchet to Bell Wier flood protection proposals.
5. The EA have carried out repairs to the Jubilee River retaining walls.
6. Sewage is still entering the Myrke Stream from Slough, unfortunately Thames Water are in denial although this has been viewed by over 30 persons.
7. A R.U.G. 7 meeting took place at Windsor Marina where sewage pollution was high on the agenda, affecting all river user groups, The EA representative confirmed that the findings by the EA in their pollution report were correct and that all watercourses locally inc the river Thames well exceed their safety levels re sewage contamination. Thames Water state that they are in the initial stages of design to extend the Slough treatment works, meantime they discharge over volume of untreated sewage into the Thames. This upgrade could be several years into the future. This raises two points of concern
 1. How efficient is the filtration of Abstracted water from the Thames.
 2. Clearly there is no current treatment capacity to cater for the extensive housing proposals for Slough, Datchet, Horton, Wraysbury, and West Windsor. This is where the Borough Plan fails re lack of infrastructure.
8. A meeting at Wraysbury Village Hall on 25th November to discuss The River Thames Scheme.
9. The EA state that they intend to reveal their plans for local flood protection in relation to the Flood Risk Management Plan that our four Parishes responded to.