

Datchet Parish Council

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REPORTS FOR THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL to be held **VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON <u>MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2021</u>**

1. FLOODING REPORT 04/04/21.

The recent high rise of the River Thames due to high rainfall within central England was fully monitored by the EA and West Berkshire emergency services allowing full information to be disseminated to all residents within the village. Again the water levels provided within the EA data base allowed an unofficial local prediction bulletin to be produced. Thanks once again to the EA project at Black Potts for keeping us all updated with progress which has been circulated via our local media and the DPC website.

It should be noted that there has been no contact from the EA or the Borough regarding clearing the Datchet Common Brook or providing flood defences at Penn Road and Eton End.

I do not intend to ask for volunteers from the village public, or expect Cllrs to put themselves at risk should there be a flooding emergency, due to the extent that covid is extending through our community. In extreme circumstances should it be necessary I will request that our Borough Cllrs contact the Army.

2. GROUNDS REPORT 04/01/21.

The Grass cutting has ceased for the winter period, general small works maintenance will continue under Dean Smith, which includes litter picking. The damaged posts have been replaced around the Greens and new posts are being painted as spares. The riverfront has had some marginal flooding and therefore ask that people keep off the grass frontage otherwise it will result in slippery mud.

It is not my intention to restart any major projects until it is safe to do so and Denny, Andrew, Dean and I have had an anti covid jab. Meanwhile I will not be willing to meet with any outside contractor on the same basis.

The intention is to keep the project values as stated within the budget projection as the future is unclear as to when normal life can resume.

Cllr Ian Thompson, Lead Member for Grounds, Lead Member for Flooding.