

# Datchet Parish Council

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

### NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM, ON THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021 AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllrs Mrs L. O’Flynn, I. Thompson, E. Larcombe, M. Davies, I. Bacon, A. Corcoran,  
E. Larcombe

Apologies: Bor.Cllr D Cannon, Cllr D. Buckley

There were 3 members of the public present.

#### **APM/1 INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and advised what was planned and not done because of the first lock down. It has been very challenging for everyone and it has been a steep learning curve for all of us.

#### **APM/2 NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

The notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in 2019 had been agreed at the Council meeting. A copy was available if required.

#### **APM/3 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman read out her report which can be reviewed on the Parish Website and copies available on request. There were no questions.

#### **APM/4 REPORT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR FINANCE**

The Lead Member for Finance, read out his report which can be reviewed on the Parish Website and copies available on request. There were no questions.

#### **APM/5 REPORT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR GROUNDS**

The Lead Member for Grounds, read out his report which can be reviewed on the Parish Website and copies available on request.

#### **Public asked the following questions**

a) What is happening with the council’s tractor? Lead Member advised it has been serviced but council is not using it at the moment, but will be. He advised the council is disposing off the Etesia ride on mower.

b) Works on the Riverside Jetties will need council to agree first? The Lead Member advised a new proposal would have to be drawn up for planning permission and the clerk advised council would need to agree to replacing the Jetties before any administrative work can be started. It was asked if there was a target date for the Jetties to start and so when? Lead Member advised everything has been moved back at least a year, looking at 2023.

c) Refurbishment of the village green edges could they see samples before they go ahead? The Lead Member advised that still looking for suppliers to quote these can be put to the council when received.

d) What savings have been made by contracting out the grass cutting? Lead Member advised he did not have this information, however will report back.

**Comment:** Regarding the councils long term strategy this should be on a three monthly review and the rest of the items need further discussions at council to take forward.

#### **APM/6 REPORT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR PLANNING**

The Lead Member for Planning, was unavoidably detained. The Chairman advised his report would be sent to any member of the public who wish to see it and would be put on the website as soon as possible.

**APM/7**      **REPORT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES**

No report available.

**APM/8**      **REPORT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR PROPERTIES**

The Lead Member for Properties read out her report which can be reviewed on the Parish Website and copies available on request.

**Public asked the following questions**

- a) Which part of the library needs refurbishing? The lead Member advised it is the side/lean- too extension.
- b) Regarding the Bridge Café was listed building consent received the work carried out. The lead Member confirmed that consent was not required, because the work was general repairs and restoration. There were no alterations/replacements.
- c) Following the closure of Datchet Youth Club, will Datchet Football Club take over the building? Lead Member advised a meeting was supposed to be held to access and assess the building.

**APM/9**      **REPORT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR FLOODING & DRAINAGE**

The Lead Member for flooding and drainage read out his report which can be reviewed on the Parish Website and copies available on request.

**Public asked the following question:**

- a) Is there a plan showing the ditch from the point it goes under Horton Road to where to where it emerges at Penn Road? The Lead Member advised yes and he would provide a copy.
- b) Are the details of the flood defenses, as sent to the EA, for Datchet on the website? Clerk to check.
- c) Regarding the decision on the RTS channel 1. Cllr Larcombe advised that the petition on the RBWM website achieved its target of 1500 signatures but before the meeting RBWM put forward a proposal which failed by 18 votes to 19 with 3 abstentions, with Councillors Cannon and Muir being 2 of these. He also advised channel 1 has been deleted from the RTS scheme and is trying to get it re-instated.

**APM/10**      **REPORT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR EVENTS**

The Lead Member for Events read out his report which can be reviewed on the Parish Website and copies available on request.

**Public asked the following questions:**

- a) What are the plans for the Ellis Journey? Cllr Thompson said it looks like it will be on The Cut but the Boroughs safety advisory group have yet to approve. Cllr Thompson also confirm that as well as the cars there will be entertainment and refreshment available on the day. Once approval is given a program for the event will be issued.

**APM/11**      **Public questions:**

Member of the public asked what effort has been made to encourage people to come along to this meeting tonight? The Chairman replied it is unusual to get many attendees the Clerk advised it had been publicized on the Councils website and the village notice boards.

The Meeting Closed at 21:09

Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2022

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**CHAIRMAN**