

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM, ON WEDNESDAY 5th MAY 2021, AT 20:27

Present: Cllrs Mrs. L. O’Flynn (Chairman) T. O’Flynn, Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, E. Larcombe, D. Loveridge
I. Bacon, A. Corcoran, D. Buckley, Mrs. M. Davies, I. Thompson,
The Clerk Mrs K. Jones and Ms J. Saeed

Apologies: Borough Cllr G. Muir and Cllr. A Clemens who had left for another meeting
There were 2 members of the public present.

21.001 ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

21.002 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Residents asked: -

a. Regarding the **Freedom of Information request** (Minutes of 19th April) had this been sent? The Clerk confirmed that it had.

b. Annual Parish Meeting- Of those listed, several reports had not appeared, (Finance, Highways, Grounds and Flooding) would these be available for discussion at the next meeting of the Parish Council? The Chairman agreed yes.

21.003 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – None

21.004 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th APRIL 2021

Subject to amending the attendance list to say that Cllr A. Corcoran was only present for part of the meeting (due to losing internet connection) these were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. *ALL IN FAVOUR*

20.005 MINUTES OF THE PART II COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2021

Subject to the removal of Cllr A. Corcoran from the list for the above reasons, these were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. *ALL IN FAVOUR*

21.006 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

Clerk confirmed the Freedom of Information Request had been sent to RBWM ref meeting held on the 19th April 2021

21.007 PLANNING - LEAD MEMBER Cllr. D. BUCKLEY

i). To consider new applications listed on the planning addendum and note planning decisions.

Cllr. Buckley asked members if they had any further comments on his report which had been previously circulated.

Appn No. 21/01023 Greenside, 37 High Street, Datchet

Datchet Parish Council would like to issue **No Objection** to this application subject to referral to Conservation Officer to maintain style, materials and installation suited to the Conservation Area and period style of property. Also, property is adjacent to a listed building with views across Datchet Lodge, so referral required to Listed Buildings Officer for comments

Appn No. 21/01251 4 Ditton Road, Datchet

Datchet Parish Council would like to issue **No Objection** to this application

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ii). A resident was allowed to speak regarding the Giant Sequoia Tree. Following discussions, it was agreed that Cllr D. Buckley would set up an petition for the tree on the RBWM website and he explained that banners were being made to replace the library banners and there would be one on the tree with space for the children’s messages. The banners will go up this week.

21.008 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

NOTED

21.009 GROUNDS

- i) **Cleaning and Repainting of Tennis Court and MUGA** – Following discussions it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr I. Thompson, **SECONDED** by Cllr D. Loveridge and **AGREED** to suspend standing orders and proceed with the quotation received for the works in the sum of £3,995 from the contractors who originally carried out the surfacing of the tennis courts. The voting being: -

For: 10 against: 1 abstaining: 1

It was requested that the Clerk circulate the quote received to all members for their information.

- ii) **River Front Chains** Cllr Corcoran asked when the chains would go up the riverside as there was nothing to see yet, and Cllr Thompson said next week.

21.010 PROPERTIES

Following discussions the Lead Member reported that she had gained access to Cemetery Lodge to look at the work required to the windows. It was discussed that only one window would need to be replaced and the rest could be repaired. Cllr A. Corcoran asked to see the quote for the windows and the Lead Member advised she had 1 quote for the replacement which was under £3000 and she would get a quote for the repair work as a separate job from the restorer.

21.011 EVENTS

i) Cllr I. Thompson said he had organised for the Bridge Café to erect a Gazebo on the village green on the 22nd of May. Cllr A. Corcoran suggested other businesses could set up on the green. The Clerk advised that the Bridge Café, and any other business using the greens would all need their own insurance cover and permission from the council. Following discussions, it was felt that due to COVID restrictions it would not be a good idea just yet to have too many organisations on the green at the same time.

ii) Following discussions Cllr A. Corcoran asked for an update on the Ellis Journey. Cllr I. Thompson advised that drawings had been sent to Greg Nelson at RBWM safety advisory group and noted that there would be discussed with Laurie Smith, the main event organiser. Some changes have happened regarding the proposed M4 closure on the same weekend as now only lane will be closed on junction 5, however diversions still not have been approved with RBWM. Waiting for confirmation.

21.012 FLOODING AND DRAINAGE

Cllr Larcombe advised that the RTS petition to the RBWM had reached the required 1500 signatures but had been turned down by 19 votes to 18, with ward Councillors Cannon and Muir abstaining. He was determined to get the RTS recognise as a national significant project. He also advised that the EA agency is not consulting Datchet at the pre application stage because channel one is no longer included. Cllr Thompson will work with Cllr Larcombe on this.

21.013 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllr Buckley welcomed Jiya to the team who will be supporting Katy.

Cllr Loveridge requested that the Monitoring Officer's decisions about Mr Clasper's complaint against him be put on the website. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor, **SECONDED** by Cllr D. Buckley and **AGREED** to put the decision notice on the website. The voting being:

For: 8 against: 1 abstaining: 1

21.014 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Resident asked regarding the Council's decision on the library, the clerk confirmed the annual rent will be reduced from £15,000 to £5,000.

Resident asked regarding the Bridge Café gazebo on the green on the 22nd of May and said it would be a good opportunity for the residents to sign the petition to save the village tree. Cllr Buckley said he would take this back to the group who are organising the petition.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.37PM

THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 21st JUNE 2021

CHAIRMAN