

# Datchet Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021, AT 19:08

Present: Cllr's A. Verma, P. Bicknell, T. O'Flynn, Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, E. Larcombe, D. Loveridge, A. Corcoran, D. Buckley (acting Chairman), Mrs. M. Davies, I. Thompson, I Bacon and Borough Cllr G. Muir.  
The Clerk Mrs K. Jones and Assistant Clerk Ms J. Saeed

Apologies: Cllr Mrs L. O'Flynn, Borough Cllr Cannon, Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor.  
There were 4 members of the public present.

**21.036 ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**21.037 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – None

**21.038 DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Cllr Bicknell declared an interest in item 13.3 of the agenda, by way of him being a member of the Conservative Party.

**20.040 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> OF JUNE 2021**

The minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman - **All in favour**

**20.041 MINUTES OF THE PART II COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> OF JUNE 2021**

The minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman - **All in favour**

**21.042 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES** – Page 5, Motion 2. Cllr

Larcombe asked who abstained from the voting and Cllr Corcoran confirmed it was him.

**21.043 GENERAL**

- i. The Chairman stated he would like everyone to pull together in a positive and a right way for the residents and organisations in the village.

**21.044 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- i. Members noted the income and expenditure sheets. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr T. O'Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr P. Bicknell that the payments on the pink sheet be approved and the income on the green sheet be noted. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**
- ii. To consider moving to Bi-monthly Council meetings. Cllr Corcoran had circulated his report and asked members for their feedback. Following discussions where it was raised that the meetings rarely finished on time and business doesn't get completed, and where there were concerns about planning and finance still requiring monthly meetings for approval of payments and planning applications, it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Corcoran and **SECONDED** by Cllr P. Bicknell that the forward planning working group take this up to discuss in more detail and come back to the council with their findings. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**
- iii. Cllr Bicknell added that Covid 19 had proved that councils can work in different ways and he would like to propose the live stream video recording of meetings.

**21.045 WARD COUNCILORS REPORT'S** – None

**21.046 PLANNING**

i. **Appn no 21/01438 North Green The Green Datchet Slough SL3 9JH**

Datchet Parish Council would like to issue **NO OBJECTION** subject to conservation officers' input and referral by officers to the adopted Datchet Design Guide.  
The voting being: 10 for 0 against and 1 abstaining.

ii. **Appn no 21/01908 Turk- Shish Meze Grill 147 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HU**

Datchet Parish Council would like to issue an **OBJECTION** to the additional change of use as additional vehicles will be accessing the property for a change of use as a commercial car wash business throughout the day. There is another established car wash directly opposite this applicants' property offering a service to the local community. The junction of Horton Road and Penn Road are increasing in traffic, congestion and there is a need to protect

residents in the highly populated streets around the applicants' property. The applicant uses Covid as a reason for an additional change in usage but as we are aware the current use as a restaurant is now required by the residents and parking is at a premium and this change of use would require more on street parking rather than the use of the car park, which again adds to safety and congestion concerns by the Parish Council in a busy residential area on the corner of two busy roads, one a major busy road.

The voting being: 10 for 0 against 1 abstaining.

**iii. Appn no 21/01927 8 Gables Clos Datchet Slough SL3 9BB**

Datchet Parish Council has **NO OBJECTION** to this application

The voting being 10 for 0 against 1 abstaining

**iv. Appn no 21/01952 Evans Cottage Ditton Park Conduit Lane Slough SL3 7JF**

Datchet Parish Council has **NO OBJECTION** to this application

The voting being 10 for 0 against 1 abstaining

**v. Appn no 21/1945 18 Penn Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HT**

Datchet Parish Council would like to issue an **OBJECTION**. The applicant makes reference to another property at No.26 Penn Road as a precedent but reviewing this property at No.26 it is nearly twice the width of plot to this property at No.18 so we feel this is over development of the plot. There is no flood risk assessment received from the applicant as the property sits within a flood zone and actually flooded in 2014 floods. Additionally, there appears to be a loss of off-street parking and with parking being at a premium in Datchet this application would not be suitable by creating further parking congestion for residents. The fact that the proposed plans would extend all property sides to the full boundary supports our argument of over development and we request the officers refuse this application and propose a less developed proposal. Therefore, the application is false and misleading from a local knowledge and history to flooding to officers and should be refused or flood mitigation recommended.

The voting being: 10 for 0 against 1 abstaining

**vi. Appn no 21/01982 66A London Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LQ**

Datchet Parish Council **OBJECTED** over the change of the appearance of the property.

The vote being: 10 for 0 against 1 abstaining

**vii. Appn no 21/01678 10 Castle Avenue Datchet Slough SL3 9BA**

Datchet Parish Council **OBJECTED** to this application in its current form would set an unprecedented change in the street view and a complete change in rooflines and skyline. We refer the officer to the recently adopted Datchet Design Guide where we look to maintain the change to the street view to stay within the historic Datchet character and a flood risk assessment is included in a revised application as this property sits in a flood zone area with historic flooding. Additional we would need the car parking area included in the overall floor area included as it impacts on the flood levels of the area and neighbours.

The vote being: 10 for 0 against 1 abstaining

**iv. Appn no 21/01820 Arbor Lodge, 47A Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9EP**

Datchet Parish Council **OBJECTED** as there is no flood risk assessment with this application and the property sits within a flood zone.

The vote being: 10 for 0 against 1 abstaining

**v. Appn no 21/02013 Sumpter Mead, Windsor Road, Datchet Slough SL3 9BR**

Datchet Parish Council has **NO OBJECTION**- but we would like to add a condition in line with RBWM and the National Environmental policies of adding a new tree planted within the site as advised by the tree officer to offset the loss of this tree.

The vote being: 10 for 0 against 1 abstaining

- vii. **Appn no 21/02028 Sycamore – Fell Datchet Court, Windsor Road, Datchet SL3 9BR**  
Datchet Parish Council has **OBJECTED** this application. There is evidence that work has been carried out to this tree in the past rather than felling the tree. There is no documented expert assessment to the reason why this tree should be felled other than the owners wish to fell, which is not a suitable reason in itself. Furthermore, part of the application is that the tree is blocking solar panels which is weak if not insulting reason to fell a substantial tree.  
The voting being: 10 for 0 against 1 abstaining
- viii. **Appn no 21/01710 2 The Drive Datchet SL3 9DN**  
Datchet Parish Council has issued **NO OBJECTION**, but we would like this referred to the conservation officer to have input as this property sits exactly on the border of the Conservation area and we would like to place a condition on the application: That materials and design suit the Conservation requirements & as set out in Datchet design guide that was adopted b RBWM.  
The voting being: 10 for 0 against 1 abstaining

## **21.047 GROUNDS**

The Lead Member had no report for the meeting.

- i. New CCTV cameras. The clerk had circulated the quote received to all members. It provides for additional cameras to the system the Council already operates to increase coverage to the youth club building and the main entrance to the Recreation Ground and the Parish Yard, to make the buildings and areas safer. The quote also includes for a number plate recognition camera (ANPR) to assist with stopping illegal activities and theft/damage from/to council property, but this requires a new monitor. The cost of the equipment is quite high however it is less than the cost of what has been lost and damaged over the years. Discussions mentioned; we should look for another quote; that the ANPR may need an agreement from the relative authorities regarding data protection; and that DPC should approach RBWM to see if they can provide a bolt on camera to their system. It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to get a re-quote from the company for 2 options: –
1. Additional cameras added to our existing set up to cover the youth club building and the main entrance to the Recreation Ground and the Parish Yard
  2. A standalone ANPR system covering the car park and yard.
- ii. **F.U.E.L - Feed Ur Everyday Lives**, is a RBWM initiative for activities for children aged 5-16yrs in the school holidays who are eligible for Free School Meals. It will run for 2 weeks in August and they have approached DPC about use of the Recreation Ground and the Village Hall. Following discussions, it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs M. Davies, and **SECONDED** by Cllr D. Loveridge that DPC give permission to use the ground and cover the cost of hiring the village hall for four hours a day for toilets, lunch and dance sessions at the total cost of £612.00. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

## **21.048 Properties**

The Lead Members reported she was still waiting for the architects plans for the windows in the Cemetery Lodge, to enable DPC to complete the listed building consent application. She also reported that there had been damage to the guttering of the changing rooms which need attention. She was waiting for a definite confirmation on the library's future before proceeding with anything on the roof and she was chasing re the coping stone that needs attention on the Cemetery Chapel.

**Re-letting of the Youth Club Building.** Following discussions, it was agreed for Datchet Football Club to take over the lease of the Youth Club, subject to a draft lease being drawn up for Council to consider and agree first before it is sent to a solicitor to draw up. It will be a full repair lease with the Football Club being responsible for the whole building's maintenance, insurance and bills. As such there would be no charge, but this would be reviewed after 3 years. Cllr Mrs. M. Davies and Cllr Verma to bring back a draft lease to council.

Cllr Corcoran asked about the enquiry received from the Bears in the Park, who had also been interested in the lease. The clerk explained that they could potentially sub – let from the football club which would help the club with the bills.

#### **21.049 Highways and General Purposes**

The Deputy Lead Member reported that there should be traffic lights by the roundabout, by the church, and the speed limit through the village should be reduced and no idling signs by the level crossings. Cllr Buckley explained that the next item, the LCWIP, covered a lot of these items.

##### **i. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. (LCWIP)**

Cllr Corcoran outlined the engagement session he and Cllr. Buckley had attended at the Borough. He had sent back 5 documents covering all the things affecting the village along with the E A working Group survey list. A lot of this links with Grounds, Events and Highways to reduce traffic and give freedom back to the village. We need to start working with the borough and to this end he had put a check list together.

Cllr. Buckley added that the Borough have monies for these initiatives, to give to parishes, and are motivated by Central Government

Following discussions Cllr Buckley stated that the LCWIP were working with Highways England and were being pro-active so there is a good chance of putting measures in place.

He asked all members to look at the check list and send comments back to the working group.

#### **21.050 Flooding and Drainage.**

The Lead Member had no report for the meeting, but stated that he will be taking time off from council work for a while to allow him to fully recover during which time Cllr Loveridge will lead on grounds and flooding.

- i. Cllr Larcombe read out his report on Actions/Options in response to the removal of Channel One from the RTS, a copy of which is available from the Parish Office. In summary he stated there is time but very little money and do nothing and Datchet will flood again. Households, businesses and infrastructure at risk will continue to be subject to ever increasing probability of flooding due to lack of investment in land drainage, lack of land drainage management, ever more development and climate change. Flood insurance will continue to be unaffordable/unavailable. He went on to recommend that the 4 parishes (Datchet, Wraysbury, Horton and Old Windsor) coordinate and consolidate and work in parallel and together, and set up a Flood Risk Action Group. He read out a list of options which are in his report.

*(It was PROPOSED by Cllr. T O'flynn and SECONDED by Cllr. Mrs M Davies to extend the meeting finishing time to 21:30. Cllr Bicknell called for a named vote. The voting being:*

For - Cllr's Corcoran, Bacon, Thompson, Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, Mrs M. Davies, Buckley, T. O'Flynn, Larcombe and Loveridge

Against - Cllr's Bicknell and Verma

Extension **AGREED**

Cllr Verma asked if Cllr. Larcombe had written to RBWM and the EA re taking them to court. Cllr Larcombe stated yes, on behalf of Wraysbury Parish Council.

Cllr. Verma asked if he had, had a response from them and Cllr. Larcombe stated he had an answer from a barrister acting on their behalf but it ought to go to Wraysbury P.C first. Cllr Buckley asked for this to come to DPC after Wraysbury. Cllr. Verma asked for the response to be sent to all DPC councillors and Cllr. Larcombe agreed.

- ii. Cllr. Thompson put a list of questions to the Borough Councillors present at the meeting regarding why have residents not received the promised flood protection, and who are the persons responsible? A copy of which is available from the Parish Office.

Further to discussions Cllr Larcombe withdrew his 2 motions listed on the agenda for this evening.

#### **21.051 Events.**

The Lead member had circulated his report.

- i. **Queens Platinum Jubilee Event** - List to be circulated for others to input what they would like to see.

ii. **Christmas** – He asked what people would like to see in Datchet.

**21.052 Working Groups.**

Environmental Awareness Group – The EA survey results were sent out at the end of the last meeting with a covering email asking for councillors to take on projects to improve traffic and the environment in the village. Cllr Buckley suggested putting a timeline on this for responses from all departments.

**21.053. Notice of items for the next Council meeting for full discussion.**

Cllr Bicknell - live stream video recording of meetings.

**21.054 Councillors' questions or comment**

1) Cllr Bicknell referred to the chairman's comment, that he would like everyone to pull together in a positive and a right way for the residents and organisations in the village, and stated that the motions from Cllr Larcombe drove a wedge through the whole lot and that DPC should be non-political.

**21.055 Public Questions**

A resident asked regarding the household bins next to the library. He was aware that the clerk had written to the resident about these bins and asked when they would be removed. The clerk reported that she had replied to the resident's questions last Friday and had had no response. As such she would ask the Lead Member for Grounds to action their removal.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.34PM

**THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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