

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH HALL, ON MONDAY 9TH AUGUST 2021 AT 19:00

Present: Mrs O'Flynn, Cllr P. Bicknell, T. O'Flynn, Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, E. Larcombe, Cllr A. Corcoran, D. Buckley, Mrs. M. Davies, I. Thompson, I Bacon, Cllr A. Clemens.
The Clerk Mrs K. Jones and Ms J. H Jilani

Apologies: Borough's Cllr Muir, Cllr Cannon and Cllr A. Verma.

There were 2 members of the public present.

21.056 ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

21.057 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – A resident asked when the tree planting programme will commence and Cllr Thompson advised that the trees have not yet been selected and this would be taken forward in the Autumn.

21.058 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – Cllr Clemens declared his interest in the Youth Club.

21.059 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 12TH JULY 2021

The minutes were approved as a true record, subject to the following amendments and signed by the Chairman. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

20.051 – Add 'Cllr Bicknell commented that Datchet Players, who had been around for 60 years, are no different from Datchet Football Club and were not a commercial enterprise.

20.054 – Add 'Cllr Bacon handed back responsibility for securing microphones and the Clerk confirmed someone else is now undertaking this'.

21.060 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES – Clerk gave an update on the Quote of the CCTV and advised that the 1st and 2nd sessions of F.U.E.L had taken place.

21.061 GENERAL

The Chairman's report – None

The Clerks report-

- i. RBWM Draft corporate Plan consultation.
- ii. Vacancy on DPC- Co-option Update
- iii. Listed Building Application for the Cemetery Lodge Windows- Update

21.062 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- i. Members noted the income and expenditure sheets. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr T. O'Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr D. Buckley **ALL IN FAVOUR**
- ii. Income sheet, no questions. **NOTED**
- iii. To consider the live video streaming of Council Meetings and agree the way forward - Following discussions, the Clerk and Cllr A. Clemens decided to look into it as he might be able to assist set it up.
- iv. To consider applying for a bank charge card for select Council payments- Following discussions, it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs Davies and **SECONDED** by Cllr T. O'Flynn and **AGREED** to arrange for a bank charge card.
- v. Councillors Questions – Cllr Davies informed members of issues with the water invoices for the hall which also includes the water for the parish office and changing rooms. There had been a previous agreement for a 70%, 30% split between the DRCCT and Parish Council. Cllr Davies gave report on the situation and answered members questions, it was **AGREED** to bring this back to the next meeting for a decision on payment.

21.063 WARD COUNCILORS REPORT'S

Cllr Larcombe, Cllr Thompson and Cllr Bicknell spoke about the opening of the gates at the Taplow Sluice and water levels.

It was also noted that the B.L.P Consultation closes on the 15th September and the Thames Valley Flood Scheme closes on the 20th August.

21.064 PLANNING

i. Appn no 21/02049 Danum House 18 Eton Road Datchet SL3 9AY

Datchet Parish Council would like to issue **NO OBJECTION** to this application. The voting being 8 for, 1 against, and 2 abstaining.

ii. Appn no 21/01981 66A London Road Datchet SL3 9LQ

Datchet Parish Council would like to issue **OBJECTION** No flood risk assessment supplied with the application and the development sits within flood zone 3. The voting being 10 for 1 against 1 abstaining.

iii. Appn no 21/01506 22 Montagu Road Datchet SL3 9DJ

Datchet Parish Council has recommended **NO OBJECTION** for this application.

iv. Appn no 21/02038 43 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9EP

Datchet Parish Council has recommended **NO OBJECTION** to this application. The voting being 10 for 1 abstaining

v. Appn no 21/02115 232 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HL

Datchet Parish Council would like to issue **NO OBJECTION** as this is the Certificate of lawfulness. The voting being 9 for 2 against.

vi. Appn no 21/02045 232 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HL

Datchet Parish Council would like to **OBJECT** – An overdevelopment on flood zone (exceeds 60sqm in total floor area), property and ground water history of flooding would impact onto neighbouring areas. There was no flood risk assessment supplied with the application and there would be a significant loss of historic natural light on neighbouring properties, which has been established over 20+ years. Additionally, there seems to be a near join to a rear garage or outbuilding which would look at an addition to the main property in the future. This should be taken into consideration on this application. We would recommend the removal of this outbuilding to reduce the effect of the development on the flood zone and standing water disruption with a single-story extension would be a compromise position for the applicant and a suitable mitigated option for the applicant.

The voting being 10 for 1 against 1 abstaining

vii. Appn no 21/02273 14 The Avenue Datchet Slough SL3 9DQ

Datchet Parish Council would like to **OBJECT**, the applicant has failed to establish a suitable reason for felling this established tree within the conservation area and the offer to replace with a sibling tree would not be suitable in any way to offset the environmental damage removing this tree would cause to the biodiversity of the area. With the pressure of climate change, the fact the property sits within a conservation area and historic flood zone, we do not feel the applicants' reasons are suitable to fell an established tree and that there is no supporting evidence from an Arboriculture expert to support the application. There is no safety or risk established on the application and the benefits to the area, environment far outweighs the applicants outlined proposal.

The vote being 11 for 0 Against 0 abstaining

vi. Appn no 21/02271 8 Ditton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LR

Datchet Parish Council would like to **OBJECT** to this proposed dropped kerb, is on a main road and adjacent to the junction with London Road and could lead to dangerous visual confusion on the Highway. We would refer this to highways for input as there is no documented evidence from the agency on this application. There is currently an existing

dropped kerb access to the parking area of the property via a shared drive and also on this side of the highway no other properties have dropped kerbs and this would set a new precedent and street style to this main road adding to the future danger of vehicles pulling out onto a main highway. See applicants plans to access from both ways.

The vote being 10 for 1 abstaining

vii. Appn no 21/02239 Lovell Cottage 17A Horton Road Datchet SL3 9EN

Datchet Parish Council has **NO OBJECTION**- This is a very important tree that is highly visible as you enter Datchet from Horton Road, within the Historic Conservation Area of Datchet and as the applicant has not supplied any documented evidence or reason for the felling from an Arboricultural expert or within their own application, there would appear to be no reason for felling this historic and established tree. With the onset of climate change and the huge benefit of established trees against newly planted trees we would like to add weight to maintaining the street view and environmental benefits of keeping this tree against no material evidence supplied by the applicant to fell.

viii. Appn no 21/02044 232 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HL

Datchet Parish Council has issued **NO OBJECTION** or comment but would like it noted that the Parish Councils comments should be taken into consideration on application numbers 21/02045 & 21/02115

ix. Planning Questions: The Lead Member advised from Government guidance notes which states all planning applications in the flood zone should go through the Secretary State for approval. This is because of the climate change and Datchet being in the flood zone.

21.065 FLOODING & DRAINAGE

Cllr Thompsons report including a report on the Governments announcement of £5.2 billion of investment over the next six years in flood protection and coastal erosion. Cllr Thompson suggested two steps need to be take immediacy and overall protection for the future. Because of climate change we need to have channel 1 for protection of Datchet and Surrey.

After discussions between the Councillors, it was agreed to form a working group for flood and drainage.

21.066 GROUNDS

The Lead Member had circulated his report.

Proposal to rationalise parish grounds equipment for greater efficiency and use

Cllr I. Thompson commented that in relation to grounds equipment it needs to be looked at where the Council are and ways of how to operate more efficiently. He also advised the Clerk is dealing with the insurance company for the trailer.

Following discussions, it was noted the current grounds contract was agreed for one year.

Cllr I. Thompson commented project work needs to be looked into with review to proceeding with these works.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Thompson, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs M. Davies and **AGREED** to rationalise the equipment.

The vote being 10 For 1 Against 0 Abstaining

Following discussions, it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs L. O Flynn **SECONDED** by Cllr T. O Flynn **AGREED** to extend the meeting to 9.30pm.

Christmas Tree and Decorative Street lights for 2021- Following discussions the Clerk was advised to get a quote for a 25-foot tree and more lights to go around the village.

21.067 **PROPERTIES**

To consider and agree the draft lease agreement between DPC and Datchet Football Club for the lease of the youth club building - The Lead Members Cllr Mrs. M. Davies advised that Cllr A. Verma has drafted the lease for DPC which she was grateful for but it still needs to be reviewed before it is finalised.

It was **PROPOSED** by the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr T.O Flynn and **AGREED** that delegated powers be given to Cllr Mrs. Davies and the Clerk to finalize the lease to get to DFC for the comments.

The vote being 9 For 0 Against 1 Abstaining

Cemetery Lodge- To consider the quote received for repair work to the remaining windows and back door, which is a separate job to the replacement of the 1 window for which LBC has been applied.

Cllr Mrs. Davies advised a lot of work is required to be carried out on the windows and this can only be done by an expert who deals with listed buildings and is an expert with restoration work. The total cost for the material and labour for the above job is £3,700.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs. Davies, **SECONDED** by Cllr I. Thompson and **AGREED** to approve the quote laid in the proposed report.

The vote being 8 **FOR** 2 **AGAINST** 1 **ABSTAINING**

21.068 **HIGHWAYS & GENERAL PURPOSES**

Cllr D. Buckley advised that due to other commitments he is unable to continue this role and will step down when someone else is found. Clerk will email Councilor's if anyone is interested.

21.069 **EVENTS**

Cllr A. Corcoran previously circulated his report. The Clerk advised that RBWM was contributing tree planting for the Platinum Jubilee. The Working Group still needs to meet and discuss possible ideas.

Following discussions, it was decided and noted that the Christmas on The Green would be on 4th December, there would also be Santa's Sleigh and the best dressed window.

PROPOSED by Cllr A. Clemens **ALL AGREED**

21.070 **WORKING GROUPS** – Traffic list is underway and the working group needs to start to meet and act on how to go forward.

21.071 **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** – To be emailed to the Clerk.

21.072 **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS** - Cllr Larcombe commented to the press release about the Flood Risk Action.

21.073 **PUBLIC QUESTION'S** – None

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.35PM

THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021