

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ON MONDAY 9th May 2022 AT 20:08

Present: Cllr. D. Buckley (Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. L. O’Flynn, Cllr. A. Clemens, Cllr. I. Bacon, Cllr. P. Bicknell, Cllr. Mrs. M. Davies, Cllr. E. Larcombe, Cllr. D. Loveridge, Cllr. I. Thompson, Cllr. A. Verma and Cllr Mrs M. Fitzgerald.
Borough Councillor. D. Cannon.
Clerk, Mrs. K. J. Jones and Assistant Clerk Ms. J.H. Jilani.

Apologies: none

Public: There were 2 members of the public present.

22.001 Announcements - No announcements

22.002 Public Questions – A member of public asked if the council will be insuring the Jubilee Cross and the War Memorial. The Chairman requested the Clerk to get valuations carried out for having them insured, along with other historic features such as the stone water trough, and drinking fountain. *All Agreed*

There was a question as to the accuracy of the previous minutes which the Clerk said would be dealt with under that item on the agenda.

Bor. Cllr. Cannon asked what actions the parish council were taking to get back up to full strength and fill the vacancies. The Chairman advised that the council had advertised this on notice boards, social media and the website. There had been a couple of people who had written in last year, and who’s interest was logged, but when the Clerk wrote back to them they did not respond. The Chairman said that the council needed more active members, who would be more involved and engage with residents.

Bor. Cllr. Cannon asked why there was no item on this agenda for Borough Councillors reports. The Clerk said that this meeting, following the ASM, always had a reduced agenda due to time constraints.

22.003 Declaration Of Interest None

22.004 Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of April

It was requested by DNPG to correct the minutes as they were not asked to do a presentation at the Parish Meeting until two days later. The minutes were agreed subject to this amendment. **All Agreed**

22.005 Notes of the Part two Meeting held on the 11th of April

The Clerk explained, as she and the Assistant Clerk had to leave the room for this, the Chairman had made notes. However, she was still waiting for these to enable the minutes to be written.

22.006 Matters arising from the above meeting

The Clerk advised that the Riverside lights are all installed and will be turned on, on the 12th of May.

22.007 Planning

The Lead Member for Planning **PROPOSED** his recommendations to council. Cllr. D. Loveridge **SECONDED** these. **All Agreed** to accept the recommendations as listed below.

App no:22/00986 28 Linchfield Road Datchet SL3 9LZ

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

App no:22/00976 17 Linchfield Road Datchet SL3 9NA

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

App no: 22/01045 23 The Avenue Datchet SL3 9DQ

Datchet Parish Council has **OBJECTION** to this application. The property is within the historic conservation area of Datchet village and any alteration to the street scene or design of the roof heights would change the street scene significantly and we would request that the plans are resubmitted maintaining the original roof height or with a reduced pitch to reduce height to maintain the existing character of the area. The change of use of the garage to a music studio also raises concerns to noise but to mitigate this concern if a noise limit or limiter was placed onto the application as a condition and or suitable sound proofing was installed this could offset any objection. We would also like to draw the officer’s attention to the adopted Datchet Design Guide to support the maintenance of the historic and character of the village.

App no:22/01089 28 Beaulieu Close Datchet SL3 9DE

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

App no:22/01127 63 Montagu Road Datchet SL3 9DR

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

App no:22/01161 Riverbank 9 Southlea Road Datchet SL3 9BY

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

- i) The Lead Member explained that there are a few ongoing issues with planning and he was due to meet with the Head of Planning at RBWM to look at these, but the meeting had been cancelled.

ii) Councillors' Questions on Planning.

Cllr. Thompson informed members that he had been round to 29 Slough Road and that RBWM have issued a section 20 to the tenant in respect of activities occurring.

Cllr. Buckley said that a lot of ongoing issues are slipping through the net and asked Bor. Cllr. Cannon to be involved.

Cllr. Bicknell asked the reason for RBWM cancelled the meeting. Cllr Buckley felt it was a genuine reason and that they would come back with new dates. Cllr. Bicknell said he would support the meeting as the new Deputy L. M. for Planning.

22.008 Finance and Administration

There was no report from the Lead Member because of his illness. It was requested for the new L.M. (Cllr. Mrs. M. Davies) to bring a report to the next meeting.

i) Income and Expenditure sheets

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. D. Loveridge and **SECONDED** by Cllr. Mrs. Linda O' Flynn that the pink sheet be **APPROVED** and the green sheet noted. **All In Favour**

ii) Insurance renewal.

The Clerk advised members that the Council's current long term insurance agreement was due to end on the 31st May 2022. She had received a renewal quote from Zurich Municipal for a new 3-year LTA in the sum of £6,909.16 per annum. She advised that, last time she had sought alternative quotes several major companies had decline because of the fact that Datchet had flooded. She recommended Council accept the quote from Zurich, subject to a few minor adjustments reflecting the value of items insured in the Parish Yard and buildings.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr. I. Thompson, **SECONDED** by Cllr. I. Bacon to go with Zurich for a 3-year contract at £6,909.16 **All In Favour**

iii) Councillors' Questions on Finance.

Cllr. Bicknell asked about the Councils 5-year plan and that it would be nice to know where we are. The Chairman said that this will be reviewed and will be part of the Council's remit.

22.009 Updates on urgent matters from the Lead Members

Cllr. I. Thompson's report was circulated on grounds and flooding. He also updated members that works will be commencing on the Barrell Arch from the 9th until the 11th May. All the works will be conducted at night. Cllr. Larcombe asked for assurance that the Greens would not be destroyed between now and the Platinum Jubilee.

Cllr. Bacon asked what was happening regarding the Man Hole that had appear on Memorial Green. Cllr. Thompson advised that he had taken photos and written a report which the Clerk had sent to the Councils solicitors for action.

Cllr. Clemens asked if anyone had notified Datchet, and the residents, about the work. Cllr. Thompson advised that this came to our knowledge very last minute hence the residents do not know about it.

22.010 Councillors' questions

Cllr. Verma informed members that there had been 6 or 7 children on top of the Village Hall and Office roof, and some had got into the Bungalow Garden. This is dangerous for the children and this behaviour unacceptable. The council should do something about this as if they fell DPC would be liable. Cllr. Clemens said that this was not malicious and no damaged had been done, but Cllr.

Loveridge said it should be check in any case. He also suggested that Anti Climb paint and signs be put up.

Cllr. Larcombe asked about progress on the ownership of the Penn Road garages and the Clerk said she had been too busy to action this further. He also asked about the bins on Gossip Green, and that the small, residents bin is still there.

Cllr Loveridge asked about action on the fly tipping at the top of Mill Lane and was advised that if this is on private land RBWM will not attend.

Cllr. Buckley suggested there is a Police meeting on the 25th of May and it would be a good idea for councillors to attend and express our concerns about the village.

Bor. Cllr. Cannon advised members about the work on the Barrel Arch, he said the works will take place at night and it will not be noisy as it is just an inspection and not structural work.

He also suggested asking the residents above the charity shop to have black sacks for rubbish collection which work well in Windsor where there is no space to store bins.

He advised that the Mill Lane fly tipping is not the Boroughs responsibility as it is private land, but may be DPC could write to the Environmental Health to assist with this matter and copy him in

He suggested that DPC invite the new TVP Neighbourhood Inspector to a meeting, as the 3 villages have the same problems yet all the resources go into the towns and we don't get the level of policing we are paying for. He urged people to report problems to show the level of issues, then this can be used to argue, to get resources.

22.011 Public questions – None.

The meeting closed at 21:10

THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 13TH JUNE 2022

CHAIRMAN

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