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## **Minutes of a MEETING of DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL held in the VILLAGE HALL, DATCHET on MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023, at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllr. D. Buckley (Chairman), Cllr. E. Larcombe (Vice Chairman), Cllr. I. Bacon, Cllr. Mrs M. Davies, Cllr. D. Loveridge, Cllr. I. Thompson- *arrived at 19.03pm*

**In attendance:** Borough Cllr. J. Grove, Mrs. S. Masikito (Clerk) and Mrs. H. Broughton (Locum)

**Public:** There were 6 members of the public present

### **23/44 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andrew Clemens.

### **23/45 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

### **23/46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Larcombe declared an interest in planning application 23/01524 - 57 Lawn Close, as a neighbouring property.

### **23/47 MINUTES**

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **23/48 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Matters arising from previous meetings were noted and Cllr Thompson gave an update on the following:

Item 23/38 discussions will continue regarding household insurance for flooded properties.

Item 23/42 – the groundworks contractor approached to install the telephone box had withdrawn its interest when advised that there was a live electrical feed within the base.

### **23/49 GENERAL**

- a. Chairmans Report – there was nothing to report.
- b. Clerks report – this had been circulated and there was nothing further to report. There were no questions.

## 23/50 PLANNING

### a. New applications for consideration

**Parish:** Datchet Parish Council      **Appn Date:** 07.06.2023      **Appn No:** 23/01400  
**Location:** Inniscrone House 4 Queens Road Datchet SL3 9BN  
**Type:** Works to trees in conservation area.  
**Proposal:** T1 and T2 - Lime trees - Crown reduction by 3m, leaving a final height of 9m and spread of 5.5m, Crown lifting to statutory heights.  
**Recommendation:** No objection

**Parish:** Datchet Parish Council      **Appn Date:** 15.06.2023      **Appn No:** 23/01428  
**Location:** Cedrus House 156 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HJ  
**Type:** Variation Under Reg 73  
**Proposal:** Variation (under Section 73) of Condition 6 to substitute those plans approved under 19/02224/FULL for the single storey side extension and new first floor with side undercroft with amended plans.  
**Recommendation:** No objection

**Parish:** Datchet Parish Council      **Appn Date:** 21.06.2023      **Appn No:** 23/00066  
**Appeal Ref:** 23/60053      **Location:** 92 London Road, Datchet, SL3 9LQ  
**Type:** Planning Appeal  
**Proposal:** Part single, part two storey side extension, 2no. rear dormers, new dropped kerb and vehicular entrance gates. (Part Retrospective).  
**Recommendation:** No objection

**Parish:** Datchet Parish Council      **Appn Date:** 21.06.2023      **Appn No:** 23/01522  
**Location:** 2 Talbot Place Datchet Slough SL3 9HH. **Type:** Full  
**Proposal:** Part single, part two storey side/rear extension  
**Recommendation:** Objection. The road alongside this property flooded in 2014 and this application sits in a flood zone and has NO flood risk assessment with the application. We would recommend to officers a flood risk assessment is part of this application. Additionally, there appears to be two new outbuildings on the plans (P1 & P2) but without mention in the planning application. Clarification should be sort and conditions applied that no further outbuildings or extensions to outbuildings be approved on this flood zone should this application be approved.

**Parish:** Datchet Parish Council      **Appn Date:** 23.06.2023      **Appn No:** 23/01524  
**Location:** 57 Lawn Close Datchet Slough SL3 9LA.      **Type:** Full  
**Proposal:** 1 no. outbuilding  
**Recommendation:** No Objection but with conditions applied that this must not be used for residential use or overnight accommodation due to lack of exit in a flood zone and no flood risk assessment supplied with the application.

**Parish:** Datchet Parish Council      **Appn Date:** 23.06.2023      **Appn No:** 23/01527  
**Location:** The Little Dutch House 11 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9EN  
**Type:** Full

**Proposal:** Extension to existing roof to from additional accommodation within the roof space and enlargement of existing side dormer.

**Recommendation:** No objection

**Parish:** Datchet Parish Council

**Appn Date:** 31.05.2023

**Appn No:** 23/01308

**Location:** Old Datchet Court, Windsor Road, Datchet, SL3 9BR

**Type:** Discharge of Condition

**Proposal:** Details required by conditions 2 (gate details) and 3 (Roof lantern details) of planning permission 22/02741/FULL for 1no. rear roof lantern and front boundary treatment piers and sliding entrance gates.

**Recommendation:** No Objection but still the condition applied by the Conservation officer's concerns on the gates should be addressed as set out in their letter on this application on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023. This should be referred to the Conservation team for amendment to meet their requirements.

Members noted the Borough Council decisions.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. Buckley and seconded by Cllr. D. Loveridge that the recommendations made be approved. Unanimously **AGREED**

b. **Other planning matters, including any new 106 Allocations and Enforcement Matters:**

The Lead Councillor reported that a possible planning application on AL39 was expected, but at present there are no other 106 allocations. There are several ongoing existing enforcement matters that councillors are aware of and one new enforcement in regard to temporary parking facilities at the Captain's House at Halton Road.

Cllr Buckley was arranging a meeting with the cabinet member for planning and the lead member of the planning team to discuss issues regarding the number of enforcement matters that have just gone unaddressed.

c. **Councillor's Questions**

Cllr Thompson reported that he had reviewed the flood risk report on number 9 Eton Road and felt there were several issues including the report being too generic, not including critical information and being misleading in places. The report with Cllr Thompson's comments were handed to the Clerk for future use.

## **23/51 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- a. Expenditure approved under delegated authority was noted.
- b. It was proposed by Cllr Bacon, seconded by Cllr Buckley and unanimously agreed that Income and expenditure, as circulated, be approved.
- c. It was proposed by Cllr Bacon, seconded by Cllr Thompson and unanimously agreed to approve the transfer of £100,000 to the public sector deposit fund.
- d. It was proposed by Cllr Buckley, seconded by Cllr Davies and unanimously agreed to arrange training for all councillors at a cost of £500.
- e. Councillor's questions – there were none

## **23/52 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

Borough Cllr. J. Groves reported on the following:

- Recycling bins at the station have been removed due to fly tipping however some fly tipping continued. The Borough Cllr was working with the lead member and one of the officers to put in place measures to stop this and ensure enforcement.

- She is working closely with the police to address issues of antisocial behavior on the recreation ground and increase police presence.
- There have been tours of the Ward with some of the lead members, including the lead cabinet member for planning.
- A meeting with the new lead cabinet member for the environment has been held.
- There have been issues with contracts but once the agreements are understood contractors will be held to account for their delivery.
- It was requested that residents use the 'Report It' system for any issues.
- She is aware that a number of residents consider street lighting to be inadequate and potentially enabling crime so this will be back on the agenda.
- She is working closely with Frimley, Health and a number of other organisations to look at initiatives to try and support health and well-being of both children and adults in the ward.

Borough Cllr. E. Larcombe reported on the following and images were shown:

- Riding Court Road, where two people were seriously injured and one died three years ago, still had a substandard crash barrier.
- A new transport yard has emerged that was previously grassland. This has been reported to Highways and Planning although a Highways England matter.
- The Environment Agency have cleared the Myrke Ditch and felled 20 mature weeping willows.
- Large puddles are present at Dorney and Eton as a result of changes to the watercourse.
- Cllr Larcombe is now a member of the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and will be pursuing the river Thames scheme. Questions have been asked but no responses received to date.

Cllr Thompson asked if it had been checked that the puddles did not contain sewage as there is a stream that runs from the sewage works to the river.

## **23/53 GROUNDS:**

- a. The Lead Councilors report had been circulated and no questions were asked.
- b. It was proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Bacon and unanimously agreed to approve a risk assessment on the ditch and to contract ROSPA to undertake a further risk assessment on the entire ditch at a cost of £1,000.
- c. It was proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Loveridge and agreed to submit a planning application for culverting of the ditch in conjunction with the formation of a working group.
- d. Quotations for the peripheral replacement of the rotted wooden edging to three central greens with stone sets were considered. It was proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Loveridge and unanimously agreed to appoint contractor B at a cost of £19,670.
- e. A report on repairs to pathways had been circulated and this was considered. It was proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Larcombe and unanimously agreed to approve a budget of £42,750 for repairs to pathways.
- f. It was proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Loveridge and unanimously agreed to go out to tender for the repairs to pathways.
- g. It was proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Loveridge and unanimously agreed to approve a quotation for Christmas Street Lighting Display 2023 *at a cost of £5080.*

- h. It was proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Loveridge to approve a quotation of £4,342 for the Christmas Tree. Additional quotations would be obtained next year.  
Vote For - 5  
Abstentions - 1
- i. It was proposed by Cllr Larcombe, seconded by Cllr Davies and agreed to obtain quotations to erect fencing to the southern boundary of the Land at Mill Place.
- j. Councillor's questions. It was reported that a horse had eaten a commemorative tree in the Datchet Village, and it was requested that anti vandal mesh be placed around the trees. There was also a report of vandalism to a toilet following the Ellis Journey.

#### **23/54 PROPERTIES:**

- a. The Lead councillors report had been circulated and the following were reported:  
Works to the bathroom at 24 The Green had been completed.  
A GP surgery rent review was in motion.  
A football club agreement was under review and it was hoped a document would be drafted for consideration at the next meeting.  
Councillor's Questions. It was asked if the water pipe at 24 the Green had been entirely replaced? The Lead Councillor said that it had not and Cllrs Loveridge and Thompson would look at this.  
Cllr Davies noted that the Club House had been given to the football club for 3 years and felt that the Council had been very generous.

#### **23/55 HIGHWAYS**

Councillor's Questions. The gateway signs into Datchet required some maintenance. Cllr Buckley would investigate who was responsible for these and liaise with the Office.

#### **23/56 FLOODING**

- a. The Lead Councillors report had been circulated and the Council was updated on the following:
  - The flap valve at Penn Road has been rejected.
  - The Lead Councillor has found that the water level in the Culvert stream, that comes out the connection from the Datchet Common brook is up at winter level which is very concerning for the whole area. Ben Crampin flood risk manager for RBWM has toured the area with Cllr Thompson and agreed that there is an issue. A discussion will now be held between professional parties.
  - Thames Water have previously advised that the cost of clearing Datchet Common Brook is £120,000 to £150,000 but following this there has been no further communication.
  - The Barrel Arch work is commencing.
- b. Councillor's Questions  
Cllr Loveridge asked if the Common Brook water level also at a high level. Cllr Thompson confirmed that it was.  
Cllr Loveridge asked if a flap valve at Penn Road was rejected would this make the proposed pumping out chamber in the ditch ineffective. Cllr Thompson said that the project would need the level of the Thames to drop.

#### **23/57 EVENTS**

- a. Lead councillors report - no report had been circulated.

- b. It was proposed by Cllr Buckley, seconded by Cllr Thompson and unanimously agreed to take part in the D-Day Commemorations on 6th June 2024.
- c. It was proposed by Cllr Loveridge, seconded by Cllr Thompson and unanimously agreed to approve Christmas arrangements, as in the paper circulated.
- d. Councillor's Questions – there were none.

## **23/58 WORKING GROUPS**

- a. Reports from working groups – there were none
- b. Councillor's Questions. There was a request to approve membership of the Ditch Project Working Group at the next meeting.

## **23/59 CO-OPTION**

- a. Two applications for the office of Parish Councillor had been received.  
Susan Young introduced herself and councillors asked questions.  
It was proposed by Cllr Buckley, seconded by Cllr Thompson and unanimously agreed to co-opt Susan Buckley onto the Parish Council.  
Steevan Glover then introduced himself and questions were asked. Cllr Thompson noted that a complaint had been made against two parish councillors by Mr Glover. Mr Glover confirmed that the complaint was with RBWM Monitoring officer to deal with.  
It was proposed by Cllr Bacon and seconded by Cllr Buckley that Cllr Glover be co-opted onto the Parish Council. There were 2 votes in favour, 3 against and 1 abstained, so the motion was rejected.
- b. Cllr. S. Young's Declarations of Acceptance of Office was received in the presence of the Clerk.

## **23/60 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Cllr Bacon asked if the Chair agreed that the Village Hall is being subsidised by the Parish Council to the sum of approximately £13,000. The Chair said that it was not being subsidised and invited Cllr Bacon to discuss with the Office who could explain the figures.

## **23/61 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

Resident 1 – state of entrances to the Village was raised as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was requested that a lack of a gateway entrance in London Road be investigated.

It was noted that the public were unable to see details of the ditch project on the screen at the last meeting. A question was asked at the last meeting if a public consultation would be held. The Chair advised that this would be part of the remit of the Working Group.

Resident 2 – asked if, given the reserves, additional funds should be placed in the Public Sector Deposit Fund and would a Council resolution be required to withdraw funds. Further diversification would be recommended. There were delegated powers to withdraw some funds and an Extraordinary Council meeting could be called if necessary.

Resident 3 – Asked if predetermination was involved in the decision to reject Mr Glover as a co-optee. The Chair assured him there was not.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

**THE NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2023**

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Chairmans Signature