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Minutes of a MEETING of DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL held in the VILLAGE HALL, DATCHET on MONDAY 14TH AUGUST 2023, at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. E. Larcombe (Chairman), Cllr. I. Bacon, Cllr. Mrs M. Davies, Cllr. D. Loveridge, Cllr. Mrs L. O'Flynn, Cllr S. Young

In attendance: Borough Cllr. J. Grove, Mrs J. Freeland

Public: There were 19 members of the public present

23/64 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs David Buckley, Ian Thompson, Phil Bicknell, Tim O'Flynn, Andrew Clemens and the Clerk.

The Chair welcomed the public and new Councillor Susan Young.

23/65 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Resident 1 – In relation to a new nursery opening on the old site of the Gospal Church, Horton Road, she raised concerns around the additional traffic that the nursery would bring to an already congested area. The application did not require a change of use and no requirement was made for a traffic plan. She had emailed the nursery twice with her concerns but not received a reply. She asked if the parish council would i) seek traffic management information from the nursery, ii) ask that yellow lines be re-painted, ii) request that parking enforcement be upheld in that area and iv) look at the empty car park at Horton Road/New Road and see if the residents from Horton Road should be parking there.

The Chair commented he understood the issues, recognised there may be additional problems and that the 3 local Borough Councilors will do their best to ensure that the situation does not worsen.

Resident 2 – Asked when the phone box, which has been in the parish yard for a long period of time, will be installed, which will house a defibrillator which is very important for the village.

The Chair commented he understood that there was an issue with the electrics and base for the phone box but would chase Cllr Thompson.

Resident 3 – Was interested in joining the Parish Council via co-option but asked what assurances could the Council give that the treatment of a previous co-option applicant would not happen again.

The Chair commented that he could not say what would happen but advised that this had been a disagreement between 2 other groups and the parish council was not the place to bring the argument to.

Resident 4 – Commented on the previous decision at the last council meeting, to set up a working group for the culvert project and the permission to put in a planning application, which would have given the public an opportunity to comment on this application. Having spoken with RBWM and EA at a recent event, she was advised that a planning application was not required, only ‘Ordinary Watercourse Consent’ was required, which does not allow for resident’s comments. It was advised that this had been told to Cllr Thompson. She asked i) if known, why was permission requested to submit a planning application and why not made clear that there would be no public consultation and ii) when will the Council let the public know what is happening on the culvert project where the Council are proposing to spend nearly 70% on the annual precept on something the EA does not support.

The Chair commented that he did not know that a planning application was not required and that the Council could carry out this project without planning permission, but also agreed it would require an Ordinary Watercourse consent, he would look into this. He further commented that a presentation had already been given, on screen, at a council meeting and this would be done again before any money is committed.

Resident 4 – Referred to the signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office and DPC Roles and Responsibilities and the non co-option of a candidate and asked i) does the Council ‘agree as a whole’ that the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and all Council rules be disregarded at their discretion without receiving any disciplinary action and ii) if no what action will this warrant and when will it be administered?

The Chair commented that this will not get resolved this evening, councillors sign their Declaration of Office and do their best to comply, they do not go out of their way to not present the truth. Residents could demand a by-election. He cannot answer the question and suggested any complaint be taken to the monitoring officer.

The resident then asked if the Council will hold an extra ordinary meeting, or at the next meeting, discuss the problems with co-option and what will be done about this, can it be on the agenda that this will be discussed and what can be done about it.

The Chair advised that yes, co-option process can be on the agenda.

Resident 5 – Wishes to comment on a planning application. The Chair will allow her to speak when the application is being discussed.

Resident 6 – Commented on the 5G mast being installed and the impact this has on his property, he had spoken with Cllr Buckley and was advised that someone would be out to view the height and installation. He asked what can be done.

The Chair gave the background to this installation.

23/66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Loveridge declared a personal interest in planning application 23/01622 and Cllr Mrs O’Flynn declared an interest in agenda item 23/70 b) and c) in that the application this refers to is land behind her property.

23/67 MINUTES

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

23/68 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

23/69 GENERAL

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

23/70 PLANNING

- a. New applications for consideration

Appn Date: 30.06.23

Appn No: 23/01572

Location: Walnut End, 9 Eton Road,Datchet SL3 9AX

Type: Full

Proposal: 3 detached ancillary outbuildings following the demolition of existing garage (part retrospective)

Recommendation: **Objection** - The parish council has been consistent with this objection due to overdevelopment in a flood zone and no suitable flood risk assessment. These new buildings are clearly for residential purposes and suitable risk should be applied to them in this instance for flooding. The use although it is presented as non-residential, we have a duty of care to the potential usage of overnight accommodation and thus request conditions are attached with a consideration that enforcement would not be possible and request that the application is refused. There is no benefit to the local outlook or community of this application but in fact it is having a detrimental impact to the local community. This is supported by the number of weighted public comments objecting to the application which we request is refused.

Appn Date: 11.07.23

Appn No: 23/01667

Location: 34 Ruscombe Gardens ,Datchet SL3 9BG

Type: Works to Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: Refer to tree schedule for works (017/1978/TPO)

Recommendation: **Objection with Conditions** - It is stated in the application form that the applicant is the owner of the trees but we understand the land is common land and not owned by any single property owner, so we feel this is misleading. Also, the work requested in the application is unclear and ambiguous but we assume it is just reducing the height of the trees but we feel that this application should be overseen by the tree officer before any work is carried out. Also, the survey report does not state the company that carried out the survey and again was the approved by the tree officer as no report is attached stating, such. If the items mentioned are mitigated and there is no felling or unsuitable reduction in tree foliage then our concerns would be mitigated and no further objection would remain but at present this application is very ambiguous.

Appn Date: 07.07.23

Appn No: 23/01656

Location: 14 Priory Way ,Datchet SL3 9JQ

Type: Full

Proposal: Two storey rear extension following demolition of existing additions.

Recommendation: **Objection** - Proposed application is in a flood zone and there is no accompanying flood risk assessment on the application. This area severely flooded in the 2014 event.

It is unclear on the application and location map, of the traffic route for the contractors/trades people/deliveries to use, there is concern that there will be significant use, and inconvenient caused, on a of the small privately owned gravel lane and that if

permitted a condition be given that this entrance not be used and also that deliveries happen during suitable hours.

Appn Date: 18.07.23

Appn No: 23/01705

Location: 48 Beaulieu Road ,Datchet SL3 9DE

Type: Full

Proposal: New front porch following demolition existing element.

Recommendation: **No Objection**

Appn Date: 04.07.23

Appn No: 23/01622

Location: Land at Datchet Common, Horton Road, Datchet

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by Condition 12 (Drainage);Condition 13 (partial discharge) (Archaeology);Condition 16(Flood Risk);Condition 17(Implementation of Flood Compensation); Condition18 (Floodable Amenity Blocks) and Condition 22(partial discharge) (Flood Resilience) of planning permission 20/01790/FULL for the use of the land as a Gypsy and Traveller site consisting of 6no.residential pitches, 3no.semi-detached amenity buildings, 1no. wardens block and play area

Recommendation: **No Objection**

Appn Date: 05.07.23

Appn No: 23/01649

Location: 11 Fairfield Avenue, Datchet SL3 9NQ

Type: Permitted Development Extended

Proposal: Single storey rear extension no greater than 5m in depth, 3m high with an eave's height of 3m

Recommendation: **No Objection**

Appn Date: 24.07.23

Appn No: 23/01771

Location: 18 Penn Road, Datchet SL3 9HT

Type: Full

Proposal: Part first floor part two storey side/rear extension with undercroft, relocation of entrance door, 2no.parking spaces and widening of the existing drop kerb

Recommendation: **Objection** - Keeping consistent with the councils previous decision to refuse the applicant still has not mitigated against the impact to the neighbouring property or supplied a suitable flood risk assessment.

Appn Date: 28.07.23

Appn No: 23/01797

Location: 18 Linchfield Road, Datchet SL3 9LZ

Type: Full

Proposal: Demolition of existing shed and erection of new garage.

Recommendation: **No Objection but with Conditions** - Conditions need to be applied to the adjoining wall that is replacing a standard fencing and take into mitigation the affects to neighbouring property. Additionally, the applicant will need to mitigate against potential effects of flood water being pushed onto the adjoining property from this development in a flood zone.

Appn Date: 01.08.23

Appn No: 23/01892

Location: 96 London Road, Datchet SL3 9LH

Type: Permitted Development Extended

Proposal: Single storey rear extension no greater than 6.0m in depth, 3.50m high with an eaves height of 2.98m

Recommendation: **No Objection**

Appn Date: 03.08.23

Appn No: 23/01914

Location: 328 Horton Road, Datchet SL3 9HY

Type: Full

Proposal: Single storey side extension and alterations to fenestration following demolition of existing element.

Recommendation: **Objection** - Overdevelopment in the flood zone and no suitable risk assessment presented with the application to mitigate risk.

Members noted the Borough Council decisions.

It was proposed by Cllr. M. Davies and seconded by Cllr. S. Young that the recommendations made and the addition of a note to planning application 23/01656 be approved. Unanimously **AGREED**

b. To agree for Cllr D. Buckley to speak on behalf of Datchet Parish Council at the Windsor and Ascot Planning Panel Meeting in regard to AL39 Application

This was proposed by Cllr I. Bacon, seconded by Cllr M. Davies and unanimously agreed.

c. To form a working group for AL39 planning application. The working group will focus on gathering evidence in relation to this application.

It unanimously agreed that Cllrs D. Buckley, L. O'Flynn and S. Young be approved on the working group.

The Chair informed members that the RBWM planning meeting for AL39 would take place on 07.09.23.

He advised that previously a circular had been issued to residents in the application area and asked if this could be done again in relation to the RBWM planning meeting. All Agreed.

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

None

e. Councillor's Questions

None

23/71 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Expenditure approved under delegated authority was noted.

It was proposed by Cllr M. Davies, seconded by Cllr D. Loveridge and agreed that income and expenditure, as circulated, be approved. Unanimously agreed.

b. To agree and authorise Cllrs D. Buckley, E. Larcombe, M.Davies and the Clerk, Sonia Masikito to be authorised signatories for the Public Sector Deposit Fund Investment

It was proposed by Cllr M. Davies, seconded by Cllr I. Bacon and unanimously agreed that the above be approved.

c. Councillor's questions – None

23/72 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Borough Cllr. J. Groves reported on the following:

- Working with TVP/PCSO on anti-social behavior, reports of catapults being fired from vehicles. Please report any incidences to the Police along with any video footage.
- Working closely with the new Lead Member of Planning in relation to enforcement issues.
- RBWM finance in a deficit, trying to get most from resources available. Wraybury Bus Petition – Over 1600 signatures gain, but due to finances nothing happening yet.

- If have any issues with rubbish, bin collection, overgrown hedges etc. these must first be reported on the RBWM 'Report It' system, if they are not dealt with can then forward reference number to Borough Councillors.

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

- Informed members that it had been a pleasure to attended a Borough Council meeting, it felt like a different place to previous meetings.

23/73 GROUNDS:

- The Lead Councilors report had been circulated and no questions were asked.**
- To agree members for Ditch Culvert Working Group**
The Chair suggested moving this to the next meeting of the Council. *Agreed*
- To appoint a Lead and Deputy Member for the Ditch Culvert Working Group**
The Chair suggested moving this to the next meeting of the Council. *Agreed*
- Land at Mill Place, Quotations have been received and a report circulated. To agree a way forward**
The Chair suggested moving this to the next meeting of the Council. *Agreed*
- Councillor's questions – None

23/74 PROPERTIES:

- The Lead councillor had not circulated a report but commented on the following:**
- Update regarding pitch and changing room usage between Datchet Football Club and DPC**
He had the Football Clubhouse lease looked at and it was felt that this should be revisited again, along with any agreement with the Football Club for the use of changing rooms and felt that these should be started again and drawn up with a solicitor. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the football club, himself, the Chair, a representative from the DRCCT and the Clerk to sort out the current situation.
- To engage a solicitor to draw up a usage agreement between DFC And DPC**
Consequent upon the decision above, this will be looked at when decisions have been made in relation to the clubhouse and changing rooms.
- To approve an equal split 50/50 between DPC and DRCCT for an annual pest control contract**
Cllr Davies advised that there was an ongoing problem with rats and the cost of this contract would be £312 per annum and had proposed a 50/50 split.
Cllr Bacon commented on an agreement of division of responsibilities between DPC and DRCCT and felt that this would come under the Parish Council.
It was proposed by Cllr Loveridge, seconded by Cllr Davies and unanimously agreed that Datchet Parish Council pay for the pest control contract for the total cost of £312.00.
- Councillor's questions - None

23/75 HIGHWAYS

Councillor's Questions. Cllr Larcombe advised that he had received complaints from residents regarding overgrown hedges where residents don't look after them and RBWM won't deal with.

23/76 FLOODING

- The Lead Councillors report had been circulated and noted.**
Cllr Larcombe commented on the River Thames Scheme – Channel 1 which was no longer in the scheme. The EA had agreed to designate Channel 2 and 3, but would be obliged to consult on the current plans, he would keep an eye on this.

He had been appointed again to the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

- b. **Councillor's Questions** – Cllr S. Young asked there was an opportunity to get the RTS Scheme 1 back on the table and he advised probably not.

23/77 EVENTS

- a. **No Lead councillors report had been circulated.**
- b. **Councillors Questions** - None

23/78 WORKING GROUPS

- a. **Reports from working groups** – Cllr Loveridge advised that there had been a meeting with a cemetery specialist and a Cemetery Working Group meeting would be called shortly.
- b. **Councillor's Questions.**

23/79 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Cllr Bacon commented on a document he had in his possession from RBWM Democratic Services, that was in the public domain, regarding the co-option process that took place in July 2023.

The Chair asked Cllr Bacon to stop reading this document, Cllr Bacon continued to repeatedly interrupt the Chair, the Chair then adjourned the meeting and asked Cllr Bacon to leave the meeting and if he would do so, then he would then continue with public question time.

Cllr Bacon left the meeting at 8.34pm.

The Chair apologised and restarted the meeting at 8.35pm.

23/80 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Resident 1 – Referred to the document mentioned by Cllr Bacon and asked the Council to look into this. The Chair advised that he had no idea what Cllr Bacon was referring to and would look into this.

Resident 2 – Put a question to Borough Cllr J. Grove regarding reporting of ASB and the fact that not one conviction had taken place and she had lost faith in reporting these incidences.

Borough Cllr J. Grove commented it is difficult especially with under funding and being under resourced, but please continue to report to TVP, if not reported it is difficult for the Borough Councillor's to take forward.

Resident 3 – Further to his comments in the earlier public question time, he feels there is a necessity for the Council to listen and not shut down Councillor's, he was interested to hear what he had to say. From what he did hear it was referring to a previous non co-option, if the Council has 3 months to sort this out and it is on next agenda then a month has been lost. What are you going to do about it?

The Chair advised that he could not give an answer now as he was only Chair of this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.43pm

THE NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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Chairman's Signature