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Minutes of a MEETING of DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL held in the VILLAGE HALL, DATCHET on MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2024, at 7.00pm

Present: 11 Members - Cllr. D. Buckley (Chairman), Cllr. E. Larcombe Cllr. Mrs M. Davies, Cllr I. Thompson, Cllr I. Bacon, Cllr D. Saunders, Cllr Mrs L. O'Flynn, Cllr T. O'Flynn, Cllr Mrs S. Young, Cllr S. Glover, Cllr A. Clemens

In attendance: Clerk - Mrs S. Masikito, Ms C. Jeffries

Public: There were 8 members of the public present

23/168 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Cllr J. Grove and Cllr E. Larcombe (joined meeting at 8.45pm)

Absent without apologies: Cllr P Bicknell, Cllr D Loveridge

23/169 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Resident 1 – Following the recent flood problems asked if DPC could establish a flood team similar to the one in Wraysbury? He also wanted to know if the council would consider adopting & formalizing an environmental sustainability statement so the public could understand DPC ambitions & aspirations? Resident also stated he had emailed the Clerk regarding upcoming wildlife meeting at the Stag but had received no reply.

The chair responded that the Lead Member of Grounds, Cllr Thompson, would follow up with his first question and that the Clerk would look into the statement. Following a brief discussion by the Chair, it was agreed that Cllr S Glover & Cllr Young shall attend the wildlife meeting.

Resident 2 – Raised his concerns and asked what is happening with the illegal lorry park on Riding Court Road as no action has been taken? The chair explained the site is totally legal and there is no jurisdiction and that it has been followed up with Highways, England. He asked the resident to forward further photos of the problem/damage so he can re-raise the situation again with the Borough Councillors who will then forward to Highways, England. Resident also asked about new plans he had heard of regarding AL39. The chair confirmed there are no plans he is aware of and there is still no decision on the original plans and that we are checking on this every day.

Resident 3 – Spoke regarding the extension of the house behind hers on London Road and how it has already exceeded all laws of extension/light laws. She asked a question regarding the scaffolding that should be inspected every three months and who would be accountable if something serious was to happen in high winds etc. The chair asked the resident to forward an email onto the Clerk for us to follow up with all her points raised.

23/170DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

None.

23/171MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2023 were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

23/172MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

23/173GENERAL

- a. Chairmans Report – Nothing to report.
- b. Clerks report – This had been circulated and there were no questions.
- c. To consider approving the cost of a tri-council (Datchet, Horton & Wraysbury) Councillor Workshop - ‘Becoming an Impactful Parish Council and Working Together as a High Performing Team’

Date: Monday 26th Feb 2024,

Time: 6.30pm -9.00pm

Venue -Datchet Village Hall

Cost to DPC £250.00 + Vat and Hall Hire £55

(Paper Circulated)

DECISION: The cost was approved for the meeting to be held. This was proposed by Cllr S.Young, seconded by Cllr S.Glover and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

23/174PLANNING

- a. To agree responses to new applications listed on the attached planning addendum and note Planning Decisions (*Paper Circulated*)

Application No / Type	Application Site	Proposal	Datchet Parish Council Comments
23/02948 Full	106 London Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LH	Single storey side/rear extension	No objection
23/02858 Full	96 London Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LH	Garage conversion with raised roof and a single storey detached outbuilding.	Objection no flood risk assessment.
23/01062 Full AMENDED APPLICATION	Ditton Manor Ditton Park Road Datchet Slough SL3 7JB	Hotel-led development comprising the conversion, extension and alteration of the existing Manor House and associated buildings, including the North Gatehouse, East Gatehouse, South Gatehouse, Chapel and Granary, to a flexible hotel and wedding/conference venue (Use Class C1 and Sui Generis) with associated ancillary facilities including	No objection

		bar, restaurant and gym/spa; additional two storey hotel accommodation block (Use Class C1); erection of a marquee for wedding/conference use (Sui Generis); demolition and erection of a new one storey community building (Use Class F2); car parking; landscaping; and other associated works.	
23/02608 Full	Woollacombe Southlea Road Datchet Slough SL3 9DB	Roof extension at first floor to provide additional habitable accommodation.	No objection subject to conditions on the ecology report and protected bats as refused under previous application in March 2023. We would also like to draw officers attention to the covenants that are in situ on this property from the Crown Estate and the National trust that should be considered in this application.
23/02981 Full	The Little Dutch House 11 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9EN	Extension to existing roof to from additional accommodation within the roof space and enlargement of existing side dormer.	No objection as the Parish Council are being consistent with our local recommendations but we accept the previous application was refused and that the applicant has not mitigated against the reasons for objection, if anything has extended further, which is surprising
23/02793 Variation Under Reg 73	Siena Indian Cuisine 147 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL39HU	Variation (under Section 73a) of planning permission 21/01908 without complying with Condition 3 (Hours of use).	Objection on the conditions previously set when the site was granted permission. We should be consistent on conditions or not apply them in the beginning. Conditions of permitted application number 21/01908/FULL: <i>“The Car Wash shall not operate outside the following times: 0900 to 1900 Monday to Friday and 1000 to 14:00 on Saturday. The Car Wash shall not operate at all on Sundays and Public Holidays. Reason: Reason: To protect the amenities of the neighbourhood and to accord with the Local Plan Policy NAP3.”</i> Also with recent flood events we need to reduce the levels of water in flood events and consider a stop notice on operations like this during flood events as a potential condition.
23/03096 Full	76 Ditton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LT	Part single, part two storey side/rear extension and alterations to fenestration, following demolition of existing garage.	No objection subject to conditions to direct the applicant to the adopted Datchet Neighbourhood plan and the Datchet Design Guide. We note the previous refusal but we are consistent in our recommendations but note the applicant has not mitigated against the officers part refusal.
23/03074	14 Eton Road	Single storey front extension,	Objection. Overdevelopment in the

Full	Datchet Slough SL3 9AY	part single part two storey rear/side extension, alterations to roof to include raising of the ridge, 1no. front inset dormer with terrace, 1no. rear dormer and alterations to fenestration and external finishes following demolition of existing rear element and front canopy.	flood zone and negatively altering the street views. Referring to the adopted Datchet Neighbourhood plan, see Character Area page 7 item 6 shows the distinctive street scene and character of the road. Additionally with recent flooding being increased by over development of the flood plain this overdevelopment should be avoided in all instances
23/03080 Variation Under Reg 73	Old Datchet Court Windsor Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BR	Variation (under Section 73) of Condition 7 to substitute those plans approved under 23/01085/FULL for the two storey side extension, rear infill extension, alterations to fenestration and front steps and new steps to rear following demolition of existing elements, with amended plans.	Objection – being consistent with the Parish council’s previous concerns on application number 23/01085 and additional note on very recent flooding event in January 2024 any increase in surface area will push ground water flooding into adjacent properties and should be avoided with increasing risks of flooding. This application is overdevelopment in the flood zone
23/02886 Works To Trees In Conservation Area	Daren Oaks And Squirrels Hollow Deep Field Datchet Slough	(T1) Oak - remove; (T2) Holly - remove; (TG3) Various - reduce overhang from neighbours tree to boundary and (T4) Fruit Tree - reduce overhang back to boundary.	Objection (except T4) on removal of trees without a condition to replace with similar size of established tree. This appears to be more cosmetic rather than there being a concern to safety or disease, so we should not allow the loss of established trees within the historic conservation area. To mitigate against the removal conditions should be set to replace with new established trees of a similar nature and benefit to the carbon offset of those being removed.
23/03138 FULL	10 Beaulieu Close Datchet Slough SL3 9DE	Part single part two storey side/rear extension, 2 no. rear juliet balconies and alterations to rear step up access following demolition of existing garage.	Objection as no flood risk assessment supplied with the application and the property sits directly behind a regular flooding area. Additionally it is overdevelopment in the flood zone and after very recent flood event in January 2024 this should be avoided to reduce future flooding by river or ground water. If this application is permitted a condition should be applied to make the new structure permeable and adhere to the adopted neighbourhood plan & Datchet Design Guide
23/03010 Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev	14 Priory Way Datchet Slough SL3 9JQ	Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the 2no, single storey rear extensions are lawful	Objection – maintaining consistency with our objection from application number 23/01656/FULL and the previous refusal from officers which has not been mitigated by this recent request. <i>“The existing dwellinghouse provides a positive contribution to the Conservation Area by virtue of its by virtue of its age, architectural form and interest and constitutes a Non-</i>

			<i>Designated Heritage Asset. The proposed two storey extension, by virtue of its scale and design, would result in a dominant and negative addition to the host dwelling, which would detract from its special character and appearance, resulting in a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area, resulting in less than substantial harm to this heritage asset. No public benefits have been identified which would outweigh this harm. The proposal is contrary to Section 16 of the NPPF (2023), Local Plan Policy HE1, Local Plan Policy QP3 and Principles 10.1 and 10.4 of the Borough Wide Design Guide.”</i>
23/03046	328 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HY	Single storey rear extension no greater than 6.80m in depth, 2.95m high with an eaves height of 2.95m	No objection

Members noted the Borough Council decisions as per planning addendum that was circulated.

The Chair allowed questions from the public on the following applications;

23/02981 - The Little Dutch House 11 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9EN - John, the owner of the property discussed his application and how it was refused on design/size. He has made changes and re-submitted the application.

Cllr D. Buckley advised that the DPC had already made the recommendation of no objection. (Full comments above)

23/02793 - Siena Indian Cuisine 147 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HU – Caroline Wise Regarding the car wash, to oppose the operating times of a water-based business in a flood zone and the company’s lack of due diligence.

Cllr D. Buckley advised resident to forward her report to the Clerk.

23/03074 - 14 Eton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9AY – Ms Gray, lives next door the property, she is not sure where she stands with the party wall agreement which is a requirement of the build.

Cllr D. Buckley advised resident that RBWM planning officers will make the decision on this. He asked the resident to provide her email address so he can take this up with the borough. (Resident passed email to the Clerk)

DECISION: Responses were agreed to the new planning applications and the council noted the planning decisions as listed on the planning addendum.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**.

ACTION: Cllr D. Buckley to contact RBWM regarding planning application 23/03074

b. Other planning matters, including any new

The Lead Member commented:

i) **106 Allocations** – None

ii) **Enforcement Matter** – It was advised that these are an ongoing process.

The chair commented he has asked for a further meeting with RBWM and will keep all informed.

c. To receive and update on AL39 (Cllr Buckley)

Cllr D. Buckley informed members still awaiting Barrister update and still no change. Hopefully by next meeting should have decision notice.

d. **Councillor's Questions** - None.

23/175 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a. To note expenditure approved under delegated authority

RESOLVED report noted.

b. To approve Income and Expenditure dated

DECISION: The income and expenditure reports were approved. This was proposed by Cllr D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr M. Davies and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

c. To receive recommendations on the draft budget and precept level 2024-2025 from the finance committee.

DECISION: The Finance Committee Vice Chair Cllr. S Young proposed that the precept for 2024/2025 remain at £144.531. This was seconded by Cllr T. O'Flynn.

Voted For – 8 Cllrs,

Abstained – 2 Cllrs,

The majority voted in favor of this proposal this recommendation has been accepted and approved.

d. To approve terms of reference for the finance committee, these have been reviewed and agreed by the finance committee prior to this meeting

DECISION: The terms of reference were approved. This was proposed by Cllr D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr A. Clemens and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

e. To note the resignation of Cllr A Clemens from the finance committee –

RESOLVED – Resignation Noted

f. To elect and appoint another member for the finance committee

DECISION: Cllr T O'Flynn put himself forward for this position. This was proposed by Cllr D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr A. Clemens and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

g. To agree to move £10,000 from the EMR rec ditch phase 2 back to the EMR ditch pumpout cost code

DECISION: It was agreed to move the funds back. This was proposed by Cllr D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr S. Young and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

h. **Councillor's questions** – None.

23/176 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

The chairman read a statement from Cllr E Larcombe regarding the flooding and how Datchet has had four flood events in the last century that have gone from bad to worse.

23/177 GROUNDS:

a. **Lead councillors report (For information only)** – Cllr I Thompson reported that there had been two more cases of vandalism. The trees that had been knocked down on the Sabatini land by 4x4s's were fortunately not damaged and have been replanted at the cost of DPC. Another tree in the same area has also been vandalized and the repair for this has been put in motion. Also, unfortunately when the lines were cut on the two vessels down on the river it caused damage to the river frontage. Ditch has also been cleared but still being used as a dump.

ACTION: Cllr I Thompson & the Clerk to attend on Friday 19th to assess damage with the possibility of an insurance claim.

b. To consider site options in the village for the Community Orchard and to discuss any issues. (Cllr Steevan Glover) – It was discussed that we have an opportunity to apply for £5000 worth of funds to start a community orchard. The application needs to be in by 22 January which is not complex but issues to consider were i) Where we locate a small orchard with five or more blossoming fruit trees with space for them as they grow ii) they need to be accessible for care and maintenance iii) where we plant them should have CCTV coverage due to the recent vandalism iv) what fruit trees as best to keep fruit size relatively small.

DECISION: It was agreed to apply for the funds and decided the Parish Office postcode would be used for location initially for the application. This was proposed by Cllr M. Davies, seconded by Cllr D. Buckley and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

ACTION: Cllr Glover and the Clerk to make application by 22 January.

c. To discuss the Proposed drawing for a future extension of Datchet Cemetery (Cllr Ian Thompson) Cllr I Thompson discussed the ongoing provision problem within Datchet and showed the potential areas on where to extend. The question was asked do residents want a cemetery? He feels we should bring the matter to the public and proposes a discussion on whether to extend. The chairman agreed happy to put on the next meeting agenda.

ACTION: Clerk to put on the next meetings' agenda.

d. To discuss proposal for making provision for new grave plots and replacement north side fencing of Datchet Cemetery. (Cllr Ian Thompson) – Cllr I Thompson discussed the provision for new plots could come from the overgrown shrubbery, bushes and trees. He stated needs to be part of a discussion with expert. Cllr P Bicknell to arrange a meeting to discuss this and costs involved.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange meeting.

e. Councillor's Questions – Cllr Andrew Clemens raised the question When and How are we going to put pressure on the police regarding the illegal activity and drag racing happening across all of the local car parks? The chairman said we have limited ability to do this but can bring up at the next NAG meeting and reiterate all of the comments regarding the issue.

ACTION: To raise this issue at the next NAG meeting.

23/178 CEMETERY

a. Lead Councillors report - None

b. Councillors' questions - None

23/179 PROPERTIES:

a. Lead councillors report (For information only) – Cllr D Sanders confirmed the service had been done on the Datchet Hall boiler and he is awaiting to see the report. Clerk to forward this to him. He also mentioned the issue of damp in the library and needs to do a report on this when spoken with Cllr Loveridge. Will put on the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr I Thompson said he can show Cllr D Sanders where the problem is.

ACTION: Clerk to put on the next meetings' agenda. Cllr I. Thompson to show Cllr. D. Sanders where the damp problem is.

b. To discuss and consider the Datchet Village Hall heating arrangements. In particular the loft room containing the two gas boilers, the gas meters and the gas distribution system is far from satisfactory and fails to meet current standards. (Cllr Larcombe) – Deferred until next meeting.

- c. **Councillor's Questions** – Cllr S Glover asked if we can look at making future plans more sustainable. The chairman commented as Cllr S Young said also that we need a more strategic plan going forward. Cllr M Davies said we need to make provisions for this early on in the budget.

ACTION: Cllr S. Glover to speak with the Clerk about sustainability.

23/180 HIGHWAYS

- a. **Councillor's Questions** - None.

23/181 FLOODING

- a. **The Lead Councillors report (Paper for information only)** – Cllr I Thompson raised the issue of the flooding in Horton Road back gardens with sewage also coming to the surface. We had a call from a vulnerable resident for whom we reported the problem to RBWM. The point he wants to raise is he had a meeting previously with Thames Water to discuss the condition of the Datchet Common Brook being the source of the water level in Southlea Road is a problem. Thames Water have not come back to us on this issue because the meeting was held to discuss the condition of the Datchet Common Brook relevant to other issues of localized flooding and not relevant to any other issues with DPC proposals for the culverting. He continued to say the impact that the Datchet Common Brook is having on the houses is one thing but this is being exacerbated by the car wash because the car wash will be draining into the system that should be taking the water away and isn't and as a result is increasing the flooding in that area and the release of sewage. Both problems are interlinked and needs to be raised with RBWM and the problem that we've highlighted with Thames Water which is part of the car wash problem. He then covered problem on Southlea Road where we shouldn't have any flooding and the fact the flood bank was removed and have been trying to get money from RBWM for years to put the flood bank back and the EA who have a responsibility because they denoted the land to take over for the purchase of the inlet for channel 1. They have not gone ahead with that and the land is left as it was without any protection and that causes the problem. He feels they have responsibility under that as the riparian owners of the river Thames banking. There are also ownership problems relevant to who owns that site and their responsibility for pulling it down. We were promised by RBWM there was £10m or flood defenses and have asked many times for the flood bank to be reinstated. Had nothing but false promises and have now found out from the new council that money was never available. This has caused unnecessary flooding to the residents of Beaulieu Close.

The Chairman thanked Cllr I Thompson for his report and asked Cllr S Young to brief us on the upcoming flood event. Cllr S Young went on to discuss the Flood Resilience event that she has arranged to raise awareness with Flood Mary for 29TH January. Also trying to get someone from the EA and RBWM to come along. Open to all residents and neighboring' villages.

The Chairman said Cllr E Larcombe wanted an extra ordinary meeting. He gave a Councillor's view that he felt the land in Datchet did what it was meant to do in the recent floods but happy to take questions if people feel they would like an extra ordinary meeting.

- b. **Councillors Questions** – The Chairman went round and asked all Cllrs if they were in favour of an extra ordinary meeting and the general consensus was that we wait until after the Flood Resilience event.

23/182 EVENTS

- a. **Lead councillors report (For information only)**

Cllr A Clemens asked if we could have some more information on the Flood Resilience event. Cllr S Young Said she is happy to put some kind of agenda together and send it out. He also said there was a D-Day Anniversary event coming up on the 6th June 2024 which will be a Beacon lighting ceremony for which he would like us to be involved. He will update us in the next meeting and will pass onto Cllr S Glover as he will be away for the actual event. Cllr A Clemens went on to mention Christmas 2024 and proposed the Christmas Fair & Christmas On The Green will be held on 30th November as a leap year this year. The chairman asked for something to be put together and brought back to him regarding this.

ACTION: Cllr S. Young to put an agenda together for the Flood meeting. Cllr A. Clemens to put in writing proposed Christmas dates.

- b. **To discuss if St. Bernard’s Prep school can put banners up in Memorial Green advertising their open day in February 2024 to be installed on 5th February 2024 until 26th February 2024**

DECISION: It was agreed for the school to put the banner up. This was proposed by Cllr A Clemens, seconded by Cllr T. O’Flynn and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

- c. **Councillors Questions – None**

The chairman recommended we extend the meeting by 15 minutes for co-option and public questions and move Working Groups, Committees and Councillors questions & comments on the agenda to next month’s meeting. This was agreed by everyone.

23/183 WORKING GROUPS - Deferred

- a. To receive reports from working groups (If necessary)
- b. Councillor’s Questions.

23/184 COMMITTEES - Deferred

- a. To receive reports from committees (if necessary)
- b. Councillors Questions

23/185 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS - Deferred

23/186 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTIONS

- One application for the office of Parish Councillor had been received.
- Caroline Wise introduced herself and the Chairman asked questions.

DECISION: A vote was put to all Cllr members and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to co-opt Caroline Wise onto the Parish Council.

ACTION: Cllr. C. Wise’s Declarations of Acceptance of Office was signed and received in the presence of the Clerk.

23/187 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - Deferred

None.

23/188 THE NEXT MEETING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2024

The meeting closed at 9.07PM

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Signature