

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET ON MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs Mrs J. Stickland (Chairman), H. Clasper, A. Clemens, Miss L. Darban P. Darban, Mrs M. Davies, Miss K. Fitzgerald, J. Grey, E. Larcombe, G. Muir, L. O'Flynn, T. O'Flynn, I. Thompson, A. Verma
Clerk to the Council – Katy Jones & Mrs J. Freeland

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor

There were 11 members of the public present.

16.173 ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Chairman advised that the Council meeting will finish at 10pm and a Part II meeting will follow immediately after.

16.174 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Corcoran commented that the current community flood plan was still incomplete, inaccurate and ambiguous and needed to be clearer. He asked questions in regard to the removed flood bund at The Poplars and about the supply of sandbags. He asked what plans did DPC and the flood team had to correct it and advised that his objective was to highlight problems and to help find solutions. Cllr Thompson suggested that Mr Corcoran come to the office for a meeting to go through his questions. Following his question regarding the bund at 'Poplars' he was updated on this matter and advised that the EA would provide a temporary flood bund in the event of a flood. Also, the supply of sandbags is RBWM's responsibility. The Chairman advised that she was meeting with the Clerk and that a meeting of the CEMT would be arranged to discuss these issues.

Mrs J Almond requested to speak during Planning on an application which is next to her property. The Chairman agreed.

16.175 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

16.176 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH JANUARY 2017

The minutes were approved as a true record, subject to the following amendment, and signed by the Chairman.

09.01.17 – 16.158 – In the last line of the third paragraph change the '3 months' to '6 months'.

16.177 MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH JANUARY 2017

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16.178 MINUTES OF THE PART II MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH JANUARY 2017

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16.179 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

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16.158 – South West Trains/Network Rail – Clerk to raise under correspondence.

16.166 – Lamp post outside Spices Restaurant – Cllr Thompson commented that a local paper had reported that the cost of these works was £3,000 (Cllr Bicknall) but he had looked into this and thought the works would be substantially higher due to the other utility supplies near the relocation site. He asked the Council to ask RBWM for the true cost of the works. The Chairman agreed to Cllr Thompson asking the Borough Council for this but through the Office. Cllr Grey commented that the Borough had taken on board what had been said and were re-looking at the issue. The Chairman asked that Cllr Grey/RBWM give the Parish Council notice and a plan of action before anything happens.

16.180 CORRESPONDENCE

- i) The Clerk advised receipt of two complaints in relation to planning application procedures, and that these have gone to the monitoring officer at RBWM for advice. When a response has been received, the Clerk will advise members of the outcome.

- ii) Southwest Trains/Network Rail – Following a chase up email the Clerk was advised that the data collection exercise promised in August had never been completed but would be carried out now, this should be received by the middle of March which will be followed up by a meeting with them.
- iii) The Clerk had received a quote for the reinstatement of the Village drinking fountain which was for £6,500. Councillors agreed to not proceed with these works.

16.181 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

In the absence of the Lead Member, the Deputy Lead Member presented the planning application list. The decisions being as follows;

16/03807 – Maisonette at Silver Cottage & Naz Cottage, The Green – First floor rear extension. Retrospective.

It was noted that the plans did not correlate with what was existing on site i) the existing elevation drawing does not show the existing two rear chimney stacks, ii) the existing elevation drawing shows a side window on the upper floor which is not there at present. We would ask that the applicant rectifies the drawings. It is noted that the application is retrospective yet the proposal is for a brick structure not wooden as the applicant has built. This is incorrect. Also, the brick structure is double the size of the wooden structure which the applicant has been told to demolish. This being the case the Council are of the opinion that this should be a new application not a retrospective one.

The ordnance survey site plan submitted is confusing as it shows the properties are in a terrace of four but the dividing lines are not clear, also the relationship to the adjacent building is not shown on the drawings. It was noted that originally the applicant was asked to provide further details by the 2nd January in order for the application to proceed. Can the Borough confirm if this was done?

The consensus is that the drawings are not accurate and the Parish Council need more information in order to make a decision on these proposals.

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stickland, seconded by Cllr Thompson and RESOLVED that this application be deferred to the next council meeting, 13th March 2017 and the Borough ask the applicant to provide more accurate information as outlined above.

17/00072 – 41 Slough Road. Single storey rear extension.

It was noted that due to timescales the Lead Member had responded to this application with No Objection subject to the Borough flooding requirements being met.

17/00134 – 8 Queensmead. Single storey rear extension.

Members had OBJECTION to this application on the grounds of loss of light and the fact that they had already extended the building using up the permitted flood allowance.

17/00167 – 24 Beaulieu Close. Two storey side/rear extension, alterations to rear fenestration and enlargement of existing raised patio following demolition of existing garage.

Members had No Objection.

17/00193 – Tesco Express 134 Horton Road. Single storey rear extension to warehouse following removal of 2 x car park spaces.

Members had No Objection.

17/00198 – 2 Link Road. 2 No. new sheds, car port and repositioning of existing shed next to car port.

Members had No Objection subject to the Borough flooding requirements being met.

17/00332 – Spices Silver Cottage, The Green. Variation of planning permission 10/00659 (allowed on appeal) to vary condition 3 which prevents the use of the premises as a takeaway. (Retrospective).

Following discussions in which the Chairman allowed the applicant and members of the public to speak, a proposal was made to object to the application and a counter proposal was also put forward to approve the application, the voting on the counter proposal being taken first:

For: 7 (Cllrs Clemens, Clasper, Miss Darban, Mrs O'Flynn, Miss Fitzgerald, Darban, Verma)

Against: 4 (Cllrs Mrs Davies, Thompson, Larcombe, O'Flynn)

Abstaining: 3 (Mrs Stickland, Muir, Grey)

The outcome being No Objection to this application.

17/00404 – Datchet St Marys CE Primary School, The Green. Application for a replacement canopy to the rear (retrospective).

Members had No Objection.

17/00425 – Land to the Rear of 250 to 284 Horton Road. Erection of two new commercial units (Use class B2-general industrial) within the existing commercial site.

Following discussions and a vote on this application members voted as following:

Objection: 4 (Cllrs Mrs Davies, Darban, Larcombe, Miss Darban)

No Objection: 7 (Cllrs Clasper, Thompson, Clemens, Mrs O'Flynn, T. O'Flynn, Miss Fitzgerald, Verma)

Abstaining: 3 (Cllrs Mrs Stickland, Grey, Muir)

The outcome being No Objection to this application.

17/00438 – 14 Agars Place. Single storey side (South East elevation) and two-storey side (North West elevation), both with accommodation in the roofspace.

Members had No Objection.

16.182 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as circulated on the planning addendum and additional planning addendum dated 13.02.17.

16.183 PLANNING GENERAL

The Chairman commented that neighbourhood notification lists were not available on the website and asked Cllr Grey to take this back the Borough Council. ***Cllr Grey***

16.184 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Payments

The Lead Member presented the payments listing for consideration. Following discussions by members and answers provided as necessary, it was proposed by Cllr Clasper, seconded Cllr O'Flynn and **RESOLVED** that the payments list be approved.

16.185 PROPERTIES

- i) 24A The Green Redecoration – The tenants have now moved out. The Lead Member has 3 quotes for the painting, carpets and to treat the moth infestation. Following Standing Orders requirements, it was agreed that Cllr Verma meet with the Chairman, Lead Member for Finance and the Clerk on Friday 17.01.17 at 12.00pm to go through the quotations and place an order for the works.
- ii) The Bridge Café damp – Cllr Darban advised that he had visited the flat above The Bridge and could find no leaks in the shower and that the gutter was also clear.
Cllr Clemens commented that he knew of a plumber who would be willing to look at this at no cost and also knew of a surveyor who could look at the property. Cllr Darban recommended that the walls be given a quick rub down, treatment and a cost of paint for now to clean up the toilet facilities for users of the café and the damp be reassessed once the works in the flat had been completed.
- iii) Cemetery Chapel – The Clerk advised that 2 quotes had been received in relation to a feasibility study of the Cemetery Chapel. The quotes being: £1,250.00 and £940.00 for the initial feasibility study with varying costs per hour thereafter. A suggestion that both the companies do a feasibility study was put forward.
It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stickland, seconded by Cllr Clasper and **RESOLVED** that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk meet to discuss and compare these quotes and be authorised to make a decision and to place an order with for the feasibility study of the Cemetery Chapel.

16.186 GROUNDS

- i) Cllr Clemens advised of a quote that had received in relation to a picket fence and post for the riverfront to protect the grass from the geese/ducks in the sum of £3,400.
The Clerk advised that this be discussed at the scheduled riverfront meeting.
- ii) Fun Fair 2017 – A request had been received for the fair to use the Recreation Ground during September 2017 at a total fee of £850. Discussions took place regarding ground conditions, how well it is attended, and if there were any complaints about not having the fair in 2016 and what charges that other parishes make.
It was proposed by Cllr Muir, seconded by Cllr Clemens and **RESOLVED** that the Fair not be given permission to use Datchet Recreation Ground in 2017 and to advise the proprietor accordingly.

- iii) Dog Fouling – The Clerk had received complaints regarding the amount of dog mess on the recreation ground and village greens. The Clerk had requested and received an official ‘Pick up after your dog’ sign from RBWM to be put up. She advised members that it is the Borough Community Wardens that are authorised to issue the fixed penalty notices which are currently £56.00. It was noted that the Borough are looking for support for a Public Space Protection Order which will give them more powers to prosecute people who violate issues including dog fouling, motorbikes etc. It may also be possible to give accreditation to a member of staff, following training, to enable them to issue penalty notices.
It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stickland, seconded by Cllr Clemens and **RESOLVED** to support RBWM’s ‘PSPO’.
- iv) Play Area – Following the annual inspection in September two quotes have been received for the recommended works.
Quote A to inspect and replace all items including bushes, washers, shackles etc. at £8,971.00 including to re-install the Zip Wire as per Cllr Larcombe’s specification.
Quote B to inspect and replace only if necessary £4,954.00.
The Clerk recommend the Quote A as it would be an MOT for all the equipment
It was proposed by Cllr Larcombe, seconded by Cllr Mrs Davies and **RESOLVED** that Quote A be accepted.
- v) Cemetery Signs – The Clerk advised of 3 quotes which had been received for 2 signs at the Cemetery and showed pictures of these.
i) £3,792.00 ii) £2,160.00 iii) £3,630.00
It was proposed by Cllr Muir, seconded by Cllr O’Flynn and **RESOLVED** to go with the Company who provided the quote in the sum of £2,160.00, but for just 1 sign at the entrance of the Cemetery.

THIS PART OF THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.15PM

The Chairman moved that the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by virtue of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The Meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

CHAIRMAN

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