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## **Minutes of a MEETING of DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL held in the VILLAGE HALL, DATCHET on MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024, at 7.00pm**

**Present:** 12 Members - Cllr D. Buckley (Chairman), Cllr E. Larcombe, Cllr L. O'Flynn, T. O'Flynn, Cllr M. Davies, Cllr I. Thompson, Cllr I. Bacon, Cllr D. Sanders, Cllr S. Glover, Cllr S. Young, Cllr C. Wise, Cllr P. Bicknell

**In attendance:** Mrs S. Masikito (Clerk), Mrs J. Freeland (Finance Assistant)

**Public:** There were 12 members of the public present

### **23/233 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Apologies for absence were received from:** Cllr D. Loveridge, Cllr A. Clemens, Borough Cllr Grove

**Absent without apologies:** None

### **23/234 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Resident 1** – Asked if the Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group's notes had been circulated and was advised no.

Asked if the Neighbourhood Plan Group and Datchet Village Society can be included on to the Conservation Area Working Group, as they had been previously.

Commented that in the terms of reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group there is a requirement to provide an update at the Annual Parish Meeting and requested a slot on the agenda and table – agreed. It was then requested that the Datchet Village Society have a table too – agreed.

**Resident 2** – Asked who is responsible for the elderly wellbeing services and was advised that this was RBWM.

**Resident 3** – Advised members of the current issues with the land at Whites Lane, in that the land had been sold and the woodland area has been desecrated along with a landgrab situation, permitted development was allowed but residents are very concerned about what may take place on this land and were calling for a public meeting. To be discussed under agenda item 23/240 d.

### **23/235 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr L. O'Flynn and T. O'Flynn declared a personal interest in any discussions regarding the land at the rear of their property.

### **23/236 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Datchet Parish Council meeting held on **Monday 11th March 2024** were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

## 23/237MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** The PART II minutes of the Datchet Parish Council meeting held on **Monday 11th March 2024** were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

## 23/238MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. 23/216 d) – Cllr C. Wise wanted to confirm that the Chair was happy with the letter from Planning section and that it was sufficient and apart from reminding Councillors to re-read the Code of Conduct document this matter being put aside and asked if this was the case. The Chair confirmed this.

## 23/239GENERAL

- a. Chairmans report - None
- b. Clerks report  
**RESOLVED:** This had been circulated and there were no questions.
- c. To note that the change of date for the May Annual Statutory Meeting scheduled for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 has now been changed to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024.  
**RESOLVED:** This date change has been noted by all councillors.  
**ACTION:** The parish office will update the website and noticeboards with the amended dates.

## 23/240PLANNING

- a. To agree responses to new applications listed on the attached planning addendum and note Planning Decisions.

<b>NEW APPLICATIONS – FOR CONSIDERATION</b>			
<b>Application No / Type</b>	<b>Application Site</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>DPC Comments</b>
24/00556 Works To Trees Covered By TPO	Satis House 47 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9EP	(T1) Cedar – Fell. (020/2011/TPO)	Object - Refer to Borough Tree officer. No mention of disease so why allow a Healthy large tree to be chopped down due to storm damage? Should the Borough permit this tree to be felled our recommendations is that a replacement tree should be planted of a similar size by the applicant.
24/00527 Full	136 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LX	Single storey front/side extension following demolition of existing garage.	No Objection
24/00545 Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev	89 Ditton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LX	Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the two storey rear extension is lawful.	Borough. Has already permitted this?

24/00613 Works To Trees In Conservation Area	Iona 39 High Street Datchet Slough SL3 9EQ	(T1) Grandiflora – Crown reduce by 0.5m, leaving a final height of 9m and spread of 3m. (T2) Prunus – Crown reduce by 2m, leaving a final height of 7m and spread of 4.5m. Thin crown by 20%.	Refer to the Tree officer at the Borough
24/00418 Full	29 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9EN	New ramp to front entrance door, part single part two storey side/rear extension and alterations to fenestration following demolition of existing elements.	Object - Similar applications have been refused recently also no Flood Risk information.
24/00582 Full	18 Penn Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HT	Part single part first floor part two storey side/rear extension with undercroft, relocation of front entrance door, alteration to existing roof and fenestration and widening of the existing dropped kerb following demolition of existing elements.	Object, similar applications have been refused recently and the Borough Traffic officer objects to dropped kerb request.

24/00556 – Satis House, 47 Horton Road, Datchet – Works to Trees covered by TPO

**RESOLVED:** Cllr D. Buckley updated members on this application and had asked for a copy of the specialist reports, which he is still waiting for and has sent several letters to the Borough.

**ACTION:** Cllr D. Buckley to clarify who owns the land and to send photos of the trees to the Head of planning and express concerns about the decision to remove two significant, well-established trees.

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

**RESOLVED:** The recommendations made were approved. This was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**.

**b. Other planning matters, including any new**

i) 106 Allocations - None.

ii) Enforcement Matter

The Chair advised he was trying to obtain a full list of enforcement matters and would bring this back to the Council.

**c. To receive and update on AL39 (Cllr Buckley) – No further update.**

**d. Whites Lane/Permitted planning recommendation by RBWM – To call public meeting to include press and public to discuss and debate the change of land use in a flood zone and green belt if there is a public interest.**

The Chair advised of change of land/area which was under permitted development and advised residents had expressed their concerns to both himself and planning enforcement about activities on this land. In relation to the Article 4 Direction on Datchet (1950), he had asked if there is a permitted planning document (2015) and which one outweighs which, he was still waiting for a reply.

Discussions took place on the current activities taking place on the land in relation to use of the land, flood zone, green belt, ecology, wildlife, and it was noted that permitted planning was allowed and until a time where enforcement was needed, it was felt that a public meeting be deferred.

**RESOLVED:** Residents to keep the Parish Council and RBWM Officers updated and if and when necessary, a public meeting can be called.

e. Councillor's Questions

**None.**

**23/241 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- a. To approve income and expenditure – Chairman to sign pink sheet (Paper-for information only)

**RESOLVED:** The income and expenditure reports were approved. This was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

- b. To review and adopt the Banner and Advertisement Policy.

**RESOLVED:** The policy was adopted. This was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

- c. To review and adopt the Noticeboard Policy.

**RESOLVED:** The policy was adopted. This was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

- c. Councillor's questions

**None.**

**23/242 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

Cllr E. Larcombe advised that at the last RBWM meeting he had raised a motion regarding RBWM taking immediate action to minimize flooding by maintaining land draining and infrastructure, this was passed unanimously. His petition 'Wraysbury Drain', has 1300 signatures, it was due to be on an agenda, but has now been withdrawn. He commented on the removal of the channel 1 RTS, which he is still chasing up. He advised that at a recent meeting he had refused additional Flood alleviation funding.

Cllr D. Buckley gave an update on RBWM finances, and advised that 77% of the budget is taken up by adult and children services, 13% on interest payments on the debt, remainder is spent elsewhere. Commented on enforcement in that 80% are historic cases and 20% new cases in Datchet and he has found out that when elected, May 2023, there was only 1 enforcement officer at RBWM for the Borough.

He advised on the shortfall of school places in Datchet, this item is on the RBWM agenda.

In relation to CIL payments being spent on lamp post repairs, he had requested who and how these decisions were being made and why the Ward Councillors are not involved with this.

**23/243 GROUNDS:**

- a. Lead Councillors report (Paper Circulated - for information only)

The Lead Councilors report had been circulated and no questions were asked.

He gave an update on the following:

- i) Painting village posts, due to the wet weather this cannot be carried out yet.
- ii) Thanked Cllr Glover on securing grant for the community orchard, following yearend closedown, he would be asking the council for £2,500 from the budget to go with this grant.
- iii) He would be requesting monies from the budget to complete the edging project at Memorial Green.

**ACTION:** To bring costs and proposals back to the next meeting.

- b. To receive an update on the Community Orchard Grant.

Cllr S. Glover advised that a grant from RBWM had been received. The submitted proposal was shown on screen and he explained the phases in which this would be carried out. He answered questions and advised he would be asking public volunteers to assist with the project.

The Chair commented on the good work and asked a question of the Sabatini land, owned by DRCCT to Cllr E. Larcombe, who commented that if there was no cost to the DRCCT he has no issues with the new community orchard.

- c. Councillor's questions  
None.

### **23/244 CEMETERY**

- a. Lead Councillors report (Paper Circulated – for information only)
- b. To consider the proposed Cemetery Fees for 2024/2025 (Paper circulated for information)  
Commented on reasons for increase, work required in the cemetery and new plots.  
**RESOLVED:** The resolve to increase the cemetery fees, **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**  
**ACTION:** Office to update the website and advise necessary agencies.
- c. Councillor's questions  
None.

### **23/245 PROPERTIES:**

- a. Lead Councillors report (No report)  
Cllr D. Sanders commented on unplanned maintenance but would report back to next meeting. He advised he was reviewing sustainable energy.  
**ACTION:** Cllr D. Sanders to bring back to the next meeting.  
Cllr S. Young commented on liability insurance and sub-contractors and is due to speak with the insurers and will come back with their advice.  
**ACTION:** Cllr S. Young to bring back to next meeting.
- b. Councillor's Questions  
None.

### **23/246 HIGHWAYS**

- a. Lead Councillors report - No written report – commented on missing bollards opposite Library, police informed. She was hoping to talk with the Police about the parking issues in the village.  
**ACTION:** Talk to Police regarding parking issues.
- b. Councillor's Questions  
None.

### **23/247 FLOODING**

- a. Lead Councillors report (Paper - For information only)
- b. To give authority to the Chair (Cllr D. Buckley) to sign the letter from RBWM Household & Regulatory Services (Cllr R. Coe) to DEFRA (copy circulated).  
**RESOLVED: UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**
- c. Councillor's Questions.  
None.

### **23/248 EVENTS**

- a. Lead Councillors report (No Report)  
In the absence of Cllr A. Clemens, Cllr S. Glover reported: i) Cllr I. Thompson is looking after the Ellis Journey event, 07.07.24 ii) 'D' Day Beacon event, 06.06.24, he has put a brief outline together, based on a remembrance and education themed event, with choir and historical context, with the lighting of the Beacon to coincide with the whole Country lighting.
- b. Councillor's Questions  
None.

**The Chair proposed to extend the meeting until 9pm - This was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

### **23/249 WORKING GROUPS**

- a. To receive reports from working groups (If necessary)  
Strategic Working Group – Hoping to meet in the next few weeks.

- b. To receive an update from the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group (DMG) (If necessary)

**ACTION:** Meeting notes to be circulated to all Councillors by the office.

- c. Conservation Area Working Group – Can a meeting be arranged asap and invite community groups and public to discuss Article 4 Direction and further increases of protection to the Conservation Area and the possibility of extending the Conservation area eventually to add a further layer of protection to the historic village and its character.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to confirm Lead for the group and meeting to be organised. Cllr S. Glover asked to be added to the group and was happy to be the lead.

- d. Councillor's Questions

**None.**

### **23/250 COMMITTEES -**

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

**Nothing to report**

- b. Councillors Questions

**None.**

### **23/251 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**None.**

### **23/252 COUNCILLOR CO-OPTIONS**

- i. To receive applications for the office of Parish Councillor and to ask pre-set questions as per the co-option policy to the candidates. (Paper Circulated)
- ii. To resolve to co-opt candidate(s) to fill the existing vacancy(ies)'. The vote to co-opt or not to co-opt candidates will be taken without further debate.
- iii. To receive co-opted councilor's declaration of acceptance of office.

**Candidate did not attend the meeting - Deferred until the next meeting.**

### **23/253 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: (Only for clarification relating to matters discussed on the agenda and limited to 2 minutes a person and 10 minutes maximum total)**

**Resident 1** - Spoke regarding correspondence, which is not an agenda item, and was advised that they correspondences are copied to the relevant Lead Member.

**Resident 2** – Re: Whites Lane - Thanked the Council for their contributions, but advised that residents are concerned this is reactive and are concerned how quickly things happen and plans need to be in place to be pro-active.

The Chair commented that the Parish Council have no powers but will take residents views to the Borough Council, and that a public meeting can be called at any point in time.

### **23/254 THE NEXT MEETINGS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD:**

MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 6.00PM – 8PM

MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 – ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING FOLLOWED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Meeting Closed at: 8.55pm**

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Chairman