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**Minutes of a MEETING of DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL
held in the VILLAGE HALL, DATCHET
on MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2024, at 7.00pm**

Present: 8 Members - Cllr D. Buckley (Chairman), Cllr E. Larcombe, Cllr M. Davies, Cllr I. Thompson, Cllr I. Bacon, Cllr D. Sanders, Cllr S. Young, Cllr C. Wise,

In attendance: Mrs S. Masikito (Clerk), Ms C. Jeffries (Admin Assistant)

Public: There were 4 members of the public present

24/40 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Absent without apologies: Cllr L. O'Flynn. T. O'Flynn

24/41 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Resident asked if she may speak when it came to the working groups on the agenda about the DNP DMG. - Approved

Resident asked if she may speak about a planning application when the agenda moves to planning. Approved

24/42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr E. Larcombe declared that he is now the Vice Chairman of Horton Parish Council.

24/43 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Annual Statutory & Datchet Parish Council meeting held on **Monday 13th May 2024** were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

24/44 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on **Wednesday 22nd May 2024** were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

24/45 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

24/46 GENERAL

a. Chairmans report - None

b. To receive the Clerks report -

RESOLVED: This had been circulated and there were no questions. However, Cllr I. Bacon commented in support of the complaint that was received regarding Hate Crime and felt the staff's action to relay the message from Thames Valley Police were correct and should

not have to be censored. The Clerk advised the complaint was regarding the terminology used and not so much the context. Cllr C. Wise asked if it was subject to the complaint against Datchet Parish Council to which the Chair stated the complaint had been deferred to TVP and would not be right to comment at this stage.

24/47 PLANNING

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

NEW APPLICATIONS – FOR CONSIDERATION			
Application No / Type	Application Site	Proposal	DPC Comments
24/00834 Works To Trees Covered By TPO	Park View House 49B Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9EP	T1 – Reduce as shown or fell (001/1982/TPO)	Object but should be referred to the RBWM Tree/conservation team.
24/00991 Full	42 Lawn Close Datchet Slough SL3 9LA	Part single part two story rear/side extension	Object, overdevelopment after numerous previous extensions and would be out of keeping for the whole road.
24/01009 Full	Churchmead School Priory Way Datchet Slough SL3 9JQ	New windows to the existing ground and first floor of the squash & sports block.	No Objection
24/01094 Permitted Development Extended	96 London Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LH	Single storey rear extension no greater than 6.00m in depth, 3.50m high with an eaves height of 2.96m	Object, as per the previous planning applications this is overdevelopment and would impact neighbours in terms of light and therefore quality of life. For the 3rd time this has not been addressed.
24/0107 Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Use	36 Ditton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LR	Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed use of a private hire operators licence for taxi services is lawful.	No objection as long as guarantee's are in place that related vehicles will not be parking/waiting in the adjacent areas
24/01059 Full	22 Fairfield Avenue Datchet Slough SL3 9NQ	Single storey rear extension.	No Objection
24/01113 Full	113 Montague Road Datchet Slough SL3 9DX	Two storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration.	No Objection

24/01153 Listed Building Consent	Supernova Bridal 6 High Street Datchet Slough SL3 9EA	Listed building consent for internal and external works, including repair works with the lath and plaster ceiling, removal of wires associated to the previous AC unit and replacement roof tiles on single storey rear outrigger.	No objection but DPC would advise that this is referred to the RBWM Conservation team.
24/01121 Full	129 The Myrke Datchet Slough SL3 9AD	Part single part two storey side/rear extension, part raising of the ridge, enlargement of the existing front canopy and alterations to fenestration.	Object, as per the previous application that was refused this is not in keeping with the Victorian feel of the whole street and also the plans still show the planned building work would encroach on an adjacent property
24/01120 Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev	Datchet Court Windsor Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BR	Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the single storey side extension following demolition of the existing side element and garage is lawful.	No Objection
24/01156 Discharge of Condition	Old Datchet Court Windsor Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BR	Details required by condition 2 (Materials) and 3 (Doors and Windows) of Planning Permission 23/01085/FULL for a Two storey side extension, rear infill extension, alterations to fenestration and front steps and new steps to rear following demolition of existing elements.	No Objection as long as suitable materials are used in accordance with local and national planning guidance
24/01168 Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev	Poplars Southlea Road Datchet Slough SL3 9DB	Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed 2no. single storey side extensions, 1no. two storey rear extension and 1no. single storey rear extension is lawful.	Objection due to the size of the 4 extensions measuring just over 201 sq m, which is an over development on a flood pane and should require a full application. There is also no flood risk assessment submitted.
24/01188 Full	The Old Coach House The Paddock Datchet Slough SL3 9DL	Enlargement of existing first floor	No Objection

24/01260 Variation Under Reg 73	Willows Windsor Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BR	Variation (under Section 73A) of planning permission 23/00893/FULL to vary the wording of Condition 2 (Materials)	Object the previous application that was permitted was for timber windows, such a prominent position to now switch to uPVC doesn't seem to be in keeping with the area and is very prominent when arriving/leaving the village.
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a. 24/01168 – Poplars Southlea Road Datchet - Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed 2no. single storey side extensions, 1no. two storey rear extension and 1no. single storey rear extension is lawful.

Resident stated the DPC recommendation should be changed to objection for this application due to the size of the 4 extensions measuring just over 201 sqm, which is an over development on a flood pane and should require a full application. There is also no flood risk assessment submitted.

ACTION: Cllr D. Sanders to amend planning addendum and change recommendation to objection for the above reasons.

RESOLVED: The recommendations made were changed. This was proposed by Cllr D. Sanders, seconded by Cllr D. Buckley and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**. Members noted the Borough Council decisions as per planning addendum that was circulated.

b. Other planning matters, including any new 106 Allocations and Enforcement Matter -
Deferred until next meeting.

c. To receive an update on AL39 Decision Notice.

The update from the Chair was that the decision had been announced on the 23rd May to permit the application. Our legal team have advised DPC to write to RBWM to agree on them to consult DPC on the discharge of Condition 22.

ACTION: Clerk to write to RBWM and provide update when reply received.

d. To receive an update on Poplars (Cllr D. Buckley)

Cllr D. Buckley said this was an ongoing situation with enforcement and he had received lots of documents over the last few days of which are back and forth with planning. He hopes to get some photos taken from the river in the next week to get a riverside view.

24/48 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a. To approve income and expenditure up to 7th June 2024 – Chairman to sign pink sheet (paper)

RESOLVED: The income and expenditure reports were **approved**. A vote was taken with the **majority** in favour of this. Cllr D. Sanders abstained from voting.

b. To note the Internal Auditors Report for, there were no recommendations.

RESOLVED: The audit report was noted.

c. To note and approve the Annual Governance Statement Section 1, 2023/2024

RESOLVED: This was approved by all and signed by Cllr D. Buckley

d. To note and approve the Annual Accounting Statements Section 2, 2023/2024

RESOLVED: This was approved by all and signed by Cllr D. Buckley

- e. To agree the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights as Thursday 13th June 2024 to Wednesday 24th July 2024
RESOLVED: After clarification on what these days meant, the dates were proposed by Cllr D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr D. Sanders and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**
- f. Councillor's questions
None.

24/49 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Borough Cllr E. Larcombe stated there was a letter from RBWM to Defra about Ch1 of the RTS being removed and a recommendation to reinstate it with the government to pay. There is a response from Defra but he has not seen it and will continue to ask for it as he still has three weeks. He said there is a recommendation not to publish it but will see what happens. Borough Cllr D. Buckley responded to Borough Cllr E. Larcombe said that the answer from Defra to RBWM is no, they will not support it, but for him to wait for the letter to come out.

Borough Cllr D. Buckley said there will be full parking enforcement in the village for the month of June to which Cllr C. Wise commented on the Ringo app being unreliable.

24/50 GROUNDS:

a. Lead Councillors report (no report)

Cllr I. Thompson apologised for not providing a report but gave an update on the following:

- Special thanks were given to the following people involved with the D-Day event; Borough Cllr E. Larcombe, Ex RBWM Deputy Mayer Gary Muir, DPC Handyman - Dean Smith, DPC Clerk - Sonia Masikito, Dave Smith & the British Legion members and Vicar Reverend Janet Binns.
- The barge at the riverside is under removal notice as its owner has not contacted the DPC.
- Marking out of the village orchard on the Sabatini Land has been completed.
- Issues related to payment for damage of the riverside structures is ongoing with the insurance company.
- The telephone box fit out electronically is nearly complete with intention to install in July.
- There is a health requirement to clear all bird excrement from the river frontage path. Both pressure washers have failed instigating repair and replacement costs at present.
- Broken chain to slipway has been repaired.
- Vandalised damage to the watering tap on North Green to be repaired by contractor.
- All summer bedding is in place in the village.

Cllr D. Buckley read a report provided by Cllr S. Glover with an update on the community orchard. A diagram of the plan was presented on screen.

b. To consider and approve the quotation for the edging of the Memorial Green (paper)

RESOLVED: The quote was considered and approved £8370.00 plus VAT. This was proposed by Cllr I. Thompson, seconded by Cllr S. Young and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

c. If above is approved, to agree and approve a virement of the monies from Recreation Path (EMR325 S106), Maintenance Greens (2029) and Winter Work (2009)

RESOLVED:

It was agreed and approved to move the monies. This was proposed by Cllr I. Thompson, seconded by Cllr D. Buckley and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

d. Councillor's questions

Cllr E. Larcombe asked if the edging was for the entire perimeter of Memorial Green? Cllr I. Thompspon answered, yes.

Cllr D. Sanders asked if the edging included Mays Crossing part of The Green? Cllr I. Thompson confirmed it does not and that would need to go in next year's budget assessment.

24/51 CEMETERY

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

Cllr C. Wise summarized on her report. There were no questions and the Chair thanked Cllr C. Wise for her hard work with the cemetery.

b. To consider and approve plans to create new burial plots in the cemetery.

RESOLVED: The plans were considered and approved. This was proposed by Cllr C. Wise, seconded by Cllr S. Young and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

c. To consider and approve the proposed changes to the cemetery regulations.

RESOLVED: The proposed changes were considered and approved. This was proposed by Cllr C. Wise, seconded by Cllr I. Thompson and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

ACTION: Office to update regulations.

d. To note the need for expenditure for ground works and repairs in the cemetery.

This has been noted.

ACTION: Cllr C. Wise to meet with Cllr I. Thompson to plan on what needs to be done. Office to assess emergency/future budgets for required cemetery work.

e. Councillor's questions

None.

24/52 EVENTS:

a. Lead Councillors report (No report)

Deferred until next month.

b. Councillor's Questions

None.

24/53 PROPERTIES

a. Lead Councillors report -

This had been circulated and there were no questions.

b. To consider a lower level of contractor Public Liability for local tradespersons working on a low-risk job, up to a certain level of expenditure.

After some discussion it was decided to look at public liability insurance required on an individual level or a structured tiered system.

ACTION: Cllr D. Saunders to work with the Clerk and Cllr S. Young and bring back to council next month.

c. Councillor's Questions

None.

24/54 HIGHWAYS

a. Lead Councillors report (Paper)

This had been circulated and there were no questions.

b. To discuss the idea of "Double Yellow Lines on entrance and opening to Whites Lane and verge protectors to be financially supported by DPC and RBWM" (Cllr Buckley)

A discussion was had amongst councillors who debated the idea of the double yellow lines and each gave their views and opinions on the subject. The Chair confirmed RBWM's

financial position would not be changing anytime soon so it is for DPC to look at and thanked everyone for their valuable input on the matter.

- c. Option for Datchet Parish Council to fund verge protection measures to stop dangerous parking (B Cllr J. Grove)
Covered in debate above.
ACTION: Clerk to check and advise if the council has powers to fund this.
- d. Councillor's Questions.
None.

24/55 FLOODING & DRAINAGE

- a. Lead councillors report (no report)
Cllr I. Thompson gave his apologies for no report.
He did want to add that going back to May, he has had no response from Thames Water, The Environment Agency or Network Rail regarding flood protection. The Chair confirmed the EA would not be engaging until after July 4th.
- d. Councillor's Questions
Cllr E. Larcombe stated that we have one wooden footbridge in the village over the Jubilee River. He said the EA built and designed the wooden footbridges and then signed them over to the respective borough or county council who are faced with the costs of taking them down to be replaced with steel ones.

24/56 WORKING GROUPS

- a. To receive reports from working groups (If necessary)
Cllr S. Young gave an update on the Strategic Planning WG by saying they have had a couple of meetings and made some minor amendments to the Terms of Reference. They have also agreed on Visions and Values and will need the council to adopt them also. She will try and arrange another meeting when everyone is available and give a full update at the next parish council meeting. The Chair advised to put on the next agenda anything that needs agreeing/approval by the council.
- b. To receive update for the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group (DMG) (If necessary)
Alison Crampin spoke and asked if as a group they would be able to respond to planning applications? The Chair replied they would be able to send into RBWM or report to lead members at DPC for their recommendations to go to council, but if wanting to respond on behalf of the council, this would have to be asked on the next agenda.
- c. To approve membership of Cllr Sanders on the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group (DMG)
RESOLVED: It was approved for Cllr D. Sanders to become a member of the group. This was proposed by Cllr D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr E. Larcombe and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**
- d. To review working groups
The Clerk recommended dissolving the two new working groups that were created and only having groups that were working on projects. Currently; Strategic Planning, Ditch Culvert & Community Orchard.
RESOLVED: It was decided to dissolve the two new groups and only have the project working groups. This was proposed by Cllr D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr D. Sanders and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

24/57 COMMITTEES -

- a. To receive reports from committees (if necessary)
Nothing to report
- b. Councillors Questions
None.

24/58 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 in reference to the Cemetery. In particular;

- Plot locations - the DPC paid a lot of money for software for this.
- Tree removal is never good.
- Judith in accounts used to step in to do funerals when Don was not available.

Speaking in reference to Properties, she added;

- She recalls the council agreeing on a level of public liability insurance in the past when the government increased the amount to 10 million pounds.
- The need to check who owns the land on Slough Road before anything can be done about the verge protectors due to some of the land being owned by a farmer.
- The parking permits that Cllr. E Larcombe put into place in the West end of Datchet could be the solution for the East end.

In response to the Cemetery. Cllr C Wise said whilst the plots are allocated on the software, trying to find the actual plot in the cemetery is proving very difficult. She also said that Judiths hourly rate would be more costly than other individuals. Cllr D. Buckley confirmed that the land ownership had been clarified and does belong to RBWM. He also stated that the PLI was set to 10 million pounds last year, but the lead member is trying to bring this back to council for flexibility on the amount, as proving difficult to source contractors.

Resident 2 asked if putting a border around the listed milestone, we could take into consideration that there needs to be space to rinse the gravel due to grass cuttings causing nitrates etc..

Cllr I. Thompson said he would need to seek professional advice on the matter and the possibility of square border edging to contain the gravel maybe an idea also.

Cllr E. Larcombe said the milestone appeared to be leaning over to which Cllr I. Thompson replied that children jumping on it in wet conditions may have made it move.

The resident commented this should not be the case as the milestone is deep rooted.

Resident 3 asked where she could find the minutes from the previous Part II meetings and also wanted to know why the need for so many? She commented these were detrimental to the council and ruins the trust. She also said that she had emailed in and although received a reply from the clerk, felt her email wasn't circulated to all councillors.

Cllr D. Buckley replied that some of the issues being dealt with are sensitive and difficult and we cannot compromise the council's legal position or be put in disrepute. A Part II would only be used if absolutely necessary. He also said if a member writes before the council this should be circulated to all councillors and go under correspondence on the agenda.

ACTION: Clerk to ensure correspondence is circulated to all members of the council if addresses to all and added to the next meeting agenda.

24/59 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Councillors are requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

Cllr E. Larcombe spoke on the imminent Ellis journey event and asked if we had done enough to promote it?

Cllr I. Thompson responded by saying no, as there was currently not enough material from the motor show.

Cllr E. Larcombe asked if he needed to raise a planning application on behalf of the owner of the land for the Community Orchard.

Cllr D. Buckley replied, yes.

24/60 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)
**One application for the office of Parish Councillor had been received.
Christopher Jones introduced himself and the Chairman asked questions.**
- 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.
A vote was put to all Cllr members and it was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to co-opt Christopher Jones onto the Parish Council.
- iii. To receive co-opted councilor's declaration of acceptance of office.
RESOLVED: Cllr. C. Jone's Declarations of Acceptance of Office was signed and received in the presence of the Clerk.

24/61 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 8TH JULY 2024

Meeting Closed at: 9.00pm

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Chairman