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Minutes of a MEETING of DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL held in the VILLAGE HALL, DATCHET on MONDAY 8TH JULY 2024, at 7.00pm

Recording available on the Datchet Parish Council website

Present: 8 Members - Cllr E. Larcombe (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M. Davies, Cllr I. Thompson, Cllr I. Bacon, Cllr S. Young, Cllr C. Wise, Cllr C. Jones, Cllr S. Glover

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

Public: There were 7 members of the public present

24/63 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr D. Loveridge, Cllr D. Buckley (Chairman), Cllr D. Sanders. Borough Cllr Grove

Absent without apologies: Cllr L. O'Flynn Cllr T. O'Flynn, Cllr A. Clemens

This meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chairman Cllr E Larcombe

24/64 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Resident asked if she may speak about a planning application when the agenda moves to planning. This was approved by the Vice-Chairman.

24/65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

24/66 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Datchet Parish Council meeting held on **Monday 10th June 2024** were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

24/67 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Part II meeting held on **Monday 10nd June 2024** were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

24/68 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

24/69 GENERAL

a. Chairmans report – None.

- b. To receive the Clerks report
This had been circulated and there were no questions.

24/70 CORRESPONDENCE

The residents' email was noted.

- 24/71 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
24/01291 Full	14 Eton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9AY	Single storey front extension, part single part two storey side/rear 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 finish following demolition of existing element.
24/01340 Full	16 Link Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LB	Relocation of side entrance door, 2no. front dormers, part single, part two storey side/rear extension, following the demolition of the existing detached garage.
24/01421 Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev	131 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HW	Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed single storey rear/side extension, and alterations to rear canopy and fenestration is lawful.
24/01475 Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev	4 Link Road, Datchet Slough SL3 9LB	Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed single storey side extension and roof light on rear roof slope are lawful.
24/01521 Discharge of Condition	4 Montagu Road Datchet Slough SL3 9DJ	Details required by Condition 2 (details of doors and windows) of planning permission 24/00706/FULL for a single storey rear/side extension and alterations to fenestration.

APPLICATIONS DECIDED			
Application No / Type	Application Site	DPC Comments	RBWM Decisions
24/01120 Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev	Datchet Court Windsor Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BR	WITHDRAWN BEFORE MEETING	WITHDRAWN
24/00706 Full	4 Montagu Road Datchet Slough SL3 9DJ	APPLICATION PERMITTED	APPLICATION PERMITTED
24/01027 Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Use	36 Ditton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LR	APPLICATION PERMITTED	APPLICATION PERMITTED
24/00418 Full	29 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9EN	OBJECTION	APPLICATION PERMITTED
24/00441 Full	Elder Tree Cottage 23 High Street Datchet Slough SL3 9EQ	OBJECTION	REFUSE
24/00946 Variation Under Reg 73	63 Montagu Road Datchet Slough SL3 9DR	OBJECTION	APPLICATION PERMITTED
24/01009 Full	Churchmead School Priors Way Datchet Slough SL3 9JQ	NO OBJECTION	APPLICATION PERMITTED
24/01094 Permitted Development Extended	96 London Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LH	OBJECTION	REFUSE
24/00702 Full	129 And Land Adjacent To 129 The Myrke Datchet Slough	OBJECTION	REFUSE
24/00991 Full	42 Lawn Close Datchet Slough SL3 9LA	OBJECTION	REFUSE
24/01059 Full	22 Fairfield Avenue Datchet Slough SL3 9NQ	APPLICATION PERMITTED	APPLICATION PERMITTED

24/01291 14 Eton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9AY

Resident 1 lives next door at no.12 which adjoins the property and said that this is the 7th planning application that has been made, all of which are growing in scale. She has been told that a bat survey was taking place and since then all plans have been shelved due to council challenges and financial constraints. However, on the 14th June this planning application was submitted. She says he will not engage a party wall agreement and the site is an eyesore and she will have zero chance of selling her house due to all of this.

Speaking on this planning application Cllr I. Thompson said he has concerns that there are ulterior motives and underlying intentions regarding all the planning applications for this

property. He also feels when referring to 'demolition' this maybe the house that will be demolished. He states it is also the only house in Datchet to have a coronet.

A representative from DNP also spoke on the application to say there were some Neighbourhood Plan policies relevant to this, including;

- Dat 2 Design & Character. She said this area is also in the Datchet Design Guide.
- Previous application on this property, the planning inspector commented on the character of the roof and how valuable it was to the building.

Resident 2 also lives next door at no.16 and said this property had been found twice being used as a cannabis farm. She said it has destroyed her property which now has ivy and damp. She also states the flood risk is high and the flood risk assessment for this property has no mention of the Datchet floods in 2014.

Cllr I. Thompson asked the residents about rats and infestation to which he advised is a health issue and should be raised with the borough.

It was unanimously agreed by all to strongly object against this planning application.

24/01475 4 Link Road, Datchet Slough SL3 9LB

Resident 1 said there was a previous application for this property 24/00243 which was similar and DPC objected due to an overdevelopment in flood zone 3 and requested mitigating flood prevention measures. She asked why this one has no objection and why the inconsistency.

Cllr Thompson confirmed that this property is in flood zone 3 and requires a detailed flood risk assessment. **It was unanimously agreed to change to Objection.**

24/01521 4 Montagu Road Datchet Slough SL3 9DJ

Cllr I. Thompson confirmed this is in a conservation area and should be referred to the Conservation Officer regarding windows. **It was unanimously agreed to change this to refer to Conservation Officer.**

RESOLVED: The recommendations made were changed. 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 - Nothing to report.
- c. Give an update on AL39 Decision Notice.
Defer until next month.

24/72 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

- a. To approve income and expenditure up to 5th June 2024 – Chairman to sign pink sheet
RESOLVED: The income and expenditure reports were approved and signed. A vote was taken and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**
- b. To approve the cost of the Christmas tree quote for 2024 costing £4467.00+VAT
RESOLVED: The quote was approved. A vote was taken and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**
- c. To approve the cost of the Christmas Street lights for 2024 costing £5975.00+VAT
RESOLVED: The quote was approved. A vote was taken and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

- d. To approve annual membership to the Village Hall Advisory Service at the cost of £180 inc VAT with a discount of £42 as we are members of Connecting Communities in Berkshire.
RESOLVED: The membership and its cost were approved. A vote was taken and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**
- e. To approve mediation proposal for the amount of £3150.00 + any additional travel and accommodation cost for the consultant.
RESOLVED: The costs for the mediation were deemed unacceptable. A vote was taken and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to not approve these costs at present.
- f. DRCCT – Verbal report by Chairman of the DRCCT, Ewan Larcombe
It was advised that the DRCCT accounts were ready for the accountant. Cllr C. Wise asked as a new councillor where she could find sight of the accounts and for an in-depth explanation on the DRCCT and where to access this information. Cllr E Larcombe said the charity can be found on the charity commission website and a DRCCT folder with all information will be available by the next meeting. It was discussed at present there is contradicting information and no clarity on questions being asked.
ACTION: DRCCT to provide information folder for new councillors before the next meeting.
- g. To approve DPC chairman signing the letter from NAG to escalate the renewal of PC Matt Gleaves speed gun ticket on behalf of Datchet Parish Council
A vote was taken and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** for the Chair to sign the letter.
ACTION: Office to update DHW NAG on correct Chairperson as currently down as Cllr S. Young. Cllr D. Buckley to electronically sign the letter.
- h. To note that the parish office will add to the new councillor folder, information about the DHEF and DRCCT, informing the new councillors of their roles and responsibilities as appointed trustees for these charities. (motion submitted by Cllr C. Wise) DRCCT to provide information for these folders.
Cllr E. Larcombe reiterated he will provide this before the next meeting. Cllr S. Glover questioned how accurate the information would be. Cllr I. Thompson suggested forming a working group to resolve the issues. He also said the Sabatini land was not recorded with land registry and that we need to get this information so it can be aligned with the information folder. Cllr M. Davies said this process has been started already with funding that had been accumulated within the DRCCT, paying towards this. Cllr E. Larcombe said to leave the working group until everything is documented in writing.
ACTION: DRCCT to provide information folder for new councillors before the next meeting.
- i. To propose a vote of no confidence in the manner in which Cllr Mrs M. Davies conducts herself in council affairs (Motion submitted by Cllr C. Wise)
Cllr C Wise said she felt this was necessary after receiving inappropriate emails from Cllr M. Davies. Cllr M. Davies responded by adding she had apologised to Cllr C. Wise and the matter was being dealt with by her solicitor.
RESOLVED: Cllr Wise proposed a named vote, to which Cllr S.Glover seconded
Voted in favor of the motion Cllr C. Wise, Cllr S.Glover, Cllr I.Thompson, Cllr I.Bacon, Cllr S. Young and Cllr. C. Jones
Voted against this motion. Cllr E. Larcombe and Cllr. M. Davies
Majority vote was in favor of this motion therefore this motion is passed.

- j. To review and readopt policies;
 - Health & Safety - A vote was taken and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to readopt the policy.
 - Training & Development - A vote was taken and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to readopt the policy.
 - Council Investment Strategy - A vote was taken and **ALL AGREED** except Cllr C. Wise who abstained from voting as she had not seen the document.
 - Code of Conduct (revised in accordance with RBWM latest policy) - - A vote was taken and **ALL AGREED** except Cllr I. Thompson who abstained from voting as he had not seen the document.

k. Councillor's questions

None

24/73 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Borough Cllr E. Larcombe briefly mentioned the new MPs for Windsor & Maidenhead. He also spoke on the Hustings meeting held in the village hall the week before to which most of the perspective candidates attended.

Cllr I Thompson asked if the response from the RTS can be circulated to which Cllr E. Larcombe said he was instructed not to circulate it during the pre-election period.

24/74 GROUNDS:

a. Lead Councillors report

The report had been circulated. Cllr I. Thompson spoke briefly on the Ellis journey event that was held the day before and how the day was a wash out due to the awful weather and not greatly advertised due to the lack of promotional material provided. He added how they were looking to expand on next years event and will hold discussions with the CEO of the motor show together with our lead member of events later in the year.

b. To provide an update of the situation on the Land at Mill Place (Cllr I. Thompson)

Cllr I. Thompson said he had revisited the site to inspect the land as 30 days had passed. He found that he could not get full access onto our land as new gates had been erected and padlocked without permission. He was obstructed and effectively stopped from gaining access which maybe an infringement of the law. He has carried out a survey as best as he could looking through the gates. This will be reported back to the borough to inform them of the situation and the parish council is looking to form a committee going forward. He said the letter received from the occupier's solicitor claiming Adverse Possession will be dealt with by the committee. The Clerk confirmed we are still awaiting the fire report as this was currently a live investigation. It was suggested to hold a Part II meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meeting Act 1960) at the end of this one to decide on the committee members. A vote was taken and **ALL AGREED**.

ACTION: To hold a Part II meeting after this meeting

c. To discuss installing a robust fence at the end of Cobb Close Datchet and near the land on the Willows field (Cllr D. Buckley)

Deferred until next meeting.

d. To discuss the impact of horses on parish land around the village and the resulting damage.

Cllr I Thompson said this mainly related to Memorial Green and that there had previously been agreements for horses to be on the land and it was controlled with no excrement left.

It was said that loose horses on the recreation ground were a huge cause for concern as this was a safety hazard. He spoke on horses currently being tied to trees and lampposts etc and how we need to find a way to accommodate the horses in a responsible manner. He stated we also have a horse trough on North Green and horses did access the land before the fences were introduced. He says there are now byelaws in place and people can apply to put horses on the green if acting in a responsible manner. Cllr I Thompson said he was happy to discuss this with the horse owners and discuss their responsibilities within the community. He will seek professional advice on tethering the horses and bring this back to the next council meeting.

e. Councillor's questions

Cllr C. Wise said she had checked the byelaws and they only apply to horse-riding.

24/75 CEMETERY

a. Lead Councillors report

Report circulated.

b. Councillor's questions

None.

24/76 EVENTS:

a. Lead Councillors report

No Report

b. Councillor's Questions

None.

24/77 PROPERTIES

a. Lead Councillors report

No report

b. Councillor's Questions

None.

24/78 HIGHWAYS

a. Lead Councillors report

No report. Cllr C Wise added she attended the Core Skills & Knowledge training course and recommended this to all. She expressed it was very interesting in particular Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 where it states that the council can fund verge protection to help deal with the cars on pavements etc...

b. To note and discuss SDR Home Scanner petition from the residents of Burlington Mews. (Cllr D Buckley)

Deferred until next month.

c. Councillor's Questions.

None.

24/79 FLOODING & DRAINAGE

a. Lead councillors report

Report circulated. In addition, Cllr I Thompson said there were still no responses from the RBWM, EA or Thames Water.

b. Councillor's Questions

Cllr E. Larcombe said he attended the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme which is a £160m scheme to reduce the risk of flooding in Oxford. He said it is sympathetic to the environment and he supports it fully.

24/80 WORKING GROUPS

a. To receive reports from working groups

Report was circulated and Cllr S. Young summarized her report on the Strategic Planning WG by saying they had put a framework together, set out key principles, had the group constituted and agreed Terms of Reference. They have also agreed on Visions and Values and will need the council to review them as a starting point for the budgeting process to start in September. She wants regular meetings with other groups that are involved and to develop key objectives. She will provide progress reports at council meetings.

b. To receive update for the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group (DMG)
None

c. Councillor's Questions.
None.

24/81 COMMITTEES -

a. To receive reports from committees
None.

b. Councillors Questions
None.

24/82 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 asked where she could find the papers and reports that are mentioned on the agenda in particular to a previous one on Whites Lane. The Clerk replied that some papers are available in Dropbox and some are not depending on the confidentiality of the paper and if it should be in the public domain. The Clerk advised the resident to email in regarding the papers she was looking for.

ACTION: Clerk to reply via email.

24/83 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.

None.

24/84 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)

RESOLVED: One application for the office of Parish Councillor had been received.

Alison Whelan introduced herself and the Chairman asked questions in accordance with the co-options policy

- 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.
RESOLVED: A vote was put to all the council members and it was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to co-opt Alison Whelan onto the Parish Council.
- iii. To receive co-opted councilor's declaration of acceptance of office.
RESOLVED: Cllr Declarations of Acceptance of Office was signed and received in the presence of the Clerk.

24/85 THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 12TH AUGUST 2024
Noted.

Meeting Closed at: 8.40pm

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Chairman