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MINUTES OF THE DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 11th AUGUST 2025 AT 7.00PM

Present: (10 Members) Cllr. D. Buckley (Chairman), Cllr. E. Larcombe, Cllr. I. Bacon, Cllr. M. Davies, Cllr I. Thompson, Cllr. C. Wise, Cllr. S. Young, Cllr. A. Whelan, Cllr. D. Sanders, Cllr. A. Buck

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

Public: There were 11 members of the public present.

Recording of this meeting is available on the website

25/95 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr. S. Glover who was away on holiday and Cllr. A. Clemens who had work commitments.

Absent without apologies: Cllr. D. Loveridge, Cllr. T. O'Flynn, Borough Cllr. J. Grove

25/96 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

25/97 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Resident 1 asked what the end purpose was to the letter that was sent to RBWM and Carousel buses about the 10A coming through the village.

Cllr. D. Buckley said it was not to stop the bus route but to have a consultation to discuss concerns on the width of it driving along Queens Road.

Speaking as a member of DNP, she also asked about the permitted development for planning application 25/01507, which states in the planning officers report that a flood risk assessment is not needed. She said this contradicts what the government website states which says a flood risk assessment is required for all developments.

Cllr. D. Buckley said he will follow up as a ward councillor and advised DNP to follow up also.

Resident 2 read aloud an email reply from Cllr. I. Thompson to a resident that enquired to all councillors about the Ellis journey event not taking place this year and asked the council to reconsider support to enhance the event and if so, how could the support take shape.

Cllr. I. Thompson responded by saying the event is not organised by DPC and we have no control over the event.

Cllr. D. Buckley said the event had full support of the council and will continue to do so, however, we did not cancel it. He suggested Events/Comms engage with organisers to bring it back in the future and the resident can bring it forward and present it an agenda item.

Resident 3 asked if the field at the back of the rec could be cleaned up more as there is a lot of litter that has been there for decades. He mentioned it could be a nice nature walk but is currently spoilt. The Clerk said herself and Cllr. S. Glover did a walk through of the area the week before and is putting together a plan to get this area cleared.

25/98 MINUTES

- a. To agree that the minutes of the council meeting held on 14th July 2025 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

RESOLVED: Cllr E. Larcome said he would like a reason added to why the motion had been withdrawn for minute ref 25/81a. Cllr D. Buckley agreed to add the following to minute ref 25/81a 'Cllr. E. Larcombe withdrew the motion due to Cllr. D. Loveridge agreeing the land had been cleaned up and apologised stating it would not happen again.' Cllr. D. Buckley signed off the minutes as an accurate representation of the meeting subject to that being added.

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

- b. To note the staffing committee meeting minutes held on 18th Nov 2024.
Noted.

25/99 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr. E. Larcombe referred to minute ref 25/83c and said it was not for DPC to declare sole use of the showers and clubhouse for one particular organisation. He said the building belongs to DRCCT and not DPC.

25/100 GENERAL

- a. Chairmans report (For information only)

The Chair read the response from RBWM about a letter that was approved by DPC with the support to ask ward councillors to support a request for RBWM to support the restrictive use of the Manor hotel. He said the response defers from the questions asked and he will ask Comms to share with residents.

ACTION: Comms team to share response letter.

- b. To note the Clerks Report including correspondence, progress report on council business.
The Clerk's report was circulated and there were no further comments.

25/101 PLANNING

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

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

RESOLVED: The recommendations made were approved subject to checking the postcode on 25/01886 is correct. This was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** – [See Appendix A](#)

- b. Other planning matters, including any new

- i.106 Allocations

- None.

- ii. Enforcement Matter

The Chair thanked the DNP group for putting forward their weekly report on enforcement matters.

Cllr. I. Thompson spoke about an enforcement issue with property 14 Eton Road. He was advised by Cllr. D. Buckley to use the report-it function on RBWM to raise an enforcement complaint.

25/102 FINANCE

- a. To approve income and expenditure up to **8th August 2025** – Chairman to sign the pink sheet (paper).
Note: Expenditure under delegated authority is highlighted in yellow

RESOLVED: The income and expenditure reports were approved and signed. This was, **unanimously agreed** – [See Appendix B](#)

- b. **Proposal:** To approve Christmas street lighting quote for £6160.00 from Lamps and Tubes Illumination Ltd

RESOLVED: This was proposed by Cllr. D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. S. young and passed with a **majority vote**

- c. **Proposal:** To approve quote for £343.20 for pest control to the village hall.

RESOLVED: This was proposed by Cllr. M. Davies, seconded by Cllr. I. Bacon and passed with a **majority vote**

- d. **Proposal:** To move unallocated funds from Cil 106 money totalling £3000 to cemetery memorial maintenance budget (*Cllr. C. Wise*)

RESOLVED: This was proposed by Cllr. C. Wise, seconded by Cllr. D. Buckley and passed with a **majority vote**

- e. Councillor's Questions

Cllr. E. Larcombe asked a question on advanced budgets to which the Clerk replied the finance sheets are just for payments that need approving this month. Cllr. D. Buckley and Cllr. S. Young said budgets for anything in the future would be part of the strategic plan.

25/103 ADMINISTRATION

- a. To approve Terms of Reference for the Staffing Committee

RESOLVED: A vote was taken to approve the Terms of Reference. This was proposed by Cllr. C. Wise, seconded by Cllr. D. Buckley and passed with a **majority vote**

25/104 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Borough Cllr. E. Larcombe said he had put in a member question about the bridge over the jubilee river where Eton Road meets Pococks Lane and will see if the borough does anything. He said he would like to see the two brick walls either side reduced in height so you have a view upstream and downstream.

Borough Cllr. D. Buckley said they were putting new applications to the government to make further borrowings. He said this was an ongoing process but the borrowing keeps going up which is very concerning. He said they are entering the budget forecasting at the borough and waiting to see what the budget forecasts will be. These will be presented to the council for approval early next year. He will keep updating over the next few months and into the budget season.

25/105 GROUNDS

- a. Lead Councillors report
Report circulated.
- b. To provide an update on the overgrown hedges/shrubs – (*Cllr. D. Loveridge*)
Deferred until next meeting.
- c. Councillor's Questions
None.

25/106 CEMETERY

- a. Lead Councillors report
Report circulated.
- b. Councillor's questions
Cllr. E. Larcombe asked if the signs on the cemetery gate could be removed as he felt they were obtrusive and inappropriate. Cllr C. Wise responded by saying the big yellow signs are statutory requirements to inform public about a memorial inspection. The others are caution signs regarding health & safety while construction work is being carried out, and all need to remain until works are done. However, they are temporary.

25/107 EVENTS

- a. Lead councillors report
Deferred
Councillor's Questions
None

25/108 PROPERTIES

- a. Lead councillors report
Report circulated.
- b. Councillor's Questions
None

25/109 HIGHWAYS

- a. Lead Councillors report
Report circulated.
- b. Councillor's Questions.
None

25/110 FLOODING AND DRAINAGE

- a. Lead councillors report
Report circulated. Cllr. I. Thompson listed further updates to his report which can be found on the audio recording of the meeting.
- b. Councillor's Questions
Cllr. S. Young spoke about The Crown Estate clearing the ditches on the golf course and asked if this included the practice area where the water was coming through. Cllr. I. Thompson said he would be attending to survey this shortly.
Cllr. E. Larcombe asked if we should be considering raising the planning application now for the ditch culverting proposal. Cllr. D. Buckley said this would need to go on the forward strategic plan first which will be covered in the budget process and then approved by council.
Cllr. A. Whelan said she would like to do the Comms for the flood awareness week. Cllr. Young said they will bring Comms in at the appropriate time.
Cllr. D. Buckley asked if we had received a response from the MP to our letter about concerns from Taplow to the Jubilee River. Cllr. Thompson said he had not received any response back as yet but the MP had asked for a meeting with the EA and DPC and are waiting a response from the EA.

25/111 COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Lead councillors report
Report Circulated.
- b. Councillor's Questions
None.

25/112 WORKING GROUPS

- a. To receive reports from working groups (If necessary)
Report circulated. Cllr S. Young said Cllr. S. Glover had drafted a strategic plan which has been forwarded to the working group for comments. She said they will then pull the key elements from it for the next finance meeting to brief the lead members with regards to their strategic approach to their budgeting.

- b. To consider and approve the Heritage, Monuments & Memorials working group and appoint new members (*Cllr. S. Glover*)

RESOLVED: A vote was taken to approve the Heritage, Monuments & Memorials working group. This was proposed by Cllr. S. Young, seconded by Cllr. C. Wise and passed with a **majority vote**

Councillors put themselves forward to join the working group and the public were welcomed to write in to the clerk if they would like to be involved.

Heritage, Monuments & Memorials Working Group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr. S. Glover 2. Cllr. S. Young 3. Cllr. C. Wise
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- c. To receive update for the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group (DMG) (If necessary)
None.
- d. Councillor's Questions
Cllr. A. Whelan said when the strategic plan becomes available it will help give her guidance on the visions and values with Comms. Cllr. Young said she would invite Cllr. Whelan to a meeting in the near future.
Cllr. I. Bacon asked if there was any way of knowing what councillor documents are available in the public domain. Cllr. D. Buckley said they are in two separate folders to which access was available for both.

25/113 COMMITTEES

- a. To receive reports from committees (If necessary)
Report circulated from Cllr. S. Young on finance.
- b. To confirm appointment of Cllr. S. Young to the Staffing Committee
RESOLVED: Cllr S. Young was appointed to the Staffing Committee. This was proposed by Cllr. D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. C. Wise and passed with a **majority vote**
- c. Staffing Committee update – (Cllr. C. Wise)
Update circulated. Cllr. C. Wise added she wanted to highlight the work of the Clerk who goes above and beyond and wanted to give a vote of thanks for her continued hard work.
- d. Councillor's Questions
None

25/114 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Resident 1 asked why there was a necessity for a confidential Dropbox as all of documents should be available to the public. Cllr. D. Buckley said this was not a lack of transparency and was a timing issue. He said members of the public are allowed to come to the office as per the annual meeting and look at any documents.

25/115 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Cllr. E. Larcombe asked if we should be considering putting a well in the community orchard as there seems to be a watering issue. The Chair said he is welcome to put on a future agenda.
Cllr. Larcombe also asked the Chair if he neglected to welcome the new councillor to the council. The Chair apologised he only welcomed him in person and went on to welcomed Cllr. A. Buck to the council.

25/116 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.
Ben Picot introduced himself 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)¹. 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 Ben Picot onto the Parish Council.
- iii. To receive co-opted councillor's declaration of acceptance of office.
RESOLVED: Cllr Declarations of Acceptance of Office was signed and received in the presence of the Clerk.

25/117 DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next finance committee meeting will be on Monday 01st September 2025

The date of the next council meeting will be Monday 8th September 2025

Meeting closed at 8:27pm the Public left the meeting.

25/118 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – PART II

The Chairman will move that the Press and Public be excluded from 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.

25/119 Lease – Police Point with TVP (Cllr. D. Sanders)

RESOLVED: It was agreed to continue the lease with TVP. This was proposed by Cllr. D. Sanders, seconded by Cllr. C. Wise and ***unanimously agreed***

ACTION: clerk to action

25/120 Lease – Datchet Library with RBWM (Cllr. D. Sanders)

RESOLVED: The terms of rent were agreed and it was decided to keep the police presence. This was proposed by Cllr. D. Sanders, seconded by Cllr. C. Wise and ***unanimously agreed***

ACTION: clerk to action

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:52PM

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX A

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED			
Application No / Type	Application Site	Proposal	DNP/DMG Comments
25/01723 Full	21 Slough Road Datchet Slough SL3 9AP	New front canopy, garage conversion to include part demolition and new roof, new steps to front and rear, 1no. rear pergola and alterations to existing main roof, fenestration and external finishes following demolition of existing elements.	No objection subject to the relevant DNP DAT 2 and DAT 10 Flood Zone 3. DDG 4 - 4.3 Chimneys
25/01886 Permitted Development Extended	36 Lawn Close Datchet Slough SL3 9JZ	Single storey rear extension no greater than 6.00m in depth, 3.00m high with an eaves height of 2.55m.	No objection subject to the relevant DNP DAT 2 and DAT 10 Flood Zone 2

APPLICATIONS DECIDED			
Application No / Type	Application Site	DPC Comments	RBWM Decisions
25/01218 Full	99 Montagu Road Datchet Slough SL3 9DX	No Objection	Refuse
25/01280 Full	77 Slough Road Datchet Slough SL3 9AL	Objection	Objection
25/01364 Full	5 Elm Croft Datchet Slough SL3 9DS	Objection	Refuse
25/01428 Discharge of Condition	Land To The Rear of 45 To 63 London Road Datchet Slough	No Objection	Approve Discharge of Condition
25/01456 Full	Northfield Lodge 82 Slough Road Datchet Slough SL3 9AG	Objection	Application Permitted
25/01202 Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Use	Botanica Ditton Park Riding Court Datchet Slough SL3 9LL	No Objection	Permitted Development

APPEALS RECEIVED			
Application No/Type	Application Site	DPC Comments	
25/00769 Full	29 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9EN	Objection	

APPENDIX B

Datchet Parish Council 2025/2026

Purchase Ledger for Month No 5- Council Meeting 11th August 2025

Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Supplier A/c Name	Net Value	VAT	Invoice Total	Analysis Description	Power	Legislation	Approved By Clerk&
23.07.25	AV6001098	AUDIO & VISUAL SEC	2,338.00	0.00	2,338.00	CCTV-Cemetery-Deposit-Paid	Power to spend on crime prevention measures	LGA & Rating Act 1995 s.31	Cllr CW
14.07.25	14072025	APPLETON LANDSCAPES	2,125.00	0.00	2,125.00	8 Horton Rd-Soakaway/Brickwork/Gutters - Paid	Parish Properties: Maintenance of	LGA 1984 s.8(1)(i)	Cllr DS
08.08.25	DD-AUG	BRITISH GAS	320.05	16.00	336.05	8 Horton Road-Gas-DD 08/25	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Cllr DS
06.08.25	10007283125	CASTLE WATER	10.91	0.00	10.91	Water-Memorial Grn 07/25-DD-Paid	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Cllr SG
06.08.25	10007288977	CASTLE WATER	5.73	0.00	5.73	Water-North Green 07/25-DD PAID	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Cllr SG
04.08.25	10007213608	CASTLE WATER	135.43	0.00	135.43	Water-Cemetery 07/25-DD	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Cllr SG
31.07.25	31072025	COMPUTER SERVICES	200.00	0.00	200.00	PC Support 07/25	Computer,purchase&maint of,purchase software	LGA 1972 s.111	Fin Com
31.07.25	25/26-007	DAS CONTRACTED HM	1,610.00	0.00	1,610.00	Groundworks 07/25	Power to provide & manage rec grd, open spaces etc	Public Health Act 1875 s.164	Cllr SG
30.06.25	Receipt	DAS CONTRACTED HM	85.07	17.01	102.08	Fuel for vehicle	Power to provide & manage rec grd, open spaces etc	Public Health Act 1875 s.164	Cllr SG
17.06.25	17062025	DRCCT	800.00	0.00	800.00	Hall Hire/Set Up & Down-Council Meetings 04/25 - 06/25	Power to provide buildings for public meetings	LGA1972 s. 133	Fin Com
31.07.25	PSI-1319316	GRUNDON	147.82	29.56	177.38	Cemetery-Waste Removal 07/25	Power to contribute to expenses maint. Cemeteries	LGA 1972 s.214 (6)	Cllr CW
31.07.25	104299	HAGS	2,240.00	448.00	2,688.00	Viper Swing Refurb	Power to provide & manage pleasure grounds	Public Health Act 1875 s.164	Cllr SG
31.07.25	51487	HIRE PRESSURE HIRE	84.10	16.82	100.92	Call out/Repair Jetting Machine	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Cllr SG
31.07.25	6310349790	LYRECO	63.01	10.50	73.51	Stationery	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Fin Com
28.07.25	28072025	LLOYDS BANK	45.00	0.00	45.00	Land Registry Search	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Fin Com
01.08.25	250800180736	MAINSTREAM DIGITAL	60.50	12.10	72.60	Telephone Line Rental/Broadband 08/25	*Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 S. 111	Fin Com
31.07.25	19580	NGL BOX GREEN	3,353.50	670.70	4,024.20	Groundworks 07/25	Power to provide & manage rec grd, open spaces etc	Public Health Act 1875 s.164	
31.07.25	79461	PLAY GROUND INSPC	180.00	36.00	216.00	Playground inspections 07/25	Power to provide & manage pleasure grounds	Public Health Act 1875 s.164	Cllr SG
31.07.25	RDF019	RDF SERVICES	1,258.75	0.00	1,258.75	Finance/Admin/Cemetery 07/25	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972. s.111	Fin Com
11.08.25	AUGUST25	SALARIES/PENSION	7,044.65	0.00	7,044.65	Salaries/Pension 08/25	Salaries/Pension Contributions	LGA 1972 s.111 / LGPSR 2013 (SI2013/2356)	Fin Com
31.07.25	278139	SHORTS GROUP LTD	317.56	63.51	381.07	Dog Waste Removal 07/25	*Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Cllr SG
06.08.25	Receipt	SIMON PRICE	17.50	3.50	21.00	Patio Paint/Weed Killer-Cem	Power to provide & maintain cemeteries	LGA 1972 s.214 (2)	Cllr CW
15.07.25	6493550	THE TIMBER GROUP	891.60	178.32	1,069.92	Village/Riverside Posts - Paid	Power to provide & manage rec grd, open spaces etc	Public Health Act 1875 s.164	Cllr SG
11.07.25	984945070052	THREE BUSINESS	15.00	3.00	18.00	Mobile Phone Bill 07/25	Telephone Account	LG(FP)A 1963 s.5	Fin Com
16.07.25	544645703	ZURICH INS	10,494.68	0.00	10,494.68	PC Insurance 25/26 - Paid	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Fin Com
			£33,843.86	£1,505.02	£35,348.88				

* Ancillary Power - Power to do anything that will facilitate, to be conducive to or incidental to the discharge of its powers and functions
Cllr IT - Ian Thompson, Cllr DS - Darren Sanders, Cllr CW - Caroline Wise, Cllr A. Clemens, Fin Com = Cllrs D. Buckley, I.Bacon, T. O'Flynn, S. Young
Expenditure highlighted in yellow approved under delegated authority

Datchet Parish Council
Current Account
Cash Received between 01/07/2025 and 31/07/2025

Date	Cash Received from	Receipt Description	Receipt Total
31/07/2025	B S BENNETT	24A The Green-Rent 07/25	£1,200.00
31/07/2025	B S BENNETT	38 Ditton Rd-Rent 07/25	£1,300.00
31/07/2025	B S BENNETT	24A The Green-Maint Fee 07/25	-£158.40
31/07/2025	B S BENNETT	38 Ditton Rd-Maint Fee 07/25	-£156.00
01/07/2025	DATCHET HEALTH CENTRE	Medical Centre Rent Q2	£4,875.00
16/07/2025	Datchet United Charities	Day Centre-Peppercorn Rent 25	£10.00
21/07/2025	HMRC	VAT Refund Q1	£6,620.04
14/07/2025	James Gibson	Transfer of Ownership D444	£100.00
03/07/2025	Mr J Smith	D669-L.Lee Ashes Interment	£3,400.00
23/07/2025	Neighbourhood Planning A/c	Inv-A.Crampon-Email	£16.10
03/07/2025	RBWM	Library-Rent Q1	£907.25
24/07/2025	RBWM	8 Horton Rd-Recharges 24/25	£1,425.53
16/07/2025	Datchet United Charities	Day Centre-Recharge Elec Q1	£61.01
31/07/2025	RBWM	8 Horton Rd-Recharges 24/25	£1,633.40
Total Receipts			<u>£21,233.93</u>