

Datchet Parish Council

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Minutes of a MEETING of DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL, LAND AT MILL PLACE COMMITTEE (LAMP) held in DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE, 1 ALLEN WAY, DATCHET on THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 12PM

Present: 5 Members - Cllr I. Thompson (Chair) Cllr E. Larcombe, Cllr C. Wise, Cllr D. Buckley, Cllr S.

Young

In attendance: Mrs S. Masikito (Clerk)

Public: There were 0 members of the public present

LC25/01 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies from Cllr D Sanders

LC25/02 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – None,

Chairman of Datchet Parish Council, Cllr D. Buckley, wishes to clarify that he made an error during the council meeting held on 13 October 2025. In response to a question about how many of the meetings listed on the agenda were public, he stated that only one was. He will provide a correction at the next council meeting.

LC25/03 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

LC25/04 MINUTES (paper)

To agree that the minutes of the LAMP Committee meeting held on 07th Feb 2025 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the LAMP committee meeting held on 07th Feb 2025 were approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman of the committee. **Majority Vote**

LC25/05 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – PART II

Motion to exclude the Public and Press, in accordance with the public bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item (s) due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

RESOLVED: Meeting moved into a confidential session

Initial

LC25/06 UPDATE ON LEGAL MATTERS

1. To receive a summary of legal actions undertaken since the last LAMP Committee meeting held on 7 February 2025.

The trial date, originally scheduled for October 2025, has been deferred by three months following legal advice. This extension allows time for Datchet Parish Council to explore the possibility of reaching a settlement (Subject to RBWM) and avoiding the expense of a full trial.

2. To review and confirm the current legal costs incurred to date.

The total legal expenditure incurred to date for this case stands at £28,940.40, covering costs from both 2024 and 2025.

- 3. To identify and confirm any costs that may be chargeable to the Borough.

 RBWM declined to vary the lease on 12 May 2025. Since that date, approximately £9,543.67 in legal costs have been incurred, which may be considered chargeable to the Borough.
- 4. To note the current position of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM).

A discussion took place regarding RBWM's current position. Further communications are still awaited, and follow-up correspondence will be issued by the Clerk to RBWM.

5. To discuss and agree the Committee's position and any necessary actions in relation to ongoing legal matters.

Discussions took place, and the committee will continue to act in accordance with advice from its solicitor.

6. To consider any other business (AOB).

Cllr E. Larcombe – Actions and Updates

- Will share the Willowfields colour brochure with the Council.
- Circulated the LAMP report dated 27 April 2011 for reference.
- Noted that three motions were agreed at the Council meeting on 22 May 2024;
 motions 2 and 3 remain outstanding and require action.
- 7. To agree next steps and confirm actions arising from the discussion.
 - Contact Solicitor: Confirm trial dates, share LAMP report dated 27/04/2011

ACTION: Clerk

 Monthly site visits to LAMP encroachment site and reports and images to be circulated to LAMP committee

ACTION: Clerk and Chair of LAMP

 Write to RBWM and supply cost account <u>ACTION:</u> Clerk

- Contact solicitor for advice on potential cost recovery from RBWM <u>ACTION</u>: Clerk
- Budget for 2026–2027 should include LAMP legal fees cost code, separate from Grounds budget

ACTION: Clerk and Finance Committee

Review the 3 resolutions agreed on 22nd May 2024
 ACTION: LAMP committee

LC25/07 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 12PM

Meeting closed at 12.40pm	
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Chairmans Signature	
Date:	