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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT DATCHET CRICKET CLUB ON MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2026 AT 7.00PM

Present: (10 Members) Cllr. S. Young (Vice-Chair), Cllr. C. Wise, Cllr. E. Larcombe, Cllr. I. Thompson, Cllr. D. Sanders, Cllr. B. Picot, Cllr. A Clemens, Cllr. I. Bacon, Cllr D. Loveridge, Cllr. A. Whelan arrived at 7.15pm

In attendance: Clerk – Mrs S. Masikito Deputy Clerk - Mrs. H. Glanville

Borough Councillors: Cllr. E. Larcombe

Public: There were 6 members of the public present.

No Recording of this meeting was possible as no equipment was available

26/134 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies from Cllr. P. Burden, T O'Flynn and D. Buckley.

No apologies from Cllr. M. Davies or Cllr. A. Buck

Cllr. Young took the Chair for this meeting in Cllr. Buckley's absence.

26/135 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Resident 1: Raised concerns about legal expenditure and the Council's role in matters concerning the DRCCT, LAMP and AL39. The Acting Chair advised that legal expenditure would be addressed under Finance.

Resident 2: On behalf of The Village Society requested permission for commemorative signage at the cemetery identifying First and Second World War graves; the proposal received informal support, subject to appropriate arrangements.

Resident 3: Raised questions on funds being used for DRCCT and when would this be discussed. The Acting chair noted the comments.

Resident 3: Wished it noted that they objected to the Recreation Ground ditch clearance and requested that the objection to be minuted.

Resident 4: Raised a planning/enforcement issue on Eton Road which had not reached the agenda; this was to be brought to the next meeting and supporting information sent to the Clerk.

Resident 5: Raised questions about the purpose, benefit and projected cost of litigation.

26/136 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members are required to declare any financial or personal interests arising from the agenda.

Cllr. E. Larcombe stated that he was Chair of the DRCCT; Acting Chair acknowledged the declaration while disputing recognition of that status pending resolution of the underlying matter.

26/137 MINUTES *(paper)*

a. To agree that the minutes of the Council meeting held on **14th SEPTEMBER 2026** be signed by the Chair as a true record.

RESOLVED: The Acting Chair signed off the minutes as an accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. S Young and seconded by Cllr. D. Loveridge and **AGREED by majority vote** (one abstention).

26/138 MATTERS ARISING.

None

26/139 GENERAL

a. Chairmans report – *none available*
b. To note the Clerks Report including correspondence, progress report on council business. *Noted*

26/140 PLANNING

a. To consider and agree responses to planning applications and any planning appeals listed on the attached planning addendum, and to note planning decisions received

Application 26/01867, relating to land behind 45–63 London Road, prompted discussion of conditions governing future adoption of estate roads by RBWM; the matter was noted. Application 26/01871 prompted discussion of flood risk and the Environment Agency's exception test; members asked that the reported failure of the test be recorded.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr. I. Thompson and seconded by Cllr. D. Loveridge and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

b. Other planning matters, including any new

i. 106 Allocations
ii. Enforcement Matters

On enforcement, airport-related parking at Windsor Lakes was raised, and a review of outstanding enforcement matters was requested for the next meeting

ACTION: Office to add enforcement to November agenda

26/141 FINANCE

a. To approve income and expenditure up to **9th OCTOBER 2026** – Chair to sign pink sheet *(paper)*

RESOLVED: The acting Chair signed off the minutes as an accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. S Young and seconded by Cllr. C. Wise and **AGREED by majority vote** (one abstention).

b. AGAR - Council to note that the external audit is not yet formally complete for year end March 2026. As per requirements a notice of audit has been prepared and published on the DPC website and noticeboards. Once further correspondence is received this will be brought back to council.

The Council NOTED that the external audit for the year ended 31 March 2026 remained formally incomplete; a notice had been published on the Council website and further correspondence would be reported back.

c. To approve the cost of testing the Columns for the Christmas decorations which has been stipulated by RBWM at a cost of £120.46 per column and there are 34 columns which equates to £4,095.64. £3,000 funded from Cost Code 2643 and balance from reserves *(paper)*

Members expressed concern about the unexpected cost and sought confirmation of the test specification and period of validity.

RESOLVED: The Council approved the cost of testing the Columns for the Christmas decorations. Proposed by Cllr. I. Thompson and seconded by Cllr. D. Loveridge and **AGREED by majority vote.**

ACTION: Seek written confirmation from RBWM of the specification, certification and validity period.

d. To approve legal expenditure for the DRCCT Land Registry First Tier Tribunal Case, costs to be met from reserves and recharged to DRCCT. (still awaiting costs from the legal team)
This motion was DEFERRED pending figures.

e. To note reports for expenditure related to legal cases (paper)
The Council noted reports on legal expenditure for DRCCT, AL39 and LAMP.

ACTION: The Chair and Clerk undertook to produce a financial-year breakdown as a priority.

f. To note report re unpaid invoices. (paper)
Unpaid invoices relating to village hall hire were discussed. It was stated that the amounts were being held in a suspense account following legal advice Noted

g. Councillor's questions
None.

26/142 ADMINSTRATION

a. To consider and approve the updated Terms of Reference of the Strategic Planning Working Group and approve the renaming of it to the Strategic Planning Delivery and Monitoring Group *(paper)*

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr. S. Young and seconded by Cllr. A. Whelan and **UNINIMOUSLY AGREED**

ACTION: Office to change name of this working group on all documentation

b. To consider and approve the purchase of high- Viz strips for the Steps at St Mary's Church. (Cllr. I. Thompson)
No expenditure was approved.

ACTION: Consult the church and relevant trust regarding responsibility, permissions and funding, and report back if required.

c. To propose a vote of no confidence and demand resignation from Cllr. M. Davies *(Cllr C. Wise Paper)*
Due to the absence of Cllr Davies, the Council resolved to consider only the motion of no confidence at that meeting. The separate motion requesting resignation was deferred and carried forward to the next Council meeting for consideration.

Voted for: Cllrs S. Young, D. Loveridge, C. Wise, B. Picot, A. Clemens, D. Sanders, A. Whelan and I. Bacon.

Against: Cllrs E. Larcombe, I. Thompson

RESOLVED: The Council approved the vote of no confidence. Proposed by Cllr. I. Thompson and seconded by Cllr. D. Loveridge and **AGREED by majority vote.**

ACTION: Consider the outstanding resignation element at the next meeting.

d. To consider whether Datchet Parish Council has complied with the terms of 'The Land at Mill Place' lease dated 1993 and the three resolutions agreed at the 22/5/2024 DPC Meeting. (Cllr. E. Larcombe)

DEFERRED to the next meeting.

26/143 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: (*For information only).*
The Borough Councillor reported on RBWM finances and unanswered member questions.

26/144 GROUNDS

a. Lead Councillors report – none
It was noted that there is no current Lead Member of Grounds.

Council members reported further breaches of fencing near Cobb Close and discussed a wider approach to managing Grounds, potentially including a working group and additional staffing support.

Concerns were raised about motorbikes, vandalism, fire damage and safety at the Recreation Ground. review CCTV access and physical measures to prevent unauthorised motorcycle access; investigate grounds contractor performance and options for cemetery maintenance.

Council members thanked village litter-picking volunteers for their work.

Concerns were raised about the quality of grounds and cemetery contractor services; contract arrangements and possible separation of cemetery maintenance were to be reviewed.

ACTION: Continue liaison with police; consider a meeting with police and residents;

b. To approve the gifting of a memorial bench for the Orchard by the Lewin family *(paper)*

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr C. Wise and seconded by Cllr. A. Whelan and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

ACTION: The decision concerned acceptance of the gift only; its position and any required landowner consent remained to be settled.

c. To approve the expenditure of approximately £100 on daffodils to be planted along the perimeter of the ditch and organise volunteers to do the planting with proceeds from the DPC Norris fund to be used for this. (Cllr. C. Wise paper)

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr. C.Wise and seconded by Cllr. A. Clemens and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to Promote the event and organise the date and purchase bulbs

d. Councillor's questions

None

26/145 CEMETERY

a. Lead Councillors report - circulated
The cemetery path works between sections D and E had commenced. Police engagement following incidents at the cemetery was reported. Future arrangements for grounds maintenance and possible greater self-sufficiency were discussed.

b. Councillor's questions
None

26/146 EVENTS

a. Lead councillors report – None
Christmas on the Green was planned for 5th December 2026, with details still being developed in light of additional Christmas lighting costs. A possible summer music event, a village gardening competition and other community activities were discussed for future consideration.

b. Councillor's Questions.
None

26/147 PROPERTIES:

a. Lead councillors report – None
Library window replacement works had commenced. A further quotation was awaited for repairs to the Bridge Café roof and brickwork and the flat above, for consideration in November. The library lease remained under negotiation. The Health Centre final lease matters reserved for confidential consideration.

b. Councillor's Questions

26/148 HIGHWAYS

a. Lead councillors report – circulated
The written report was received. A resident's concern about a highway defect damaging a vehicle was to be passed to the Highways lead for advice.

b. Councillor's Questions.
None

26/149 FLOODING AND DRAINAGE

a. Lead councillors report – None
Water-safety signage around the ditch and bridge was discussed. Further consideration of the ditch culverting proposal was deferred to a future budget cycle. A desktop exercise of the flood plan was being planned for late November, with possible community involvement.

ACTION: Office to Coordinate arrangements and confirm a date.

b. Councillor's Questions
None

26/150 COMMUNICATIONS

a. Lead councillors report -Circulated

A survey on a possible farmers' market received approximately 156 responses, overwhelmingly supportive. A modernised, mobile-friendly Council website was discussed; a prototype was to be prepared for review.

ACTION: Cllr. A. Whelan to prepare draft terms of reference for a farmers' market working group for the next meeting

ACTION: Cllr. B Picot to arrange a prototype

b. Councillor's Questions
None

26/151 WORKING GROUPS

a. To receive reports from working groups.
- Datchet Neighbourhood Plan - A community walk along the Village Centre Watercourse Linchfield Brook Is due to take place the 18th Oct 2026.

- Staffing committee - It was reported that the Deputy Clerk had successfully completed probation and become a permanent member of staff, with training planned.

b. To receive update for the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group (DMG) – report circulated

c. Councillor's Questions.
None

26/152 COMMITTEES

a. To receive reports from committees
None

b. Councillors Questions.
None

26/153 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Resident 1: Outlined that St Mary's was listed and any proposed works needed approval in relation to 26/142 b.

ACTION: Clerk to notify St Mary's

Resident 2: Raised concern over the parking on the land by Datchet Green Motors. Council advised it is private land

Resident 3: To understand when the arisings from Scout Hut will be removed. Council advised this is in hand and awaiting a contamination report.

26/154 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Cllr I. Thompson raised the need for ambulance parking at the Health Centre and would like this considered

Cllr I. Bacon notified all that the Stag was now under new ownership

Cllr. A Clemens reported difficultly in emergency services accessing the green

ACTION: Office to check that emergency services have the correct keys to access the gates

26/155 **DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**
The date of the next **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** will be **MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2026**

The date of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be **MONDAY 26th OCTOBER 2026**

Ended 9.07pm

26/156 **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.

26/157 **Datchet Health Centre.**
Lease renewal update
Members considered the options to secure the new lease.

RESOLVED: To proceed with a rent deposit rather than a rent guarantor. Proposed by Cllr D Sanders and Seconded by Cllr I Bacon **UNINIMOUSLY AGREED**

ACTION: Instruct solicitors to progress the agreed security mechanism and final lease drafting

APPENDIX A

DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING ADDENDUM

PUBLIC COMMENTS If you have any comments which you would like the Council to take into consideration when responding please email clerk@datchetparishcouncil.gov.uk and these will be passed onto the Lead Member for Planning.

Applications to be considered at the meeting on Monday 12th OCTOBER 2026

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED			DPC Comments
Application No / Type	**Application Site**	**Proposal**	
26/02264 TPO	11 Agars Place, SL3 9AH	1no. Lime tree and 2no Cherry trees	Subject to Arboriculture specialist
26/02289 Works to trees in Conservation Area	16 Buccleuch Road, SL3 9BP	T1- Horse Chestnut – Remove 1x dead stem in the middle of tree crown	Subject to Arboriculture specialist
26/01885 Permitted Development Extended	101 Ditton Road, SL3 9LX	Single storey rear extension no greater that 7.95m in depth, 3.00 m high with an eaves height of 2.85m	I write to advise that the prior approval of the extension is not required under Class A of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, subject to the following conditions: Prior approval from the council is not required.
26/02225 Full	26 Beaulieu Close SL3 9DE	Two storey side extension, 1no Juliet balcony and new steps following demolition of the existing side element	Relevant DNP policies are DAT 2, DAT 8, DAT10. Flood Zone 3
26/02164 Discharge of Condition	Land to the Rear of 45 to 63 London Road SL3 9JY	Details required by Condition 22 (lighting strategy) of planning permission 25/01583/VAR for a variation (under Section 73) of planning permission 22/02737/FULL	Lighting Plan (roof plan) has motion detector, insect-friendly LED lights. Relevant DNP policy DAT8 - provision for wildlife in new development

		to vary the wording of Condition 5 (Flood Risk Assessment And Drainage Strategy	
26/01867 Legal Agreement – Modification/Discharge	Land to the Rear of 45 to 63 London Road SL3 9JY	Discharge of planning obligation under Schedule 4, Clause 1 (S278 and S38 Highways Agreements) of the S106 Agreement in regard to planning permission 22/02737/FULL.	To be noted that the road on this estate will not be adopted by RBWM
26/01871 Full	Poplars Southlea Road SL3 9DB	Replacement dwelling with solar panels and refuse and cycle storage, 2no. air source heat pumps, solar panels and alterations to the existing detached garage. (Self Build).	Objection Flood zone 3. Relevant DNP policies are DAT 2, DAT 8, DAT10. Flood Zone 3. This property has already been flooded due to the bund being removed, the bund should be inspected to ensure it's fit for purpose.
26/02047 Full	10 Gables Close Datchet SL3 9BB	Part single part two storey side/rear extension, alterations to fenestration and a replacement detached garage following the demolition of the existing elements.	Objection flood zone 3 - Relevant DNP policies are DAT 2, DAT 8, DAT10. Flood Zone 3
26/02230 Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev	15 Castle Avenue Datchet SL3 9BA	Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed single storey rear extension is lawful.	Objection, flood zone 3 and no flood risk assessment to support application. Relevant DNP policies are DAT 2, DAT 8, DAT10. Flood Zone 3 No FRA

APPLICATIONS DECIDED			
Application No / Type	**Application Site**	**DPC Comments**	**RBWM Decisions**
26/01459 Advertisement	Bank House The Green Datchet Slough SL3 9JH	No objection	Permitted
26/01458 Full	Bank House The Green Datchet Slough SL3 9JH	No objection	Permitted
26/01615 Certificate of lawful use	Riding Court Farm Riding Court Riding Court Road Datchet Slough SL3 9JT	No objection	Permitted Development
26/01895 Discharge of Condition	Woollacoombe Southlea Road Datchet Slough SL3 9DB	No objection	Approved

26/01265 Full	107 Slough Road Datchet Slough SL3 9AQ`	Objection	Permitted
26/00980 Full	19 Linchfield Road Datchet Slough SL3 9NA	Objection	Permitted
26/00778 Full	2 Manor House Lane Datchet SL3 9EB	Objection	Refused
26/01517 Full	26 Lawn Close Datchet Slough SL3 9JZ	Objection	Refused
26/01885 Permitted Devevelopment	101 Ditton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LX		Prior approval not required
26/01935 Discharge of Condition	Land to the Rear of 45 to 63 London Road SL3 9JY		Approved

Datchet Parish Council
Current Account
Cash Received between 01/09/2026 and 30/09/2026

Date	Cash Received from	Receipt No	Receipt Description	Receipt Total
21/09/2026	DATCHET PARISH CENTRE	BACS	24 The Green Rent-Q2	£1,175.00
29/09/2026	B S BENNETT	BACS	24A The Green-Rent 08/26	£1,200.00
29/09/2026	B S BENNETT	BACS	38 Ditton Rd-Rent 08/26	£1,300.00
29/09/2026	B S BENNETT	BACS	38 Ditton Rd-Rent 09/26	£1,300.00
29/09/2026	B S BENNETT	BACS	24A The Green-Rent 09/26	£1,200.00
29/09/2026	B S BENNETT	BACS	Incorrect Payment-Pay Back	£1,016.00
29/09/2026	B S BENNETT	BACS	24A The Green-Manage Fee 08/26	-£158.40
29/09/2026	B S BENNETT	BACS	38 Ditton Rd-Manage Fee 08/26	-£156.00
29/09/2026	B S BENNETT	BACS	38 Ditton Rd-Manage Fee 09/26	-£156.00
29/09/2026	B S BENNETT	BACS	24A The Green-Manage Fee 09/26	-£158.40
01/09/2026	MR MILDENHALL	BT	Transfer of Deed	£100.00
14/09/2026	N J NEWMAN	BACS	Transfer of Deed & Interment Brophy	£1,000.00
21/09/2026	THE BRIDGE CAFÉ	BT	Cost of A4 Paper	£7.18
18/09/2026	N J NEWMAN		Interment - Mildenhall-D517	£150.00
30/09/2026	MR HIBBS		Transfer of Deed -D592B	£100.00
			Total Receipts	**£7,919.38**

Datchet Parish Council
PURCHASE DAYBOOK

Purchase Ledger for Month No 7

Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Supplier A/c Name	Net Value	VAT	Invoice Total	Analysis Description
25/09/2026	1958668	A1 LOO HIRE	60.00	12.00	72.00	Toilet Hire Funeral
30/09/2026	90448	APEX	142.10	28.42	170.52	Materials
09/10/2026	GAS10/26	BRITISH GAS	201.97	10.10	212.07	8 Horton Rd-Gas 10/26
01/10/2026	10011550395	CASTLE WATER	5.76	0.00	5.76	Mem Grn Water 09/26
07/10/2026	10011563317	CASTLE WATER	5.76	0.00	5.76	Parish Yard Water 09/26
08/10/2026	10011604927	CASTLE WATER	5.76	0.00	5.76	North Grn-Water 09/26
01/10/2026	23039	CIVICLY	138.00	27.60	165.60	Civicly Sub 10/26
28/09/2026	22629	C AND J SUPPLIES	264.26	52.85	317.11	Green Padlockx3/Key Change
30/09/2026	09/26	COMPUTER SERVICES	375.00	0.00	375.00	PC Support 09/26 & Migrate files
30/09/2026	2627DA010	DAS HANDYMAN	1,579.00	0.00	1,579.00	Groundworks 10/26
30/09/2026	REFEXP09/26	DAS HANDYMAN	153.56	30.71	184.27	Utility Keys/Parts
22/09/2026	58295	ETON ENVIRON	525.00	105.00	630.00	Legionella Test
30/09/2026	1589577	GRUNDON	195.71	39.14	234.85	Waste Removal 09/26
02/10/2026	8693	HAMPSHIRE ASS	20.00	4.00	24.00	Intro Clerk-H.Glanville
30/09/2026	PAYE09/26	HMRC	2,500.72	0.00	2,500.72	PAYE09/26
23/09/2026	30185	JRB	387.50	77.50	465.00	Dog Waste Bagsx10 boxes
30/09/2026	EXP-STAMPS	J.FREELAND	28.96	0.00	28.96	Purchase of Stamps
30/09/2026	6310383638	LYRECO	92.17	17.38	109.55	Stationery/Milk
01/10/2026	2.61E+11	MAINSTREAM DIGITAL	93.50	18.70	112.20	Telephone/Broadband Line10/26
30/09/2026	SI18814	MALCOLM HUGHES	750.00	150.00	900.00	Rec Grd Ditch Boundary
23/09/2026	7305	NEIL CURTIS	150.00	0.00	150.00	Test Dig-Section A-Cemetery
30/09/2026	2627023	RDF SERVICES	1,716.00	0.00	1,716.00	Finance/Admin 09/26
24/09/2026	18303	ROSS STONECRAFT	3,660.00	732.00	4,392.00	Existing memorials renovation
12/10/2026		STAFF SALARIES/PENSIONS	10,775.58	0.00	10,775.58	Staff Salaries/Pensions

Datchet Parish Council
Purchase Ledger for Month No 6/7 - 12th October 2026 - PAID

Invoice Date	Invoice No	Ref No	Supplier A/c Name	Net Value	VAT	Amount	Analysis Description
09/05/2026	339	BT	KENLEE GLAZING	3166.67	633.33	3800.00	8 Horton Road Windows Part Pay
13/09/2026	770	BT	GASPEC	130	26.00	156.00	Clubhouse Gas Safety Check
24/09/2026	2803	BT	MOLLY MAID	66.67	13.33	80.00	Office Clean 09/26
30/09/2026	Receipt	BT	SIMON PRICE	229.17	45.83	275.00	Cemetery-Strimmer
01/09/2026	1473193	DD	YORKSHIRE GAS POWER	198.46	11.92	210.38	8 Horton Rd Elec 08/26
02/08/2026	1436229	DD	YORKSHIRE GAS POWER	134.58	6.73	141.31	8 Horton Rd Elec 07/216
15/09/2026	CB/54643.001	BT	WELLERS SOLICITORS	20000.00	0.00	20000.00	LAMP Payment on Account
				£23,925.55	**£737.14**	**£24,662.69**	

Signed:

Chair of the Council Clerk & RFO

Authorised:

Cllr D. Buckley Cllr. S. Young