

# Datchet Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 19:30

Present: Cllrs Mrs Stickland (Chairman), Mrs Davies, Larcombe, Clasper, Darban, Verma, Mrs O'Flynn, Muir, Clemens and Miss Fitzgerald

Clerk to the Council – Mrs K. Jones and Miss K. Hillis

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor, Grey, Miss Darban, Thompson, O'Flynn,

There were 6 members of the public present, no press.

**17.142 ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**17.143 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – A member of the public asked regarding the Flood Leaflets and was advised these were in the Parish Office and needed distributing, the quotes received being too expensive. Mr Corcoran said he was happy to organise volunteers on Datchet Eye to deliver. Cllr Clemens advised there were already in some local shops and Stag P.H.

**17.144 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Mrs Davies declared an interest under planning ref app. 17/03866 as she is a resident on the same road.

Item 13 on agenda – The Chairman asked for those who “maybe trustee of DRCCT” to declare. All members declared an interest. Chairman explained that under Standing Orders members must give 7 days’ notice to the Clerk for a dispensation or they cannot speak or vote.

**17.145 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment, **Pg. 42 17.140 i)** should read “Cllr Larcombe requested a copy of the ‘*Legal advice given to the Borough ref. the*’ Borough Local Plan.

**17.146 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES**

**Pg. 39 17.124** Cllr Larcombe asked if DPC’s response regarding the boundary changes had been passed to RBWM. Chairman confirmed it had and Cllr Grey had supported it. Cllr Clasper confirmed that the recommendations made by the RBWM working party were approved by RBWM and submitted to Boundary Commission, despite Cllr Grey speaking for DPC.

**Pg. 39 17.130** The Chairman reminded members that for the extra ordinary meeting of the council, regarding the DRCCT, they would need a dispensation to speak. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb could be a provisional date.

*Clerk to book Village Hall*

**Pg. 41** Cllr Clasper asked for an update on the Post Office. Cllr Fitzgerald advised this was on the agenda for later on.

Action sheet – noted and updated.

**17.147 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**The Budget for 2018/19**

The Lead Member for Finance gave a presentation to council based on the following documents i) Year End outlook for projects 2017/2018, ii) Year End summary for 2017/2018, iii) Proposed Projects for 2018/2019, iv) Proposed Budget for 2018/2019. A copy of these will be attached to the signed copy of the minutes.

He explained these sheets, asked for comments and answered questions.

He stated that any projects that were expected to be completed at year end, will be carried forward if not done and that the general fund year end outlook for 2017/18 was £98,439.

The Lead member then presented the 2018/2019 Budget proposal, including the proposed project list, for which the total sum for next year is £130,150.00. He explained that assuming the precept is left unchanged and the day to day expenditure is increased in line with inflation (2.5%) at the end of 2018/2019 the balance figure would be £96,089.

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Following discussions, it was **Agreed** to put the Mortuary Store Refurbishment under properties, and to look at grants available from the LTA in relation to the tennis court flood lights should there be a shortfall. Cllr Miss Fitzgerald stated 3 events are planned for 18/19, Royal Wedding, WW1 Centenary, and Christmas and that these may go over the £3,500 proposed. Cllr Clasper suggested increasing this to £5,000 **All Agreed**.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Stickland, SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Davies, and **RESOLVED** that the 2018/2019 budget as outlined above be approved with Cllr Miss Fitzgerald's amendment to increase the sum for events to £5,000. **All in favour**

#### **17.148 THE PRECEPT 2018/2019**

The Lead Member for Finance outlined the options regarding the level of precept for 2018/2019. He explained that if the council ended up with the predicted surplus in 18/19 of £96,089 it could, at the very least, consider a £10,000 reduction in the precept. Members consider this and following discussions Cllr Mrs Davies suggested a counter proposal of only reducing it by 4%. This was amended to 5% by Cllr Mrs Stickland.

Voting on the counter proposal was taken first:

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs O'Flynn and SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Stickland that the precept for 2018/2019 be reduced by 5% the voting being as follows:-

**For: 3                      Against: 7                      Abstaining: 0                      The proposal fails**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Clasper, and SECONDED by Cllr Darban that the precept for 2018/19 be reduced by £10,000, the voting being as follows:-

**For: 7                      Against: 3                      Abstaining: 0                      Agreed**

**17.149** It was PROPOSED by Cllr Clasper and SECONDED by Cllr Mrs O'Flynn that the Clerk to write to advise RBWM of level of precept required for 2018/2019. **All in favour**

**17.150** The Lead Member presented the payment sheets for consideration. Following discussions by members and answers provided as necessary, it was proposed by Cllr Clasper, seconded Cllr Clemens and **RESOLVED** that the payments list be approved with addition of the payment of £90 for Audio Visual for final adjustments re the alarm system in the Village Hall.

Cllr Verma asked about 2 invoices regarding the call out for the lorry damage to The Bridge. The Clerk asked him to submit these as they had not been received by the office. **Cllr A. Verma**

#### **17.151 GENERAL**

i) Cllr Clemens advised that the football club has managed to get a grant for a deliberator unit through the British Heart Foundation and are able to purchase others at a discounted price. After discussions it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stickland, seconded by Cllr Miss Fitzgerald that one be purchased along with a security box. Location to be agreed. **All in favour**

ii) Cllr Miss Fitzgerald gave an update on the Post Office situation. There is an agreement from the library for 2hrs per week at a cost of £48. She is speaking with the Borough to not charge as this will be attract more footfall into the library. They are aiming for a February start date, but need an agreement on floor space and car parking. They have asked for a Saturday morning slot if possible.

##### **iii) Chairmen's report.**

a) An example letter has been received regarding parking issues near schools from P.C. Slater. He has now done a similar letter for Churchmead and St Mary's to be given to all parents.

b) Motorbikes on the Rec on Saturday pm, Police were called but bikes had just left. Coming back Friday to see if can identify the bike on CCTV as gained access from Horton Road and damaged both football pitches and churned up the grass.

c) Fly tipping on Pockocks Lane – instruct owner to keep field secure.

d) Received a letter regarding the over hanging trees on 99 Ditton Rd and damage to verge but as anonymous we can't respond. Cllr Clemens thinks RBWM have taken an injunction out. Cllr Muir to check and report them back.

e) Email received from Retrospect Opera regarding the Royal Wedding, as we cannot give monies to charities we will look at other ways of support. Cllr Fitzgerald to put on the website.

f) A new bus timetable has been sent out, still no buses to Slough unless go via Windsor.

iv) **Clerks report**

a) Email from a resident asking for engines to be turned off whilst waiting at the level crossing. After discussions members felt that signs could not be policed.

b) The proposed 4 trains per hour survey has now expired. Cllr Clemens has a contact will be happy to put an objection in as it will cause more disruption in the village. He will also stress that the platform needs to be made longer. It was proposed by Cllr Clemens, seconded by Cllr Mrs Stickland and RESOLVED that Cllr Clemens to write on behalf of Datchet Parish Council to SW Trains.

*All in favour*

c) A reply had been received from the Village Hall Committee re calling an AGM and that a member had been away for January. This will be discussed this at their next meeting in February.

**17.152 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Deputy Lead Member presented the planning application list. The decisions being as follows;

**17/03737 – 15 Linchfield Road, Datchet Slough SL3 9LR** – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application subject to the garage being on original designs and not a previous extension.

**17/03838 – 6 Ditton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LR** – Members had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

**17/0384 – Eton Lodge 52 Eton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9AY** – Members **OBJECTED** to this application on grounds of over development on the flood plain.

**17/03866 – Garages Rear of 39 & 53 Montrose Avenue Datchet Slough** – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application subject the drainage and flooding issues being addressed for the area.

**17/03884 – 6 Queens Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BN** – Members has **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

**17/03938 – Land Rear of Datchet Pumping Station Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HY** – Members **STRONGLY OBJECTED** to this application on grounds of over development on flood plain, it being in the Green Belt and lack of vision from the site access road onto Mill Lane

**17/03953 – Greenside 37 High Street Datchet Slough SL3 9EQ** – Members has **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

**17/04030 – 35 Fairfield Avenue Datchet Slough SL3 9NQ** – Members **OBJECTED** to this application on grounds of over development on the flood plain and against a party wall.

**17.153 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum dated 15.01.18.

**17.154 PROPERTIES**

The Lead Member report on the following after visiting the youth club, changing rooms, chapel and library.

i. Changing rooms: a window is jammed open, there are 2 water leaks. Urgent work is needed.

ii. Library boundary wall is of concern as not clear as to who is liable for it. He recommended a survey to investigate to see who maintains the wall.

iii. Cemetery Mortuary Store. On Project list 18/19 to make it into a waiting room

iv. Village Hall lighting – He has received 2 quotes need to sit down with Cllr Clasper, Clerk and Ian Bacon. The £20,000 in this year's budget will not be enough.

v. He suggested business cards for all councillors and the clerk stated cards should be of a standard, approved design including the council logo, name, position and contact number of councillors.

*Example to be provided*

vi. Boiler in the Village Hall still not working, SSE have been asked to come out before Christmas.

*Clerk to chase*

Cllr Clasper asked about the Library boundary, Chairman confirmed that the neighbour wants the gates reinstated but highlighted points that the wall needs to be built up if going to put the gates back. The homeowners to be asked to look at deeds to see if it their wall and their responsibility.

*Cllrs Verma and Darban to arrange to put the gates back.*

vii. 24 The Green – Application for Listed Building Consent. The Chairman referred to the on screen presentation and the summary of the internal and external works required to the building.

It was Proposed by Cllr Mrs Stickland and seconded by Cllr Clasper that the Listed Building Consent Application be submitted to RBWM. *All in favour*

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**22:05 The Chairman proposed to move Cemetery Chapel Feasibility Study to the next meeting and move on to the Parish Yard Application in Grounds and to finish the meeting at 22:15. AGREED**

**17.155 GROUNDS**

The parish yard garage has been checked and it has been confirmed that the roof is 'white asbestos'. It has to be removed and disposed of correctly, at a cost of £504. A replacement building will then be required to house the new tractor and grounds machinery. The Chairman referred to the on screen presentation showing plans and elevations. An external box will be fitted for the water and electric supply while works are done. Following questions and answers it was proposed by Cllr Clasper and seconded by Cllr Clemens that a planning application be submitted to RBWM for a replacement parish yard building. *All in favour*

**ALL UNFINISHED ITEM TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO THE NEXT MEETING**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 22:12

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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