

# Datchet Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 19:30

Present: Cllrs Mrs Stickland (Chairman), Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor (Part) H. Clasper,  
Miss L. Darban (Part), P. Darban, Mrs M. Davies, E. Larcombe, Mrs L. O'Flynn,  
Mr T O'Flynn, I. Thompson and A. Verma.  
Clerk to the Council – Mrs K. Jones and Mrs J. Freeland

Apologies: Cllrs, A. Clemens, Miss K. Fitzgerald, G. Muir

There were 9 members of the public present, no press.

### **17.159 ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

### **17.160 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – A resident asked permission to speak regarding planning application 18/00013, it was agreed that he could speak during agenda item 11) planning applications.

Mr Corcoran commented on an error in the minutes, the Chairman advised that this would be amended during item 4) of the agenda.

Mrs Jenkins commented on the street lighting outside the hall and was advised that this was being dealt with and an email had just been sent. She also commented on the need for lighting on the bridge by the Doctors surgery, which would be looked into.

Mrs Clasper asked, in relation to item 9) on the agenda, is there a working party for the Datchet Village Hall which the matter could be referred. The Chairman confirm there was. She also asked if a letter requesting the information could be sent to Mr Needham first, as it was heavy handed to instruct solicitors.

### **17.161 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Clerk advised members that in relation to item 9) on the agenda, any members who considered themselves Trustees of the DRCCT required a dispensation. She had prepared a block 'Dispensation Request Form', which was read out by the Chairman. Members were asked if they were happy for it to be signed by the Chairman. **AGREED** and **APPROVED** by the clerk Cllrs L & T O'Flynn declared an interest in the upgrade of mast at Slough Rugby Club in that they are members of this club.

Cllr Mrs Davies declared an interest in planning application 18/0014 in that it is in her street.

### **17.162 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments, **Pg. 43 17.143** Delete 'Mr Corcoran said he was happy to organise volunteers on Datchet Eye to deliver' and replace with 'Mr Corcoran was happy to volunteer in helping to deliver the flood leaflets'.

**Pg. 44 17.151** – Delete the word 'deliberator' and replace with 'defibrillator'

### **17.163 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES**

The Clerk referred to the action sheet.

**Pg. 43 17.146** – It was noted that the response form the Boundary Commission to the proposed ward boundary changes had been delayed by 1 month.

**Pg. 43 17.146** – The extra ordinary meeting proposed for the 19.02.18 is now proposed for 05.03.18 due to the availability of the village hall. Could members who have not replied regarding this date to do so.

*The Chairman requested that members reply to emails sent to them.*

**Pg. 44 17.151 a)** – The Chairman advised that the letter from PC Slater has now gone to all students at Churchmead School and St Mary's School. **f)** She also advised that buses have now been reinstated for school children, although a coach had already been put on by SBC which parents have to pay for.

**Pg. 45 17.154 vi)** – Boiler - The Clerk has contacted SSE contracting several times and is still awaiting a response regarding a visit. The Chairman to contact. **Cllr Mrs Stickland**

**Pg. 44 17.151 – Chairman’s Report c)** – No reply received due to Mr Bacon being away, hoped to receive a reply shortly.

#### **17.164 CEMETERY CHAPEL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The Chairman asked members how they would like to progress with this item.

It was noted that three potential options were put forward by EHS but they felt that finding a viable market solution would be challenging.

During discussions the following comments were made i) make the building water tight i.e.: repair downpipes and soakaways, ii) concentrate on the mortuary store, iii) ask local estate agents to provide an view as to if it would be lettable and iv) look after the DPC assets.

Following the discussions, it was agreed that a letter be sent to other parties to see which, if any, of the 3 options are worth pursuing. Cllr Clasper asked if ESH had tested the market place to assess each option, and if not could they. The Chairman to ask. **Cllr Mrs Stickland**

Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor commented that she lived next door to 2 property developers and she ask would give the clerk their contact details. **Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor**

#### **17.165 HIGHWAYS & GENERAL PURPOSES**

Report issued last month.

Cllr Thompson raised concerns regarding lighting in the village. He carried out a survey of lighting in Eton Road and sent this to Cllr Grey, which he has not had a response to.

The Chairman recommended that residents be advised to use the online form on the RBWM website.

Cllr Larcombe commented on the poor condition to the verges at Majors Farm Road. The Chairman advised that she had sent the emails to RBWM and received no reply and as better communication had been promised she would bring this up at the Parish Conference.

#### **17.166 FLOODING & DRAINAGE**

Cllr Thompson had issued his report.

Cllr Larcombe commented on the latest position with the RTS funding and asked that as Cllr Grey is the representative on the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee could he confirm the current position. Cllr Clasper asked that Cllr Grey be given notice of this request. **Cllr Thompson to do.**

#### **17.167 MOTION SUBMITTED BY CLLR MRS. M. DAVIES**

*That the Datchet Parish Council instruct BP Collins Solicitors of Gerrard’s Cross to write to Mr. Needham, Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee, to provide the original conveyancing documents verifying Datchet Parish Councils position as the sole trustee of the Datchet Recreational Centre Charitable Trust, which are held in the bank account of the DRCCT, presently administered by members of the Village Hall Management Committee plus copies of the statements of the bank accounts, to date, from 2015. The sole trustee to then take steps to register the land known as The Sabatini Land with the Land Registry.*

Cllr Mrs Davies read out the motion which was seconded by Cllr Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor.

The Chairman asked the following questions i) Why instruct a solicitor when DPC could ask DHMC by letter, ii) how do we know the document is in the bank account - Cllr Mrs Davies advised that one of the original trustees, Mr Jefferson, had told her and iii) Why use BP Collins in particular – Advised they had been used previously.

Following questions, comments and discussions, there was a counter motion by Cllr Mrs Stickland for DPC to write to DHMC asking if they know the whereabouts of the conveyancing documents. There was no seconder for this motion.

Therefore, the original motion, proposed by Cllr Mrs Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor was put to the vote.

For: 6

Against: 4

Abstention: 1

Following the voting and the motion being **AGREED** the Clerk to draft a letter and issue to all members prior to it being sent out and BP Collins to be asked for costings. **The Clerk**

#### **17.168 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

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 Mrs

Stickland and **RESOLVED** that the payments list be approved, with 1 abstention  
The Clerk referred to discussions at the previous meeting regarding the virements in the Grounds budget in relation to the tractor and stealth, members **AGREED** the virements. *Clerk to action*

#### **17.169 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**17/03996 – 32A Montagu Road**– Members had **OBJECTION** to this application in that it is an overdevelopment in the flood plain.

**18/00013 – Land to the rear of 103 Slough Road**– Members had **STRONG OBJECTION** to this application in that it is an overdevelopment in the flood plain, it being in flood zone 3. Members also noted that within the application the plans are inaccurate, and that the EA have consistently stated that this area has reached its full potential and any further development will increase the risk of flooding to existing properties.

**18/00020 – 4 Cobb Close** – Members had **NO OBJECTION**.

**18/00031 – 4 Horton Road** – Members had **OBJECTION** in that it is an overdevelopment in the flood plain and plans have been refused twice, previously.

**18/00051 – Tesco Express, 134 Horton Road** – Members had **NO OBJECTION**.

**18/00054 – ATM at Tesco, 134 Horton Road** – Members had **NO OBJECTION**.

**18/00062 – 3 Leigh Park** – Members had **OBJECTION** in that it is an overdevelopment in the flood plain.

**18/00114 – 24 Montrose Avenue** – Members had **OBJECTION** in that it is an overdevelopment in the flood plain and that the outbuilding could be used as self-contained accommodation leading to multi-occupancy.

**18/00314 – 53 London Road** – Members had **NO OBJECTION**.

**18/00078** – Flat 7 Satis House, 47 Horton Road. **NOTED**. All work to be approved by the Borough Council Arboricultural officer.

Proposed Base Station Upgrade, Mast, Slough Rugby Club, Upton Court Road. Members had **NO OBJECTION** to this proposal.

#### **17.170 PLANNING GENERAL**

Cllr Larcombe advised that the application Land at Datchet Common had been refused.

Cllr Mrs Stickland advised that land at White's Lane was still under enforcement officers.

The land behind the cemetery has been looked at as it is being used for car parking, and has been sent to enforcement. There has been no movement on the land behind Horton Road as yet.

Cllr Larcombe commented on the BLP submission in that RBWM have only logged and copied the comments they received and have not corrected the errors within the submission. He also advised that the RAG have offered to send a representative to the Parish Council meetings to explain what is happening.

#### **17.171 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum and additional addendum dated 12.02.18.

#### **17.172 PROPERTIES**

The Lead Member for Properties passed to the Chairman to explain works at 24 The Green.

- i) 24 The Green - The Chairman advised that she was currently talking to the Conservation Officer and once Listed Building Consent had been approved works can commence. The Clerk presented a spreadsheet of the quotes received and explained she was unsure if 2 of the companies had included everything on the specification. One of the companies had carried out similar work recently on the pharmacy in the village, so had experience. Following discussions, it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stickland, seconded by Cllr T. O'Flynn and **AGREED** to advise M&H Decorators that an order would be placed with them, in the sum of £22,456.00, for the works at 24 The Green subject to Listed Building Consent being granted. *Clerk to action*

- ii) Village Hall Lighting – The Clerk explained that there is £20,000 in the budget and three quotes had been received. The Chairman explained one quote was from GK Electrical,

who had carried out works at The Bridge and they had followed a specification sent to them. The Chairman showed a sample of the lighting strip to be used and answered questions.

Cllr Verma explained the two quotations he had obtained and it was noted that these were not to the same specification as the first quote. He explained the use of coloured lights and their location. The Chairman requested that as the companies had used different specifications all three companies quote for both specifications so that a comparison can be made. Original specification to be sent to Cllr Verma and Cllr Verma to send his specification to the Parish Office.

**Cllrs Mrs Stickland/A. Verma**

To be on the agenda for the March Council meeting.

The Chairman requested that the meeting be extended to 10.20pm. **AGREED.**

### **17.173 GROUNDS**

In the absence of both the Lead & Deputy Lead members the chairman advised on the following

- i) The benches and bins have been installed on the Memorial Green. Quotes for the surround are awaited, which the Lead and Deputy were asked to obtain. **Cllrs Muir/Clemens**
- ii) Parish Yard Replacement Building – Three quotations have been obtained and are based on the same specification. The Clerk presented the quotes on screen and explained them. It was noted that the budget was £6,000 for 2017/2018 and £20,000 for 2018/2019. Following discussions, it was proposed by Cllr T. O’Flynn, seconded by Cllr I. Thompson and **AGREED**, that subject to planning permission being granted, an order be placed with Cyclone Steel Building, Option 3, in the sum of £17,690 plus £220 for the electric door.
- iii) Cllr Larcombe asked about his motion in relation to Land at Mill Place and was advised that this would be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- iv) outstanding items for this year: i) noticeboard and bylaw signs, ii) feasibility study of the bank reinforcement for the ditch, iii) order for bins/benches. It was noted that the river access steps had been ordered and received.

### **17.174 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

- i) A DNPG meeting is being held 14/02/2018, any questions to be emailed to her.
- ii) Greater West Programme/Network Rail looking at biodiversity and provides funding, thought of Willowfields but needs someone to take this on. Cllr Mrs O’Flynn agreed to do this and fill in the forms.
- iii) Southern Emergency Planning meeting 01/02/2018 – Representatives required. The Chairman suggested Cllr Thompson, for flooding, and herself and the Vice-Chair, Cllr Clasper to be put forward. **AGREED.**
- iv) Heathrow Consultation – It was noted that a meeting was not being hosted in Datchet and Cllr Larcombe asked if they could come to Datchet. **The Clerk** to ask.
- v) The Clerk advised that avian flu had been found in swans on the river. RBWM to give advice in this regard.
- vi) Members who had not returned their interests form to do so asap.

### **17.175 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mrs Needham advised that lighting in the Village Hall toilets and on the patio had recently been done so need not be included in the new specification/quote.

Mrs Fitzgerald commented that the lighting in the hall needs re-modernising. She also commented that someone from Heathrow gave a talk at the Rotary Club, contact details to be given to Cllr Mrs Stickland.

Mrs Cryle commented on the NPG report on character assessments in each street and would like to get as many people involved as possible, including councillors.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 22:26

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

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**CHAIRMAN**

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