

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET ON MONDAY 9TH APRIL 2018 AT 19:30

Present: Mrs J. Stickland (Chairman) Cllrs P. Darban, E. Larcombe, Mrs L. O’Flynn,
Mr T O’Flynn, I. Thompson, Mrs Davies, and J Grey (19:38)
Clerk to the Council – Mrs K. Jones and Miss K. Hillis

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor, Cllrs Clasper, Clemens, Verma, Muir, Miss L. Darban and Miss K. Fitzgerald

There were 6 members of the public present,

17.200 ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

17.201 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – A member of the public commented on Datchet Village becoming more of an ‘Event Venue’ and being more involved with the Ellis Journey which should be like the London to Brighton Run. Cllr Thompson advised that the entry this year had doubled and included veteran motorcycles and the new Lord Montagu would be in attendance. Nearer to the event, 1st July, he will be calling for volunteers.

17.201 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – NONE

17.202 MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH MARCH 2018

Page numbers missing, this will be amended and subsequent minutes altered accordingly. **ALL AGREED.** The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17.203 MINUTES OF THE PART II COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH MARCH 2018

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17.204 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH MARCH 2018

The Clerk had received an email from Cllr Clasper stating 17.195 should read the ‘1976’ document. Subject to this the minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17.205 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

- i) 5th March Extra Ordinary Meeting Cllr Thompson 17.179 – Cllr. Thompson asked who the trustees in the variation? The chairman replied at the moment DPC are sole trustees – however the document is still to be worked upon so not yet decided.
- ii) 5th March Part II – NONE
- iii) 12th March Cllr Larcombe 17.192 – Has the response been sent to the Boundary Commission? Clerk replied yes this has been sent.
- iv) 17.194 Cllr Larcombe confirmed he has submitted his report.
- v) 17.195 Clerk confirmed ESH were not asked to test the market place only to carry out an ‘Options Appraisal’ for the Chapel but gave hourly rates for any follow up work.
- vi) 17.197 Cllr Larcombe questioned the outstanding issue with the bins outside the charity shop. Cllr Thompson confirmed he is looking into this, however report not available for tonight’s meeting.

17.206 GROUNDS

In the absence of the Lead & Deputy Lead Member, the Clerk relayed the Grounds report: -
i) Hanging baskets. To cover all the brackets, as previously agreed by council, approx. 125 baskets are required at a cost of £6,375 + vat. Need to check and count exactly how many are needed so the order can be placed.

ii) Request for a Fair on the Rec Sept/Oct 2018: After discussing the requirements of the organisers and debating the benefits v. the disadvantages it was Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Darban and **AGREED** to say no for the foreseeable future. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

iii) The clerk produced a report on the current position with the digitization of the cemetery records and the longevity of the cemetery. All the burial records are now on a disc and we are waiting for the 1st draft of the map to be updated. The cemetery is predicted to only have 4 years left. There are two options: -

A) Do nothing and pass the responsibility for burials to RBWM as the principal authority.
B) Either extend the cemetery or build a new one, both which will require the compulsory purchase of land. It was recommended that a consultant with the specialist knowledge and skills be bought in to do the background work for these options.

After discussions it would agreed to get the residents view on the matter and put an article in The Link as it effects all Datchet residents and a wider audience. Cllr Mrs O’Flynn asked of an idea of the costs of the consultancy work. *Clerk to find out.*

iv) Cllr O’Flynn asked the policy on replacing trees that have been taken down on London Rd. It was clarified this area is the responsibility of the Borough. Cllr Grey will raise this with the Borough and get officers to inspect. With DPC trees Clerk informed that there is no policy but there is money in the budget for replacements, which need to be agreed with Lead member.

17.207 MOTION SUBMITTED BY CLLR LARCOMBE.

That ‘**This Parish Council confirms that action be taken to determine the sub-lease and licence relating to Part land at Mill Place**’.

The above motion was proposed by Cllr Larcombe and seconded by Cllr Mrs Davies.

Cllr Grey asked for Cllr Larcombe to explain the purpose of the motion. He replied it relates to the sub-lease dated 16th January 2013, between DPC and T. Giles and D.J. Loveridge, which is not being complied with, ref: clause 5. (8) on page 11.

...The lease shall be determined absolutely if the tenant shall use the land edged in red... for any use not authorised under the Town and Country planning Act 1990.

Cllr Larcombe stated that the tenants had been in breach continuously since 2013 and there have been a number of complaints about this. He stated the sub-lease was drawn up to give access to the proposed 10 traveller pitch site.

Cllr Grey stated that when the Planning Inspector passed the development on the main site residents were concerned about the large vehicles using the road next to their properties and requested an alternative access. Cllr Mrs L. O’Flynn confirmed this was the case and the purpose of the sub-lease was to give access to the whole of the Datchet Common site for vehicles, not for the 10pitch site.

The Chairman asked to adjourn the meeting to allow Mr Loveridge to speak. *Agreed.*

Mr Loveridge stated that Cllr Larcombe was not quite correct, and that all business on the site either have planning approval or applications are pending. As such there is absolutely no reason to determine the lease. He quoted clause 3. (23) on page 9 that the land be used for heavy and large vehicle access to the adjoining site and clause 3. (4) on page 6 that it is for vehicular access only and no buildings of any kind.

After further questions and answers Cllr Larcombe stated that he had been misinformed and was happy to withdraw his motion for now and revisit it in 6 months-time.

17.208 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

In the absence of the Lead and Deputy Lead Member, the Chairman presented the payment sheets for consideration and the Clerk advised of 2 extra payments added that came in late. One being for the British Legion for the Poppy Wreath total of £50 and the other to Mr Box for £679.20 for the container rental for yard.

Following discussions by members and answers provided as necessary, it was Proposed by Cllr Stickland, and Seconded by Cllr Larcombe that the pink sheet be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR** It was further Proposed by Cllr Mrs. Stickland and Seconded by Cllr Mrs L. O'Flynn that the green sheet be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR** Chairman advised that K. Hillis 3mths review has postponed due to circumstances and will be completed this week.

Chairman proposed to bring item 14 forward so Cllr Grey can leave for a RBWM meeting.

17.209 HIGHWAYS & GENERAL PURPOSES

Cllr Grey reported that he's not very pleased with the new project centre as not repairing pot holes quickly enough and also very slow in responding to the drain issues. There has been a consultation on CCTV and they will be removing the camera from the Station Car Park as there are no issues there.

The Chairman mentioned the bollards, as they are a mismatch throughout the village. There is no standard specification. London Road has 3 types, and Montrose another type. There are locations where they could be put in to save the grass verges. Asked if the 'mismatch' could be standardised. *Clerk to email and Cllr Grey will get this looked at.*

Chairman also brought up the standardisation of the Street Lamps as some are brighter than others and need turning up to reduce the dark patches on the streets. All new heads can be controlled remotely from individual numbers and adjusted accordingly

Chairman to put in the link for resident's feedback and requests for adjustments.

Cllr Larcombe: Department of Transport is changing legislation reference to Parking on verges and footpaths. Cllr Thompson to get together with Cllr Grey re drainage issues.

17.210 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

18/00556 – 6 Leigh Park, Datchet – Members had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

18/00569 – 17 Lawn Close, Datchet – Members had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

18/00788 – 15 Castle Avenue, Datchet – Members had **NO OBJECTION** to this application subject to the flood plain allowance of 30m sq. not being exceed.

18/00839 and 18/00840 – Land at Datchet Quarry – Members agreed to Cllrs Larcombe and Thompson arranging a meeting on site with Cemex to confirm the 2-way traffic situation. Once the outcome is known the clerk to write to RBWM Planning accordingly. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

18/00736 – Spices Silver Cottage, The Green, Datchet – Members **OBJECTED** to this application on the grounds that a takeaway service would generate additional vehicular activity on an already busy road junction and in close proximity to a level crossing, which would adversely affect road, pedestrian and passenger safety and the free flow of traffic through the village. The voting being, For Objection: 6 Against Objection: 0 Abstaining: 1

Members also commented that the restaurant is still serving takeaways even though they have no permission to do so.

17.211 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum and additional addendum dated 09.04.18.

17.212 PLANNING GENERAL

i) Chairman: Sent off enforcements today for 3 locations.

- 2 to 36 Ditton Rd – where vehicles have come back
- Marshfield – Garage has gone up.
- Whites Lane – Garage has been demolished, but now an 8ft fence has gone up with a roof.

ii) Site HA42, London Road. Inland Homes Exhibition – to consider the councils formal response. The exhibition was laid out very well and they were open to challenging questions and suggestions. Cllr Thompson gave a full in-depth response regarding the exhibition, noting health risks, noise and air pollution issues, drainage matters and complying with Government Guidelines on Green Belt and Flood Plane etc. It was also commented that the scheme should not be seen in isolation but tied in with the other development behind Churchmead school in particular as regards infrastructure and traffic flow and a possible by-pass for the village. Cllr Mrs Stickland proposed to use Cllr Thompsons report as the basis for DPC's letter, which was Seconded by Cllr Mrs O'Flynn. **ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllr Thompson to liaise with clerk.**

Cllr Larcombe: Its been 2 months since BLP was submitted to inspector and questions haven't been answered. Chairman: See the timeline on the website and will ask questions at the Stakeholder meeting next week.

17.213 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Stakeholders Meeting;

- i) Gravel extraction report – Southlea Farm. Crown Estates have not been approached and this is a definite no and will now not be dug up.
- ii) Design Quality Fund – expression of interest was submitted by Jennifer Jackson, included a bid of £20,000 to support work on the Neighbourhood Plan. Awaiting confirmation of constraints on the fund which will be decided at a meeting next week, which will also be looking at 'Traveller and Travelling Showperson' policy.
- iii) Datchet Village Society have given their reply on the Chapel Feasibility Study.

17.214 CLERKS REPORT

- i) Received a Freedom of Information request ref; the BP Collins report of March 2014 and associated costings. This will be hand delivered to the recipient this week.
 - ii) Letter was sent of the Boundary Commission.
 - iii) Had a reply from BP Collins ref; DVHMC letter and have quoted £100-£200 +VAT depending on requirements. They raised 2 questions: i) what is the objective of the letter ii) proof if they (DVHMC) have the original and why do we need the original as have photocopies?
- Cllr Thompson informed that the DPC application to register the Sabatini land was rejected as there was a dispute as to who is in possession of the land. So, need as many original documents as possible. Clerk was asked to go with the lower option of £100 option of the short request.

ALL AGREED

Clerk to confirm to BP Collins

Cllr Larcombe wrote to Mrs Needham, secretary DVHMC, requesting the minutes of the last 5 years and was told they had to have a meeting first.

17.215 PROPERTIES

Deputy Lead Member gave the following updates:

- i) Cemetery Chapel – met with 3 local estate agents, received one official report back, overall all fairly positive on the option of renting out a domestic dwelling. However, not so positive about a commercial property.
- ii) Report from DVS on Chapel *Clerk to circulate*
- iii) Library – boiler has been serviced but a valve needs looking at and possibly a replacing. Rear passage way – Estimate for replacement gates, as need to go back up for security reason bearing in mind also acts a fire exit route.
- iv) Village Hall Lighting & Heating – agreement has been made on what needs doing, Ian Bacon to revise specification to go out to all contractors to re-quote.

Chairman advised that the exterior repairs have been done to The Bridge, just the interior works outstanding. As listed building consent officer requires a lot more information now obtaining quotes from 2 architects to draw up correct drawing and specification. At the moment the works are on hold, but the electrics are now complete and safe.

17.216 FLOODING & DRAINAGE

Lead Member circulated flooding report. Informed he did daily reports while river levels rising. Cllr Larcombe –RTS now have project manager but short of £235million so project stopped.

17.217 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS

DALC – Cllr Mrs O’Flynn: Still have issue with the Parish Conference and how it is run, needs to come back under the Parish control.

17.218 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Cllr Larcombe: At the last meeting a resident asked ‘How much longer will DPC uphold Cllr Larcombe’s racist views?’ Argued that evidence needs to be shown as objects to this statement, where Cllr Clasper reply was ‘Point taken’. Chairmen asked him to bring this back to the next meeting.

Cllr Darban: As Cllr Clemens has links with South West Trains, could he seek clarification of the document now saying only 2 trains per hour in off peak, not 4. Will it still be 4 in rush hour. Also, no mention of the platform extension so they will still block the High Street. Cllr Larcombe added that the hold up causes driving on the wrong side of the road and over the crossing.

Cllr Clemens to confirm

Cllr Thompson: Questioned drug dealing behind Sopwith House. Cllr Stickland confirmed this involved past students from the school not present ones. She said the police were aware of this and what is also happening on The Recreation Ground.

Cllr Thompson: commented that the 7 more PCSO’s needed more involvement in Datchet.

17.219 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

i) Member of the public said more visual presence is needed from police in the village as a deterrent.

ii) Resident asked regarding timing for the Gas Works to be complete and will it interfere with events on The Green, and when will the works to the War Memorial be completed. Chairman replied the road works permit expires in 2 weeks and only going as far as the roundabout by the Dentist, and the War memorial works should be finished in 2 weeks time. *Clerk to check*

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 22:12

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD 23RD APRIL 2018
THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 14TH MAY 2018**

CHAIRMAN

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