

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET ON MONDAY 14TH MAY 2018 AT 20:30

Present: Cllrs Mrs. J. Stickland (Chairman), H. Clasper, P. Darban, Mrs. M. Davies, J. Grey, E. Larcombe, G. Muir, L. O’Flynn, T. A. J. O’Flynn, I. Thompson, A. Verma, A. Clemens and Miss K. Fitzgerald
Mrs. K. Jones - Clerk to the Council. K. Hillis

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs. P. Barnes-Taylor, Miss Darban

There were 6 members of the public present.

- 18.001 ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Cllr Miss K. Fitzgerald advised of the change of venue for the Royal Wedding Party on The Green, now be on the Recreation Ground as instructed by TVP and RBWM for security and safety reasons. Event will be 11:00-20:00.
- 18.002 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – A member of the public questioned, when traffic tails back whilst the barriers are down, causing queue jumping and driving on the wrong side of the road, is this an offence. Chairman replied that yes this is an offence however due to the lack of police resources nothing will happen. Duncan Dimbleby, RBWM Community Warden, has been asked to do vehicle checks and can now issue fixed penalty tickets for traffic offences. Another member of the public stated that the police are very unhelpful and never see’s them in Datchet. Chairman advised that have just been issued a new officer who will come in during the May half term and spend more time in the Village. Cllr Clemens also added that 3 undercover police have monitoring the traffic and pulled over 1 offender to issue a ticket, but he would like to see more.
- 18.003 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Chairman advised ref 114 Slough Road planning application that she knew the residents as did Cllr Clasper. Cllr Mrs. Davies referred to two applications in Montrose Avenue but she didn’t know the residents.
- 18.004 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH APRIL 2018**
The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 18.005 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD APRIL 2018**
The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 18.006 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES**
Matters from 9th April minutes
Page 61 – Chairman has put these items in the link.
Page 62 – Cllr Thompson referred to item 17.212. The letter has been sent to Inland Homes and a copy to be sent to all councillors. Cllr Clasper stated that heard there will only be one car park space per housing unit. Cllr Thompson replied it wasn’t, but they need to comply with number of required parking spaces per bedroom.
Page 62 – Cllr Larcombe 17.214. Has written but not had a reply.
Page 63 – Cllr Larcombe 17.218. Referred to the claim and asked for evidence to back this up, plus he was not given an opportunity to reply. Cllr Clasper replied all that was said was ‘point taken’ to acknowledge comment. Cllr Larcombe wanted to know on what evidence. Chairman stated if he was not guilty of what he’d been accused of then he should not be worried.
Matters from 23rd April minutes - NONE
- 18.007 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**
Chairman and Cllr Clasper went to the Local Government Association at RBWM for Civil Emergency Training. Document left in the office for Major Incidents.

18.008 CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman referred to a letter received from 2 gentlemen living in Whites Lane referring to the activities taking place there. This has been reported twice to the Borough Enforcement and has fallen into a 'black hole'. A spray / body shop is now operating very close to agricultural land, which is owned by Borough Cllr Mr. Rayner. Cllr Grey confirmed he has sent emails to the people concerned and wondered why there was no reply. Chairman again stated that the communication is very poor between RBWM and Parishes. She would like to see Cllrs Grey and Muir, as ward councillors, push to get things done, especially breaches of planning. Cllr Grey stated he has taken this up and wants it dealt with. The Chairman proposed to draft a letter to Alison Alexander, Managing Director of RBWM. Cllr Thompson stated that if it is a carson agentic spray that is being used then this causes serious pollution and will also be a police issue, so advised that the TVP Chief Commissioner, Environment Agency, and Cllr Mr. Rayner should also receive a copy of the letter.

18.008 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk referred to the draft letter prepared for B.P Collins and asked for comments. Cllr Clasper would like to say for the record that Bank of DRCCT doesn't have any records at all in its deposit so there is no point in asking for these as they don't exist. Cllr Larcombe would like it adding to the letter to ask for copy of the last 5 years meetings minutes. Cllr Clasper also stated as Lead Member of Finance that he wasn't at the meeting that agreed to spend between £100 - £200, and feels it's a waste of Parishioners taxes as the same can be achieved by a simple letter to the secretary of DRCCT. The Chairman asked members to give comments to the Clerk by Wednesday so she can go back to BP Collins on Friday, as this was already approved to go ahead.

18.009 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

18/00983 – 88 Slough Road Datchet – Single storey rear extension - Members had **OBJECTION** to this application in that it was considered to have already exceeded the flood allowance and the front drive is blocked paved with no soak away.

18/01033 – 4A Horton Road – Single storey rear extension no greater than 5.34m in depth, 3m high with an eaves height of 2.4m – Members had **OBJECTION** to this application in that it was considered to have a huge extension already constructed. Part 1 of permitted development – followed by a Part 2 take it way over the flood plain allowance

18/00813 – Land at 114 Slough Road Datchet – Construction of four-bedroom dwelling with ramp, raised terrace, new access, associated landscaping and parking following demolition of the existing garage and outbuildings – Members had **OBJECTION** to this application as 'In-fill' between two houses, over development and no the flood plain.

18/01039 – 9 Trent Villas Datchet Place Datchet – Two storey side extension following demolition of existing garage, single storey rear extension. Replacement and new steps to front elevation, replacement steps and elevated patio to rear elevation – Members had **OBJECTION** to this application in that it has already been extended with a garage, and a small rear extension will become a 6-bedhouse and a very tight location and no space for parking. Could become multiple occupancy and over development of the flood plain.

18/00878 – 55 Montrose Avenue Datchet – New outbuilding (retrospective) – Members had **OBJECTION** to this application as an illegal extension overdevelopment on flood plain. Advised if take it down lower may get permission.

18/01108 – 14 Montrose Avenue Datchet – Single storey side/rear extension – Members had **NO OBJECTION** to this application although slightly over the flood plain allowance however plans are mirroring next door.

18/00915 – Flat 3 Ormonde House 6 Priory Way Datchet – Members had **NO OBJECTION** to this application subject to Conservation Area Officers' approval.

18.010 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum and additional addendum dated 14.05.18.

18.011 PLANNING GENERAL

Cllr Larcombe asked if Liquid Leisure has mains drainage as the site is getting bigger? Caravans have been moved on site by Sunnymeads Station. Chairman replied probably not as White House is on a cesspit and asked him to go on the RBWM website to report this to enforcement. Cllr Grey confirmed this is on the Enforcement officers list already.

18.012 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Lead Member referred to Sheet 1, the War Memorial invoice of £17,188, but the grant payment was not on the income sheet yet. The Clerk confirmed the cheque has been received but not paid in yet, hence not being on the sheet.

Cllr Thompson questioned the insurance repairs at The Bridge. The Clerk confirmed that DPC have to pay first then reclaim monies back.

Cllr Darban questioned the status on the Parish Yard and garage removal. Chairman replied that it has been dismantled, with a new base and drainage being sorted.

It was Proposed by Cllr Clemens and Seconded by Cllr Miss K Fitzgerald that the pink sheet be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

Cllr Clasper had revised the budgets as a result of the end of year and 2 notable projects will be carried over, the Village Hall lighting and the perimeter works on the Village Greens. He will produce a new detailed budget sheet after the accounting system close down and the internal audit has been carried out.

The Clerk advised that the councils insurance has been renewed and that DPC is now in the final year of the 3yr contract. The premium was slightly higher than last year due to inflation, however everything is covered including the new grounds equipment.

18.013 GROUNDS

The Lead Member reported that the hanging baskets will be up by the end of May and the flower beds shortly after.

Cllr Thompson questioned why the lights on the Riverfront haven't been sorted as it's been a long time. The Clerk advised that it has been 2yrs now since these were installed and shields were made, just need RBWM to install. *Chairman to chase Kevin Mist.*

Cllr Clemens spoke about purchasing an alternative vehicle to be used alongside the tractor to put the football goals up. Also regarding the Defibrillator Unit, the football club has not ordered theirs yet. He proposed to buy the 1st unit for Datchet Parish Council but it needs to be in a lockable secure cabinet. Chairman asked him to bring this back to council, as whole unit, to be decided on.

The Clerk had received quotes for the Bye-law signs. The main ones with a map, bye-laws and a notice board section to go at the entrances to the Recreation Ground off Allen Way and Horton Rd. The smaller ones with a map and byelaw signs to go by the footbridge, Scout Hut and

Holmelea Walk entrances. Three companies were approached but only 2 quotes have come back. One is £8500 and the other just under £5000. She will look to see why the difference is so large and bring this item back to council in June for a decision.

Cemetery Grounds Maintenance. The clerk had received a quote from Garden Designs to maintain the Cemetery and weed kill around Village Greens for the forthcoming year, for £4,556. She advised that the company have always done a very good job and attended to any problems promptly. Under standing orders council should really get a second quote but based on past performance and local knowledge it was **Proposed** by Cllr Clemens and **Seconded** by Cllr Muir to suspend standing orders and stay with Garden Designs for 2018/19. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

Cllr Larcombe asked Datchet Parish Council to take immediate action on the Land at Mill Place This was looked at in the resolution in July and what have we done i.e. labour/materials. Chairman stated no materials or labour would be committed until RBWM enclose area and repair the fence. She and the clerk have been communicating with them.

Cllr Larcombe stated that the new tractor bucket is adjacent to the fence by the road and should be moved away and covered up. Chairman confirmed they are chained to the container and made as secure as possible until planning permission is received for the new building. Cllr T. O'Flynn asked if there was money in the budget to repair the fence at Mill Place, the Chairman replied it was RBWM's responsibility. He then asked if DPC should hand the land back to RBWM. After discussions it was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting in June to discuss and vote on giving the land back to RBWM.

18.014 LEAD MEMBER UPDATES

Cllr Grey stated that resident parking vouchers are being misused and sold on so this is being looked into and possibly changed. There is a mission to resurface and repair Datchet's roads and pavements and need to get the message out to people so they can highlight areas that need attention. The Chairman stated the NPG are looking at this and there has been a hole outside 'Sideways Cottage' for 5 weeks now. Cllr Mrs L. O'Flynn asked if attention could be made to drain covers which are not being raised up when roads are resurfaced. Cllr Thompson stated that the problem was with the 'seating in the ground' which are lifted but keep falling back.

18.015 REPORT FROM WORKING GROUPS

Cllr Thompson has circulated two reports. Councillors to contact him with any questions.

18.016 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Cllr Larcombe stated the RTS is stuck regarding partnership funding. He also commented that with regards to the ward boundary review RBWM have supported Datchet/Horton/Wraysbury combining. With regard to the speed limit on Riding Court Road, as there is no signage on the road, as inquest into the recent death shows, he will bring this to next meeting.

Cllr Thompson read out a statement of complaint to the Monitoring Officer regarding harassment and bullying from Cllr Mrs J Stickland and Cllr. Mr. Clasper, regarding letters received in April and June 2017. He also stated they had failed to respond to solicitor's letter.

18.017 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Datchet Neighbourhood Plan group have a talk on sustainable energy, pollution and developments in the Borough. Village Hall on 17th May at 18:00 and is open to all.

Cllr Clemens wished to pass on his concerns and well wishes for Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 22:00

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 11TH JUNE 2018

CHAIRMAN

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