

# Datchet Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018 AT 19:30

Present: Cllrs Mrs. J. Stickland (Chairman), Mrs. M. Davies,  
E. Larcombe, L. O'Flynn, T. A. J. O'Flynn, I. Thompson, A. Clemens (19:40)  
Mrs. K. Jones - Clerk to the Council.

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs. P. Barnes-Taylor, Miss Darban, Miss K. Fitzgerald, J. Grey, H. Clasper,

There were 4 members of the public present.

**18.034 ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The clerk informed members Mrs Mary Fitzgerald was unwell, and all wished her a speedy recovery.

**18.035 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – A resident commented following the recent event on the Recreation Ground and suggested having a permanent power supply. The Clerk advised that there is nothing in the budget but could look into by the Lead member for Grounds as a proposal.

**18.036 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – None

**18.037 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018**  
The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**18.038 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES**

18.024. Cllr Thompson asked when are DPC getting the speed gun? The Chairman advised that Old Windsor and Horton are not committed until see a presentation from herself and Duncan Dimbleby.

18.024. Clerk advised that the recycling bins have been removed from Allen Way

18.027. Cllr Larcombe asked regarding the cutting the paths on the land at Mill Place. How far do these extend? Chairman replied that they had been taken as far as they can but not as far as the boundary. Cllr Larcombe asked for them to be drawn on a map.

18.032. Cllr Larcombe. DPC have written to RBWM ref 18.032 motion, but requests that DPC should send this direct to Transport Research. **ALL IN FAVOUR. Cllr Larcombe to give details to the clerk.**

18.033 Cllr Thompson advised there would be a new date for the Drainage Working Group to look at Safety and Structural when group is available.

Chairman advised that Fly Tipping Banners will be installed on Allen Way, by the Scout Hut, on Penn Rd, and by the coppice on London Road.

**18.039 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

i) Have received an email from a resident referring to the inconvenience of the trains in the village and the possibility of adequate land on the industrial estate for an extension of the platform but may need to buy/lease the land from the owner. She asked the Chairman and Clerk to reignite conversation with Network Rail /South Western Railways as 10 carriage trains still causes problems.

ii) A letter has been received from Mr M. Hibbs requesting the council to allow him to purchase a plot at the Cemetery at the old rate of £1647.00, which he was given when he first enquired. (From April 1<sup>st</sup> Plots now cost £4,000)

It was Proposed by Cllr Larcombe and Seconded by Cllr Thompson that his request be granted.

**FOR 5                      AGAINST 2                      ABSTAINING 0**

It was then Proposed by Cllr Stickland and Seconded Cllr Clemens that to agree the old rate but this has to be paid within 6 months

**FOR 7                      AGAINST 0                      ALL IN FAVOUR**

Request **APPROVED**, The Clerk to inform Mr M. Hibbs

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#### **18.040 CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk informed members that a reply had been received from the DVHMC to BP Collins letter. A copy had been circulated prior to the meeting for all to read.

Cllr Larcombe advised that Wraysbury Village Hall Committee held an AGM which was open to all to attend where they i) Elect a Chairman and ii) Look at the accounts.

Cllr Thompson stated that while the BP Collins letter was open, clear, polite, written in a correct and legal manner and the reply was not and raised irrelevancies which were totally unacceptable. While the matter of the conveyancing document was answered, the request to examine bank statements and minutes of meetings was refused. This was a reasonable request and an entitlement by the trustees of the charity. He stated that DPC had funded DVHMC with public money (for maintenance of the building – Cllr Stickland) for a number of years, and DVHMC have utilised funds which can be seen as public money. There was no hint of bullying or menace in the BP Collins letter. Cllr Mrs Davies stated that The Datchet Hall Endowment Fund trust has an AGM every year and all the bank statements are available. The Council has never had this from the DVHMC. If there is nothing to hide what is the problem.

Cllr Larcombe stated that the number of parish councillors on the DRCCT had gone down from 5 to 1 over the last few years and that the current DPC representative is Cllr Miss K Fitzgerald. Cllr Mrs Stickland stated that the group of 4 had decided it was easier for her not to attend until the dispute was sorted out.

After further discussions it was Proposed by Cllr Larcombe and Seconded by Cllr Clemens that DPC write to ask the DVHMC to call an AGM of the DRCCT and that the public are to be invited and this to be advertised beforehand.

**FOR 6                      AGAINST 0                      ABSTAINING 1**

Proposal **APPROVED**.

*Clerk to write*

Cllr Larcombe requested that the letter include the option for them to elect a chairman and the option to look at the accounts at the AGM.

#### **18.041 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

In the absence of the Lead and Deputy Lead Member, the Chairman presented the payment sheets for consideration.

It was Proposed by Cllr Stickland and Seconded by Cllr Larcombe that the payments sheet be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

It was proposed by Cllr stickland and Seconded by Cllr Larcombe that the income sheet be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

The clerk presented the detailed Internal Auditors Report. It was Proposed by Cllr Stickland and Seconded by Cllr T. O'Flynn that the report be accepted. **APPROVED ALL IN FAVOUR.**

#### **18.042 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Chairman presented the planning application list. The decisions being as follows;

**18/01458 – 10 Beaulieu Close Datchet** – Part two part single storey side and two storey rear extensions – Members had **OBJECTIONS** to this application due to it being over development in the flood plain and over the 30 square meters allowance. The Council understands that a covenant exists on properties in Beaulieu Close that states the garage is to be used for garaging 2 private cars and for no other purpose.

**18/01619 – 6 Queens Road Datchet** – Single storey rear extension – Members had **OBJECTIONS** to this application due to it being over development in the flood plain.

**18/01695 – 21 Castle Avenue Datchet** – New detached double garage with workshop and garden store following demolition of the existing garage – Members had **OBJECTIONS** to this application due to it being over development in the flood plain and not showing the new building on the plans, this property has been given permission to extend the house so this application will put it over the 30 square meter allowance

**18/01712 – Lovell Cottage 17a Horton Road Datchet** – Insertion of 2no high level conservation style rooflights to single storey rear extension over existing kitchen area – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

**18/01783 – Lovell Cottage 17a Horton Road Datchet** – Consent for 2 No rooflights to single storey rear extension – Members had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

**18/01839 – 88 Slough Road Datchet** – Single storey rear extension no greater than 8.0m depth, 3.0m high and an eaves height of 2.8m – Members had **OBJECTIONS** to the application due to it being over development in the flood plain. Members had strongly objected to this application 2 months ago as exceeded the flood plain allowance and in 2012 the existing building was doubled in size.

#### **18.043 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum and additional addendum dated 09.07.18.

#### **18.044 PLANNING GENERAL**

i) Notice that application 18/00840/VAR (CEMEX Datchet Quarry) is to be considered at the Windsor Urban panel meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July – **AGREED** for Cllr Thompson to attend and report back – no need to register for him to speak.

ii) Cllr Larcombe asked regarding the Enforcement Appeal for Land North of 2 and Rear of 2 To 36 Ditton Road (18/60075/ENF) “Are we putting in a representation?” After discussion it was **AGREED** that the Clerk write to reinforce previous comments.

iii) The Chairman gave an update on Land at Whites Land: RBWM Enforcement informed Cllr Grey that they had invited the land owner to meeting at RBWM, under caution, but they did not attend. They have been given a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance and if they still don't attend then RBWM will prosecute.

iv) In the absence of 8 members it was **AGREED** to defer the item on the Proposed New Planning Committee to the next meeting.

#### **18.045 GROUNDS**

i) In the absence of the Lead Member the Clerk advised that the sides of the ditch on the Recreation Ground had been cut but the arising and rubbish still need clearing. The Chairman advised that A. Huber can do this next week. Cllr Thompson advised that it is important it gets cleared as need to see the condition and structure of the banks. It was Proposed by Cllr Stickland and Seconded by Cllr T. O'Flynn to proceed **AGREED. ALL IN FAVOUR**, clerk to place an order for these works. *Clerk*

ii) The Clerk advised that there will be no ‘Fun in the Sun’ this year at Datchet Recreation Ground as it is too expensive for the Borough to run, despite that fact that we pay for it.

iii) Cllr Clemens outlined proposals for the new football season and declared an interest as he is involved with the Datchet Football Teams.

- Currently team plays on Sundays but they are looking to expand into Saturday as well. Since the goals are put up with the new tractor, which is not available on Saturdays, then need an alternative option.
- He suggested that the fees stay the same at £4,000, and if council agrees to Saturdays then there would be an extra £5,000 income i.e. £1,000 per team plus the cost for putting goals up £40.

The Chairman advised that Saturday and Sunday football can not be solely for Datchet, will need to offer to all clubs who wish to hire. Normally the clerk will do a comparison of fees in August and will bring to Council. It will be down to the Council to set the fees not the Football Club to propose.

Because Cllr Clemens has a 'conflict of interest' as he is both a customer and a councillor the Chairman asked him to type up his notes and submit these as a report to be circulated before the next meeting when this will be brought back to council. The Chairman stated that the majority of the leagues start in September.

After discussion it was Proposed by Cllr Mrs. Stickland and Seconded by Cllr Mrs Davies that Saturday football be agreed to in principle, if teams are set up. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

The clerk advised that the purchase of an alternative vehicle to put out goals was part of the original decision regarding the grounds maintenance contract but was only included if the maintenance went out-house. If it is proposed to buy another vehicle alongside the new tractor then this would alter those costings and put the in-house option way over cost. Cllr Clemens stated that the vehicle would also be used around the village in the event of flooding or for events. He was advised by the Chairman to put the proposal forward in his report with costings.

Cllr Larcombe wished to thank the organisers of the Ellis Journey event. He also stated that the 2 new cherry trees were under drought stress and that he had been watering them.

#### **18.046 PROPERTIES**

The Lead Member of Properties gave an update on the following;

- i) Parish Yard: Building has arrived in 4 parts the earliest installation is 30<sup>th</sup> July.
- ii) Bridge Café: ESH have submitted drawings / docs to Conservation Officer for listed building consent. Then need re quotes for the work.
- iii) Changing Rooms: Have been deep cleaned and going back in to touch up and weekly cleans when football season starts.
- iv) Village Hall Lighting: A report was received from Cllr Clasper outlining the quotations received and recommending that DPC award the contract to GK Electrics in the sum of £14,592,00 subject to the Sky Line light being satisfactory and subject to the minor cost of additional lights. The recommendation was Proposed by Cllr Mrs Stickland and seconded Cllr T. O'Flynn. A named voted was called for.

**FOR 5**

Cllr Larcombe

Cllr O'Flynn

Cllr Mrs O'Flynn

Cllr Clemens

Cllr Mrs Stickland

**AGAINST 1**

Cllr Thompson

**ABSTAINNG**

Cllr Mrs. Davies

Recommendation **APPROVED**, The Clerk to inform GK Electrics that they have been successful and to programme the works the first week in September.

- v) Lead member to contact SSE regarding installation of smart meters and to see if this is possible for the Village Hall complex.

#### **18.047 LEAD MEMBER UPDATES HIGHWAYS**

Cllr Thompson referred to Eton End School being an excellent scheme. The bollards have increased pedestrian safety on Eton Close.

Chairman stated she would like continuity on Style of bollard used by RBWM. Cllr Thompson advised that Cllr Grey will come over and view the morning traffic situation as parking means this is down to a one lane road and vehicles speed up to get past. He has asked for 'Red Line' to stop parking altogether and make parents use the parking offered in St Augustine's, which is not being used to the full extent.

Cllr Clemens has emailed Cllr Grey to look at the parking outside the Village Hall as 75% are commuters, and to make Green Lane residents parking only and issue permits.

Cllr Larcombe advised of 4 smashed up vehicles on Horton Road verge. Chairman stated they are mainly vehicles from the body shop. He would like to see a map of the proposed double yellow lines. For along here. He also advised that near to the new entrance to Liquid Leisure a “layby” has fenced off.  
*Cllr Grey to look into.*

**FLOODING**

Cllr Thompson attended BFG Meeting and will circulate the email to all.

**18.048 WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

Cllr Thompson will re-arrange a drainage working group meeting in the near future.

**18.049 COUNCILLORS COMMENTS**

Cllr Larcombe - another drowning in Jubilee River. Need the footpaths to be formalised on Myke Embankment.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.30

**THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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