

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2018 AT 19:30

Present: Cllrs Mrs. J. Stickland (Chairman), Mr. H Clasper, Mr. P Darban, Mr. E Larcombe, Mrs. P Barnes-Taylor, Mrs. L O’Flynn, Mr. T O’Flynn, Mr. A Verma, Mr. A Clemens, Mr. I Thompson, Mr. G Muir (20:10)
Mrs. K. Jones - Clerk to the Council. Miss K. Hillis

Apologies: Cllr Miss K Fitzgerald.

There were 14 members of the public present.

- 18.101 ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Borough Ward Election is to be held on 22nd November. There are also 2 casual vacancies on Datchet Parish Council. The Clerk is now CILCA qualified and as such the Council can adopt the general Power of Competence at its Annual Statutory meeting in May 2019. It can also now apply to become a Quality Council.
- 18.102 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – i) Sophie Banks headteacher from Eton End School thanked the council for the road improvements by the school and asked if the council could help with advertising for a patrol person. Cllr Clemens offered to put this on Datchet Eye, the Website, and notice boards.
- ii) A resident referred to minutes from 10th September meeting 18.071 – Air Pollution. She would like to see a copy of the LANNC report referred to and she asked Cllr Muir to find out if Cllr Grey wrote to RBWM. She stated that the DNP group put up tubes and the one by the Bridge Café on the Green was over ‘40’. Cllr T. O’Flynn was going to find out about costing for a survey. Cllr T. O’Flynn replied that RBWM is yet to get back to him, and will chase them up. Chairman stated that it was not for the council to buy a machine but to get a company in to do the survey.
- iii) A resident asked regarding the Flooding leaflets. Chairman confirmed these haven’t gone out yet, however will check to see if can go out with the next issue of the Link.
- iv) A resident asked on the position of a part time bank in the village. Chairman replied, no it was a Post Office that was being discussed. The library couldn’t assist but there is now another option in the ‘mini-mart’ with the new tenants applying for the franchise. Cllr Clasper asked about the option for the Post Office going on the Industrial Estate and Cllr Thompson confirmed that this would not be going ahead because of a conflict of interests.
- 18.103 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Chairman declared interest in planning application 18/02959 as knows the applicant’s daughter.
- 18.104 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH OCTOBER 2018**
Cllr Clasper referred to 18.085, He is not a ‘neighbour’ rather the works are on ‘Riverbank Land’ Subject to this amendment the minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 18.105 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES**
- i) Page 26. Clerk give an update on Phone box, and has requested a meeting, Cllr Clasper suggested relocating as it is in a dangerous position with the door opening onto the road.
- ii) Page 27. Meeting to be arranged for the Milestone and put on the next agenda.
- iii) Page 28. Clerk referred to application for Land Rear of 270 Horton Road. The Borough have withdrawn so there will be no inspectors visit/report.
- iv) Page 28. Cllr Thompson referred to Spices customers and van still parking on the double yellow lines and need to ensure the planning conditions are adhered to. Cllrs Thompson, Darban and Clasper to discuss and send all previous communications to the case officer.

18.106 PRESENTATION GIVEN BY MR. BUCK ON THE PROPOSED JUNIOR PARK RUN

Mr Buck gave a presentation on a proposed Junior Park Run on the Recreation Ground on Sunday mornings which is a free event for the community. Currently there is not one in the area and having posted on Datchet Eye this has received good feedback.

Cllr Clasper questioned if the route would conflict with football, Mr Buck did say it will be over before kick-off. Cllr Clemens stated that players start arriving from 09:00 and if both teams are at home parking will be an issue. Also, the tractor will be out on the Recreation Ground putting the goals up.

The Clerk stated that she had met with Helen Preedy, the Sports Development Officer at RBWM who advised that a junior run had just started in Maidenhead. The use of toilets was mentioned as the changing rooms would be used by the football teams so not advisable to allow children to use them alone. After further discussions it was proposed for Cllrs Stickland, Muir, Clemens and Clasper to get together and bring back a recommendation to the next council meeting for decision. **AGREED**

18.107 CHAIRMANS REPORT

i) The Clerk had, had a meeting with the hirer regarding the Village Xmas Markets who also wished to use the outside land for stalls, attractions and food stands. She advised that until all the requested documents such as public liability insurance and TENS licence had been seen, and the deposit paid, the event cannot be approved.

ii) Had a meeting with Network Rail and RBWM, which was a good meeting and provided a list of actions with a detailed report. Need to clarify the railway boundaries for the platform extension of approx. 1 ½ carriages. It was recommended that a traffic survey be carried out of all the movements over the level crossings, the cost of which is cost is £2250 +VAT for 9 days. This would give the council valuable information in the light of the plans to increase to 8 trains per hour giving only 4 minutes to clear the crossing. After discussions it was **Proposed** by Cllr Clemens and **Seconded** by Cllr Thompson that DPC instruct the company recommended by Network Rail to do the survey and pay the cost ourselves. **ALL IN FAVOUR** *Clerk to email*

18.108 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Lead Member presented the payment sheets for consideration.

One addition to the expenditure sheet of £50 to Royal British Legion for the Poppy Wreath. Cllr Thompson questioned the payment of £500 for Robert Craig fees, Cllr Clasper stated the Hall Management Committee to pay 20% and was minuted and approved at the previous meeting.

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

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

The Lead Member reminded members that it was time to start thinking of the budget for 2019/20. As Grounds and Properties are the major spends and he asked the Lead Members to think about outstanding projects and a realistic timescale to complete these and also to put together a list of new projects. *Cllrs Mrs Stickland and Muir*

Office Christmas Hours - previously circulated to all Councillors by the Clerk.

(Office closes on Friday 21st Dec at 12:30 Re-opens on Wed 2nd January)

It was Proposed by Cllr Mrs. Stickland and Seconded by Cllr Mrs L. O'Flynn that the list be accepted. **ALL IN FAVOUR** Copy to be put on the website.

18.109 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Lead Member presented the planning application list. The decisions being as follows; **18/02846 – 48 Ditton Road Datchet.** Formation of a vehicle access. – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

18/02945 – 35 Ruscombe Gardens Datchet. Part demolition of front elevation and new bay window to form habitable room and first floor side, part single part two storey extension. – After consideration Members had **NO OBJECTIONS to this application subject to it not exceeding the flooding allowance of 30 sq. m and that the issues of overlooking and loss of privacy be correctly evaluated by the Borough.**

18/02959 – Woollacombe Southlea Road Datchet. Roof extension at first floor to provide additional habitable accommodation at first floor. – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

18/02984 – 41 Slough Road Datchet. Lower kerb on road outside property to enable creation of off-street parking. – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

18/03051 – 21 Castle Avenue Datchet. Raising of eaves and main ridge to enlarge first floor accommodation including front and side dormers. Two storey extension to west (side) elevation, single storey extension to north (rear) elevation and new entrance porch. –

Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application subject to it not exceeding the flooding allowance of 30 sq. m.

18/03081 – Slough Rugby Club Upton Court Road Slough. Replacement of the 20.5m high lattice tower with a 20.5m high lattice tower supporting 12 no. antennas and 2 no. dishes and development ancillary thereto. – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

18.110 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum and additional addendum dated 14.12.18.

18.111 PLANNING GENERAL

It is planned to set up a planning page on the website for decisions and enforcements

18.112 HIGHWAYS

Nominations for Lead Member for Highways;

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Muir, **seconded** by Cllr Mrs. P. Barnes-Taylor and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Thompson be appointed Lead Member for Highways for the ensuing Municipal Year, there being no further nominations.

i) The Clerk updated members on the walked Safety Inspection of Riding Court Road, requested in Cllr Lacombe's motion. The report from Volker Highways was written on 16th August, and the walk had taken place on the 6th without input or knowledge from DPC. The office received a copy of this by email on 26th October. Various recommendations were made and RBWM felt it best to leave some of these until the M4 Smart Motor Way improvements, when the bridge is being replaced, as this scheme would pay for them, but suggestions were made to introduce the speed limit change in advance. A notice had been issued to the land owner to clear the overhanging vegetation. Cllr Larcombe was asked to draft a reply with the council's responses.

Clerk to email

ii) Regarding the accident at the zebra crossing by the Bridge Café, RBWM are arranging to meet with TV Police to look at the circumstances of this crash and identify possible mitigation measures this. As it was the Parish Council who originally requested this meeting, in a letter to RBWM dated 5th September, the Clerk and Chairman should also be in attendance. **AGREED**

Clerk to email

iii) Cllr Thompson spoke regarding a Speed Table in Slough Road near Whites Lane as received complaints on the speed of traffic along here effecting residents coming out of driveways. He would like a meeting with RBWM regarding traffic issues. Chairman advised that Churchmead School have asked many times for a pedestrian crossing but have always been turned down. Also regarding speed strips RBWM will put these down for 2 weeks but have to email in with required locations.

Cllr Muir confirmed he had spoken to Cllr. Phil Bicknell regarding all the highways problems and has asked him to come to Datchet to look at the issues.

iv) Highways Maintenance Issues; to email the Clerk of any highway's issues around Datchet to pass onto Volker.

Cllr Larcombe reported issues with verge parking, fly tipping will send list to the Clerk, the Chairman advised to report it on RBWM website.

18.113 GROUNDS

The Lead Member of Grounds gave his report;

- i) Thanked the Grounds team for a fantastic job in making Datchet beautiful this year with hanging baskets and the greens.
- ii) Christmas on the green taken on by Royal British Legion.
- iii) Service for Remembrance Sunday went very well with a turn out of 600 people in church. Advised he is now the Chair of the Royal British Legion.
Some letters are broken off the names on the existing memorial plaque. Datchet Parish Council is responsible but BBHT paid for the refurb, could apply to BBHT to do the work.
Cllr Thompson; would like “there but not there” tommie’s as a permanent feature either side of the War Memorial facing East and West. The school children can decorate with poppies for Remembrance Day. Chairman feels shouldn’t add to the memorial apart from names, however can look at this for future services. DPC and the British Legion can work together in advance of event so to not miss out next year and more emphasis all of the 3 memorials in Datchet. After discussions it was agreed to look into purchasing these in July.
- iv) Cllr Clemens requested permission to waiver charges for pitch fees to hold a Boxing Day charity football match with all funds raised to go to British Legion. **ALL IN FAVOUR**
- v) Chairman advised that the Ha Ha and the Holmlea walk hedge will be cut on Wednesday 14th November.
- vi) Cllr Larcombe referred to his July 2017 motion reference to comply with the terms of Mill Place lease. He requested a written report on the state of the land for next meeting. Cllr Muir will do an independent check to see what conditions are being broken within the lease and ask the Borough to look at these. It was suggested that he hold a walk-about which others could attend. Cllr Muir to provide a date and time to the office by the end of the month.
- vii) Cllr Muir went with Cllr Verma to 118 Horton Road to look at issues with trees. The Clerk advised of the tree survey, and has a quote for the larger over extended limbs to be removed. Order to be placed shortly.

18.114 PROPERTIES

The Lead Member for Properties referred to her report;

- i) Flat roof at the Bridge Café is done and just needs lead flashing.
Need a date and time for the tenants to allow the joiners to come in and look at window repairs. Waiting for confirmation from the plasterer to do in November.
- ii) 38 Ditton Road – gutters cleared off leaves.
- iii) Chapel – quotes for replacement gutters.
- iv) Library – floor replaced where damp rot was, and defib to go on outside wall.
- v) Gas meters – a meeting to be held to discuss each building having its own meters.

18.115 FLOODING

Cllr Thompson advised of the Borough Flood Group meeting on 3rd December.

Southlea Road flood defences and Eton End rail tunnel – the sand bags are deteriorating and need a permanent solution.

Penn Road needs a back-stop valve on the ditch as had backflow of water into the Recreation Ditch and is only 12inches from Horton Roads level.

Recreation ditch has been surveyed and this has confirmed that we have a ‘backflow’ condition.

18.116 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

- i) Cllr Larcombe asked when the Byelaw signs will be up, Chairman advised they will be up once printed.
- ii) Cllr Darban asked if can receive the minutes sooner, the Clerk advised that all the actions are taken out from the minutes after the meeting and that actioning these is the priority. The minutes are then done after this and sent the Wednesday before the meeting.

18.117 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- i) A resident asked if the Christmas on the Green event is being promoted. The Chairman responded that is being advertised via the web site, Datchet Eye and boards around the village. The ‘Market’ is a private hire booking in the Village Hall which has asked Datchet Parish Council for permission to use the outside space, and as such it will be down to them to advertise this themselves.

- ii) A resident pointed out that the green BT cabinets are falling apart.
- v) Resident stated that planning was given better with photographs.
- vi) DNPSG would like to join the walk around Land at Mill Place.
- vii) A resident asked if there was plans to look at parking on Link Road – this will be added to Cllr Bicknell’s list.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 22:09

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 10th DECEMBER 2018

CHAIRMAN

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