

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET SETTING AND PLANNING MEETING

HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET

ON MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 2019 AT 19:30

- Present: Cllrs Mrs. J. Stickland (Chairman), Mr. H Clasper, Mr. P Darban, Mr. E Larcombe, Mrs. L O'Flynn, Mr. I Thompson, Mrs. M Davies, Mr. G Muir (19:45)
Mrs. K. Jones - Clerk to the Council. Miss K. Hillis
- Apologies: Cllrs Mr. T O'Flynn, Mr. A. Clemens, Mr. A. Verma, Mrs. P Barnes-Taylor.

There were 7 members of the public present.

18.131 ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

18.132 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – None

18.133 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – i) Cllr Clasper declared an interest in planning applications for 17 Southlea Rd as neighbours and the for 114 Slough Rd as close friends. As such he will not participate in discussion.
ii) Cllr Larcombe asked why the minutes of the 10th Dec 2018 were not on the agenda for approval tonight. The Clerk explained that it was because tonight's meeting is Budget Setting and Planning meeting not a Full Council meeting. This fact was emailed to all councillors informing them that the full Council meeting had been rescheduled for 21st January, where the previous minutes would be approved.

18.134 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Lead Member for Finance gave a presentation to Council based on the following items; i) Budget set last year ii) Income and Expenditure at the end of December 2018 iii) Year end outlook. A copy of these had previously been sent to all Councillors.

The Lead Member advised that the income is likely to be £385,352, and the significant difference was the \$106 monies received from RBWM.

With expenditure the day to day costs are similar to that budgeted but the major difference is with the projects. End of 18/19 general fund is calculated at £183,242.

The Projects List for 18/19 was discussed with what had and hadn't taken place, and when outstanding items are likely to be completed. The Mortuary Store project will be carried forward, as will the Properties Maintenance fund. This gives a Projects outlook total £131,000.

The Lead Member presented the 2019-2020 budget proposal, including the proposed project list. The General fund carried forward £183,242. Projects expenditure for 2019-2020 will be £151,500. The figure assumes no change in the Precept and the day to day expenditure is increased in line with inflation by 2.5%. This being the case the projected balance on General Fund by the end of 19/20 would be £118,742. The Lead Member explained that in the light of this there is clearly scope to reduce the Precept.

After discussions to determine the level of the Precept for 19/20 it was agreed that a significant reduction could be made. The Lead Member explained that as over the last two years the council has reduced it by £10,000 each year there is now the scope to do the same again or even reduce by £20,000.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Stickland, and SECONDED by Cllr Muir to reduce the precept by £15,000 for 2019/2020. Cllr Larcombe called for a named vote:

It was COUNTER PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Davies, and SECONDED by Cllr Larcombe to not reduce the precept for 2019/2020

In accordance with Standing Orders the voting for the counter proposal took place first, the results being:

FOR: Cllrs Mrs Davies, Thompson, Mrs L. O’Flynn, Larcombe	4
AGAINST: Cllrs Muir, Darban, Mrs Stickland, Clasper	4
ABSTAINING:	0
The Chairman had the casting vote:	Against

The voting on the first proposal took place, the results being:

FOR: Cllrs Muir, Darban, Mrs Stickland, Clasper	4
AGAINST: Cllrs Larcombe, Mrs L O’Flynn, Mrs Davies, Thompson	4
ABSTAINING:	0
The Chairman had the casting vote:	For

Therefore Cllr Mrs Stickland’s proposal succeeds and the Precept for 2019/2020 will be set at a £15,000 reduction on this year. Total amount £142, 817.50.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Stickland, and SECONDED by Cllr Mrs L O’Flynn to authorise the Clerk to advise the Borough Council of the level of precept required for 2019/2020.

ALL IN FAVOUR

The Lead Member presented the income payment sheets for consideration.

It was Proposed by Cllr Muir and Seconded by Cllr Clasper that the payment sheet be approved.

ALL IN FAVOUR.

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

18.135 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

18/03571 – 17 Southlea Road. Conversion of existing integral garage to habitable accommodation, part single storey, part two storey rear extension, alterations to fenestration and relocation of existing rear steps – **Members had NO OBJECTION to this application.**

18/03650 – 17 Southlea Road. New garage with alterations to the front boundary wall and vehicular access. – **Members had STRONG OBJECTION to this application on the grounds of flooding and that they have used up their allowance on above application, and also because of the visual effect on the street scene as this will protrude above the current boundary treatment.**

18/03610 – Orchard Cottage 61 Horton Road. New five-bedroom detached dwelling with associated parking following demolition of the existing dwelling. - **Members had NO OBJECTION to this application.**

18/03702 – Chappell House The Green. Changes to the first-floor dormers for the addition of 3 Juliette balconies and alterations to the ground floor fenestration. – **Members had NO OBJECTION to this application.**

18/03500 – Annexe At 15 Ditton Road. Change of use from annexe to new dwelling (retrospective). – **Members had OBJECTION to this application as it is overdevelopment at this location and there is no proper access.**

18.136 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum and additional addendum dated 14.01.19

18.137 PLANNING GENERAL

i) Cllr Clasper referred to Noted application 18/03540 having 3 extensions labelled a-b-c, this application refers to C which is partly built is lawful. A & B had Certificate of Lawfulness of Development turned down recently constructed and finished and not included in this plan. Himself and Cllr Darban are to meet with Planning Officer in February and this will be raised.

ii) Cllr Stickland; Enforcement issue down Mill Lane as Liquid Leisure are developing without consent as have a new entrance/exit gate. Cllr Muir confirmed he will be walking around Grounds with Cllrs Cannon and Darban next week.

iii) Cllr Larcombe; Updated on the RBWM Local Plan Examination which has fallen further behind and due to the May elections and capacity issues.

.iv) Traveller Local Plan Issues – After discussions Cllr Larcombe advised that had done a draft analysis and was happy to show either now or in a Part II. Chairman asked to allow DPC Members to the read the documents first as it is now in the public domain.

Voting was put forward to show a presentation slideshow with minimal commentary.

FOR: 3

AGAINST: 2

ABSTAINING: 3

18.138 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident advised of a Drop In Session to be held by the Neighbourhood Plan Group in the Village Hall on 27th January 11:30-16:00 open for all to attend.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21:25

THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 21ST JANUARY 2019

CHAIRMAN

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