

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET ON MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2019 AT 19:30

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

Apologies: Cllr Mrs. P Barnes-Taylor.

There were 10 members of the public present.

18.139 ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

18.140 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – i) A resident referred to previous minute 18.119 regarding Air Pollution asking Cllr T. O'Flynn for an update. Chairman advised this will be brought under matters arising.

ii) A resident spoke regarding the application to fell the Giant Redwood in Southlea Rd, 6 weeks ago it was refused and a temporary TPO put on the tree. The application has come back despite none of the conditions being upheld. Chairman advised once DPC get notification it will come back to the next council meeting.

18.141 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

18.142 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH DECEMBER 2018

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

18.143 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

i) Page 35. 18.119 i) Cllr T. O'Flynn had been in touch with an RBWM officer regarding a monitor for Air Pollution. At present monitoring is by a tube on a lamp post and not happy that this is sufficient. Has asked for a meeting in Datchet to discuss this and will report back to February meeting as need wider monitoring in the Village.

ii) Page 35. 18.123 ii) Cllr Clasper asked for an update on the memorial plaque for Cllr Grey. Chairman advised it was being installed tomorrow.

iii) Page 37. 18.127 iv) Cllr Thompson advised that he got in touch with RBWM Highways regarding Spices and they will be putting 2 more officers into Datchet to review the parking. PCSO had discovered that the cars parked on pavement at night belong to restaurant staff.

iv) Page 37 18.128 i) Cllr Thompson – Lighting at the Riverfront RBWM were going to come out and look at the sensor. ii) Link Rd – There's a now a big pit in the area and dangerous to walkers. He has included this on the list to RBWM of things to do – but no response.

v) Page 38. 18.129 v) Cllr Mrs. Davies – has the letter been sent regarding the Tennis Court usage for coaching. The Clerk confirmed Yes but no response. *Cllr Clemens to follow up*

vi) Cllr Darban asked for an update on the Red Lines at Eton Road. Cllr Thompson replied that had no response from RBWM at all and asked Cllr Muir to push as holding matters up. Cllr Muir responded that he's on the case with Cllr Cannon and had spoken to Cllr Bicknell who wants to do a presentation to Parish Council.

18.144 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised of an email received from Action Challenge regarding an Easter Walk on 20th April of at 25k route.
Clerk to send to all councillors.

18.145 FLOODING

Spokesman for Flooding, Cllr I Thompson has sent his report to all.

11pg DEFRA consultation document was sent and replied to. BFG meeting to be held on Thursday.

18.146 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

i) Cllr Thompson advised that working groups are being held up because RBWM have not come back on issues or dates for meetings.

ii) Chairman advised of an event in Datchet “Traveller Inclusion” similar to that held in Horton and Wraysbury. To look at the history and different cultures in the village. Janet Crane also looking at the Traveller Consultation. There will be a presentation from RBWM at the next council meeting.

18.147 MOTION RECEIVED:

Cllr Larcombe: That this Council has no confidence in the Lead Member for Grounds, Cllr. G Muir, and resolves that he should stand down and be replaced at the earliest opportunity. As there was no seconder the motion fails.

18.148 HIGHWAYS

Lead Member for Highways had issued his report.

i) Questioned regarding the banners that have been put up, can RBWM put these up without permission from DPC as some are up in the Conservation Area and are a distraction for motorists. Cllr Muir had met with Cllr Cannon and both agree that they should not be up in Conservation Area, they had met with the Leader of Council and these ones will be removed ASAP. Cannot comment further on the others until know all the facts.

ii) Nominations for Deputy Lead Member for Highways

Cllr Thompson nominated Cllr Mrs Davies who accepted. There were no other nominations.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr I. Thompson and Seconded by Cllr T. O’Flynn that Cllr Mrs Davies be the Deputy Lead Member for Highways, the voting being:

For	7
Abstaining	2
Against	0

The Clerk confirmed the appointment.

iii) Chairman stated the quote for Christmas lights included for a power column on North Green to feed lights in the Oak Tree. On reflection she has now asked for a quote for this to be a street light column it assist in the lighting of this area of the village. We would need RBWM to do this, and nearby residents will be consulted once a quote has been received.

18.149 GROUNDS

Lead Member for Grounds, Cllr. G Muir gave his report.

i) Advised that the groundsman work for the schools will be cutting back on operations from 1st April.

ii) Concrete has been laid on North Green ready for the bins to be installed this week.

iii) Spoken to Dean Smith regarding installing the bench and will get a date soon.

iv) Cllr Clasper reminded that Lead Members have authority to spend up to £3,000 within own budget for works to be done.

v) Cllrs Muir, Mrs Stickland and Clemens met regarding the Park Run on the Recreation Ground. Mr Buck said if it was possible he would look at obtaining funding and work out the route. Cllr Stickland replied in principal the answer is yes as long as they can tick all the boxes first and agree that some weekends it may have to be cancelled due to the wet weather and the condition of the field. Mr Buck to get the ambassador for the area down as it could take 6 months to sort things out.

vi) Stage Two Grant Application for Willowfields/Land at Mill Place – The Clerk spoke at the last meeting and the application pack had been copied to everybody. She is meeting with the assessor on the 8th February. If get approval then need to get quotes. Cllr Larcombe asked if the fencing of boundaries is in the proposal. If approval is given a working group will be set up, including the Borough, who will be asked to look at the boundaries and to clear the fly tipping.

vii) The Clerk advised that after inspections to the Spar Play Equipment the pedal roundabout needs replacing. To have like for like this will cost £9,400 or there is an alternative at half the price. Have asked for public opinion on this giving 2 weeks for responses from posters around the play area and on social media.

viii) Chairman advised that the Recreation Ground byelaw signs arrived on Friday and will be installed soon.

ix) Regarding the cemetery fencing – Cllr Muir was asked to get in touch with the residents to remove white plastic panels – Needs to chase.

x) Cllr Larcombe mentioned the £40,000 for the treatment of the perimeters of the Village Greens. All money spent has been on the River Front, Village Centre, Play Area, Cemetery and very little elsewhere. Cllr Clasper confirmed the budget was approved by council at the last meeting for £20,000 this year and £40,000 next year. Chairman asked what else can we spend our money on that we own? Cllr T. O'Flynn suggested doing something with the Wooden Crucifix on London Road, and was asked to do a proposal / drawing for Council to look at. Regarding fly tipping, this is not within DPC remit to spend monies to remove. The correct action is to report to RBWM through the online portal. It is also down to the land owner if on their land.

18.150 PROPERTIES

Lead Member for Properties, Cllr Mrs Stickland gave her report:

- i) 38 Ditton Road Cemetery Lodge – gutters have been replaced / repaired.
- ii) Library - work started on Friday on the handrails
- iii) Kitchen ceiling in the Bridge was replaced on Friday and has also been plastered and due for new lights. Will reopen tomorrow. Had quotes for repairs to the sash windows but still need satisfactory one.
- iv) Ceiling has been replaced in the Village Hall changing rooms.

18.151 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Lead Member presented the following planning application:

18/03762 – Priory End The Green Datchet – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

18.152 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Cllr Larcombe question regarding GTAA presentation at the next meeting, will DPC be able to agree a response. Chairman replied that she may call an extra ordinary meeting to make judgement and compile the response.

18.153 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- i) Member of the public pointed out for information that improvement works in areas such as Riverside, Play Area and War Memorial had not been all funded by DPC. RBWM, BBHT, DVs and others had contributed to these schemes. Also, the Crucifix War Memorial is not neglected as was given a clean-up in 2014 which the Clerk assisted with.
- ii) A volunteer from The Bridge advised all that a PCSO will sitting in the Bridge once a month to answer questions.
- iii) Mr Loveridge advised that the money paid by DPC for the storage of sand bags is donated to schools. This year he proposed to donate to Churchmead.
- iv) Member of the public referred to the banners, if only the ones in the Conservation Area are taken down and others left this will make more of a divide in the community.

18.154 PRESENTATION FROM THE CANDIDATE WHO HAS APPLIED FOR CO-OPTION TO THE COUNCIL

A presentation was given by Mrs Rushi Millns for co-option to the Council and she welcomed and answered questions from councillors.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman moved that the Press and Public be excluded from the rest of the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by virtue of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. **AGREED**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.00

THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 11TH FEBRUARY 2019

CHAIRMAN

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