

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET
ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2019 AT 19:30

Present: Cllrs Mr. H Clasper (**In The Chair**), Mrs. M Davies, Mr. I Thompson, Mr. E Larcombe, Mrs. L O'Flynn, Mr. A Verma, Mr. G Muir, Mrs. P Barnes-Taylor, Mr. P Darban, Mrs. K. Jones - Clerk to the Council. Miss. K Hillis

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs. R Millns, Mr. A Clemens, Mr. T. O'Flynn,

There were 7 members of the public present

18.176 ANNOUNCEMENTS: - The Clerk had received a letter from Cllr Mrs. J Stickland before the meeting to read out to Councillors. This confirmed that she was resigning as Chairman and from the Parish Council with immediate effect. Cllr Clasper stated that it was an extremely sad announcement as he had worked closely together with Mrs Stickland and had great admiration for the amount of work she put in. Her going was a sad loss and do not know how the council will replace her. It was **AGREED** that the Cllr Clasper and the Clerk write to her thanking her for all her hard work.

18.177 In the Absence of the Chairman it was **AGREED** that the **Vice-Chair, Cllr H. Clasper, take the chair for this and the next meeting.**

18.178 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – NONE

18.179 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – NONE

18.180 PRESENTATION ON THE RBWM TRAVELLER LOCAL PLAN ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

Cllr E. Larcombe gave a presentation on the above subject with his personal views not the views of the Parish Council and answered questions from Councillors and members of the public.

18.181 COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE RBWM TRAVELLER LOCAL PLAN

The Council ran through the RBWM TLP consultation form page by page and, after discussion, **AGREED** the response to each question. The Council then instructed the Clerk to fill in and return the response form accordingly. A copy will be appendix to these minutes for the record.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21:25

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

CHAIRMAN

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Appendix to minutes of 6th March 2019 .

Comment Receipt

Event Name	Traveller Local Plan Issues and Options
Comment by	Datchet Parish Council (Mrs K Jones - 1047787)
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Qu. 2a - Supporting Evidence for the Traveller Local Plan

Do you have any comments on the Sustainability Appraisal Report published alongside this Issues and Options paper?

No Comment

Qu. 2b - Supporting Evidence for the Traveller Local Plan

Do you think that we have correctly identified the evidence needed to support the Traveller Local Plan? No

If not, what additional evidence should be sought?

The information about the location of sites is not correctly identified.

Not consulted with those travellers living in bricks and motor, nor the existing travellers on the Mill Place Caravan Site.

Consultation and contact with the travelling community has been inadequate.

Do you feel the suggested vision is appropriate for the RBWM Traveller Local Plan? Yes

Please explain your response.

But it will be very difficult to achieve.

Qu. 3b - Vision and Objectives

Should the end date of the plan be 2033, 2035, 2036 or another date? 2033

Please explain your response.

Should be consistent with the Borough Local Plan.

Qu. 3c - Vision and Objectives

Do you have any views on what should be the objectives for the Traveller Local Plan?

Local sites, not too big, for the families that are already here and living in overcrowded accommodation, often with relatives.

Small regulated local sites not transit sites.

Qu. 4a - Gypsies and Travellers

Which of the identified policy options do you feel is the most appropriate?

Option 5 - Expand existing Gypsy and Traveller sites

Please explain why you think this.

Providing that the expansion is of moderate size.

Qu. 4b - Gypsies and Travellers

Are there any other possible policy options with regards to the provision of Gypsy and Traveller accommodation? No

If so, please provide details.

See answer to 4a

Please explain your response.

We do not have the correct information to determine this as the original GTAA assessment exercise was not adequately carried out and the figures and may be higher.

Qu. 4d - Gypsies and Travellers

Do you have any comments on the Proposed Traveller Site Assessment Methodology? For example, what factors should we take into account in determining where sites should be located? Should areas within the Green Belt and at a high risk of flooding be automatically rejected?

Should be consistent with current Planning Practice but in certain cases there may be 'exceptional circumstances' to take into account.

Should also look at the spatial distribution and density across the Borough, as at present this is not even.

Look at Brownfield sites and 'Semi'-Green Belt

Ensure adequate infrastructure i.e. access to Schools, Doctors, facilities etc.

Ensure adequate utilities and services i.e. mains sewage, water, electricity etc.

Qu. 4e - Gypsies and Travellers

Should the Traveller Local Plan contain a policy to provide design requirements for new Gypsy and Traveller sites? Yes

Which of the following matters should be covered by the policy?

- . Access and parking
- . Landscaping / fencing
- . Size / orientation of pitches
- . Open space / children's play space provision
- . Utility provision / surface water drainage
- . Waste storage
- . Communal facilities / amenity buildings
- . Space for work activities / animals
- . External lighting
- . Hardstanding

Qu. 4f - Gypsies and Travellers

Should there be a more even distribution of Gypsy and Traveller sites in the Borough or is it better to retain the current uneven distribution? There should be a more even distribution

Please explain why you think this.

Should look at the spatial distribution and density across the Borough, as at present this is not even.

Please explain your response.

Cannot answer this question as it is dependant on individual circumstances.

Please explain your response.

See 4g

Cannot answer this question as it depends on individual circumstances

Qu. 4i - Gypsies and Travellers

Should the Council consider the provision of a transit site and/or a temporary stopping place? No

If so, how should this be achieved?

If RBWM provide enough local sites for it's travelling population then a transit site would not be required and the police will have the powers to move on the itinerant groups.

Qu. 5a - Travelling Showpeople

Which of the identified policy options do you feel is the most appropriate? Option 1 - Do nothing

Qu. 5b - Travelling Showpeople

Are there any other possible policy options with regards to the provision of Travelling Showpeople accommodation? No

Which of the following matters should be covered by the policy?

Please explain your response.

See above answers in 5a and 5b

Qu. 6a - Boat dwellers

Which of the identified policy options do you feel is the most appropriate? Option 1 - Do nothing

Qu. 6b - Boat dwellers

Should the Traveller Local Plan be providing for boat dwellers? No

Please explain why you think this.

See above answers in 6a and 6b

Qu. 6d - Boat dwellers

Are there any other possible policy options with regards to the provision of boat dweller accommodation? No

Qu. 6e - Boat dwellers

Should the Traveller Local Plan contain a separate policy to provide design requirements for moorings and marinas? No

Which of the following matters should be covered by the policy?

Qu. 6f - Boat dwellers

Do you have any information on boat dwellers in the Borough that you would be willing to share with the Council?

No, go back to the consultants to carryout a further study

Qu. 6g - Boat dwellers

Do you have a view on whether boat dwellers accommodation is appropriate in the functional floodplain? No

Qu. 7a - Are there any other Issues and Options?

Are there any other issues and/or options not specified in this paper that you wish to raise?

No

Qu. 7b - Are there any other Issues and Options?

Do you have any other comments on what the Traveller Local Plan ought to contain?

None