

# Datchet Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET**  
**ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 AT 19:30**

Present: Cllrs Mr. H Clasper (**In The Chair**), Mr. Darban, Mrs. M Davies, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Muir, Mr. Larcombe, Mrs. Barnes-Taylor, Mrs. L O'Flynn, Mr. O'Flynn, Mrs. R. Millns.  
Mrs. K. Jones - Clerk to the Council. Mrs. J Freeland

Apologies: Cllr Mr. A Clemens,  
There were 9 members of the public present

**18.185 ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Clerk reminded members of the Chairman's resignation and the need to appoint a chairman for this, and the remaining meetings up to the May election. It was **AGREED** that the **Vice-Chair, Cllr H. Clasper, take the chair for this and the next meeting in April.**

**18.186 PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – i) Air Pollution, a resident referred the Council meeting in September, where members were told that the 4 monitor readings obtained by the DNPG were high and 1, outside the bridge Café, was above the regulated maximum. She and Cllr O'Flynn had met with RBWM and been advised that the Borough had installed the monitoring tube on Queens Road and they will continue to measure this for the next 12 months. In addition to this she felt there should be 2 more tubes, 1 on the High Street by the level crossing and 1 on the pedestrian crossing by the Bridge Cafe. However RBWM are only prepared to put up 1 extra tube. The DNPG would like it to be installed on the residential side of the level crossing barrier on the High Street. However she felt that DPC should write to RBWM and ask for the second one outside the bridge café as we know that readings here are high. It was **AGREED** to write to RBWM and ask for this. *Clerk to write*

ii) A resident asked regarding the pedestrian crossing and if DPC have asked for a Pelican Crossing. Cllr Thompson advised the issue has been going on for 7 Months, and have chased up several times since, yet emails to RBWM have not been responded to. He agree that this is the right thing to do, a proposal had been drawn up and PCSO Les Bradfield is willing to support a number plate recognition camera on the crossing. Cllr Muir agreed it is a danger and has met with Cllr. David Cannon and spoken to Cllr. Phil Bicknell who will come and look at this with his team. The Clerk stated this answer was given back in December and asked Cllr Muir if they any closer to this happening? Cllr Muir replied he will give an answer next week. David Cannon believed RBWM had responded on 28<sup>th</sup> February, where they proposed to raise the Zebra Crossing into a flat top table. Will ask for the response to be resent. The resident felt that a raised zebra crossing would be a waste of money and a pelican crossing was what was needed.

**18.187 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – NONE

**18.188 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

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

**18.189 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES**

Page 47 18.158 Cllr Thompson re: the new Electric Box relocation. He had received a complaint from the Manor Hotel. Although it was DPC who wanted additional supply for the events, he proposed it be to relocate, reduce in size and be painted. *Cllr Muir to meet with Cllr Millns and report back.*

Page 47 18.163 ii) Cllr Thompson advised the riverfront sensors has been looked at but one still not working. *Cllr Muir to follow up*

Page 49 18.171 iv) The Clerk advised Cllr Larcombe that the graffiti on the new sign had been removed.

**18.190 CORRESPONDENCE**

i) Information requested from Heathrow on Land Referencing, the Parish Council had received questionnaires for 3 sites. After discussions it was agreed to email the correspondence to Cllr Verma as the LAANC representative to look at and advise. *Clerk to email to Cllr Verma*

ii) Received an email from the War Memorial Group requesting the Council take the planting back in-house. Cllr Muir agreed this is the right thing to do and to get our contractor to do. **ALL AGREED**

#### **18.191 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

The Lead Member presented the payment sheets for consideration.

Cllr Darban questioned HMRC VAT return, and was advised it was done every ¼

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Clasper and SECONDED by Cllr O'Flynn that the payment sheet be approved.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Clasper and SECONDED by Cllr O'Flynn that the income sheet be approved.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

#### **18.192 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Lead Member presented the following planning applications:

**19/00233 – Datchet Common Horton Road Datchet** – Members had **STRONG OBJECTIONS** to this application on the grounds of being in the flood plain, on the green belt area and increased traffic issues within an already congested village. The resident's objections were noted

**19/00413 – 89 Slough Road Datchet** – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

**19/00436 – 17 Southlea Road Datchet** – Members had **OBJECTIONS** to this application on flood plain grounds as have used 30sqm with previous extension therefore over development of site, specifically object to the concrete base and inappropriate development near the front boundary wall.

**19/00461 – 58 Eton Road Datchet** – Members had **OBJECTIONS** to this application in that it is above 30m2 limit on flood plain, therefore in excess of allowed area.

**19/00516 – 2 Ellesmere Close Datchet** – Members had **OBJECTIONS** to this application as over development on flood plain.

**19/00539 – 36 Fairfield Avenue Datchet** – Members had **OBJECTIONS** to this application due to over development.

#### **18.193 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum dated 11.03.19

#### **18.194 PLANNING GENERAL**

The Lead Member for Planning Cllr Darban advised that he and Cllr Clasper had met with Victoria Goldberg from the Borough, to discuss ongoing enforcement issues. Only one had been resolved, the Motor-Cross at Upton Court Park. The boundary means that the car park is in Slough B.C. and they will look at this aspect.

i) A resident commented on the retrospective Airport Parking planning application, and he has previously counted over 430 cars. This is illegal and is getting bigger every day. He felt DPC should give more than a strong objection as happening under the Parishes noses. The resident also advised that other residents feel intimidated and as such cannot speak out about what is happening.

Cllr Clasper advised that DPC are only a consultee, and it is the Borough who make the final decisions.

ii) Cllr Clasper advised he had met with Victoria Gibson, RBWM Planning Office Team Leader covering Datchet, Horton and Wraysbury. The meeting was very useful and to she got to know DPC. There are still case officers for individual plans. Was advised that all enforcement issues are being investigated although it's complicated and time consuming.

iii) RBWM Planning HELAA call for sites. Cllr Thompson to prepare the document and work with the office.

*Cllr Thompson*

#### **18.195 PROPERTIES**

As a resulting of Chairman resigning and being the Lead Member for Properties, Vice-Chairman Cllr Clasper reported on the following property issues:

i) Had a site meeting at the Bridge Cafe to discuss the damp issues, and the cause was identified as being the back wall as its in a poor state with bricks crumbling and poor pointing. An estimate has been put in to repair/renew and for a damp proof membrane. Work has been ordered and a P/O issued. Also a French drain, to take the water away from the side of the building, has been ordered.

ii) Fire Extinguishers – after the annual maintenance inspection it was advised that the extinguishers required replacing. The options are to i) buy and own outright or ii) to rent out on a 3/5 year scheme. After discussions it was agreed for Cllr Mrs. Davies to look into options and bring back to Council.

*Cllr Mrs. Davies*

## 18.196 **GROUNDS**

The Lead Member for Grounds, Cllr Muir advised on the following: -

i) Consolidation of litter and dog waste bins. Cllrs Muir and Darban have done a survey on the bins, and Council now needs to agree the way forward. Cllr Darban showed a location map of the existing dog and waste bins. He advised that because the dog bins are always full and the litter bins are only half full there is plenty of spare capacity in the normal bins to take dog waste. Especially as the Government have advised that separate bins are no longer necessary. A survey was done of Home Park Windsor, being 3 times bigger than The Recreation, and it has only 14 bins in total. If Cllr Darban's recommendations were agreed to the new total for bins on the Recreation Ground would be 18.

Following further discussions it was PROPOSED by Cllr Clasper and SECONDED Cllr Mrs O'Flynn to proceed as recommended by Cllr Darban to dispose of the dog bins, and increase the litter bins by the Doctor's entrance, the Scout Hut and 118 Horton Road to double bins. Also to remove litter bins no's 4, 7, 11 & 13, and install a new one at the entrance from Homlea Road. Cllr. Thompson asked if the existing dog bins could be covered over for the time being with an out of use sign to see how things go before removing. Agreed. The voting being: -

FOR: 7

AGAINST: 2

ABSTAINING: 1

ii) The Clerk gave an update on three of the outstanding Ground Projects:

- Notice Boards; Eton Road and Linchfield Road are badly deteriorated and cannot open fully. There is £8,000 in the budget to replace these. The Clerk had approached the company who had been recently awarded the tender for the Bye Law signs, to quote for two metal A1 notice boards, to match the style of the other DPC noticeboards in pine green with DPC logo on. Their quote was £4,993 (ex VAT) including a 5% discount for ordering 2.

- Planters; The old timber planters beneath the noticeboards will need to be replaced and these are £425 each (ex VAT), plus delivery – Total £1,066

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Muir to suspend Standing Orders and place the orders to go ahead with new noticeboards and planters from the same suppliers as used previously. **ALL AGREED**

- Tree Planting; DPC have received permission from RBWM for the tree works on The Cut and The Riverside. The replanting scheme for The Cut has gone out to residents for comments. The Horse Chestnut is to be replaced with 2 Lime trees, 3 Cherry Trees and a Robinia by office block. Have talked to residents who are happy with this. If the quote is reasonable it was AGREED to delegate to the Clerk to place an order.

iii) Cllr Muir had not yet looked at the Annual Play Inspection and will bring back to the next council meeting. Consultation on the replacement roundabout in the SPAR play area resulted in residents choosing the Pedal Mill, approximate cost of £9,000. It was proposed to order this item and look at using 106 monies. **ALL AGREED**

iv) Cemetery Fees for 2019/2020 to be agreed, Cllr Muir will bring back to April's council meeting with a written report and recommendation. **Cllr Muir**

v) Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor requested that the spring primroses be retained and replanted planted under the hedges on London Road and Horton Road, the Clerk advised if Highway Land would need a licence to plant. It was agreed that the primroses be delivered to Cllr Mrs Barnes Taylor to arrange for planting. **Clerk to ask contractor to deliver**

vi) Cllr Larcombe asked if the white fencing around the Cemetery has been dealt with, Cllr Muir advised that had identified the property but had no response, the next step will be sending a letter. Cllr Larcombe also advised that motorbikes had been seen on the Recreation ground.

### **18.197 HIGHWAYS**

The Lead Member for Highways Cllr Thompson had circulated his report.

Cllr Thompson advised of the continuing problems on Eton Road, have received further complaints of cars blocking and turning around in residents driveways. Parking has got worst. Has asked for a meeting with RBWM but this has not happened yet. PCSO are putting prosecution notices on cars.

Advised to set up meeting with RBWM, then Governors.

Cllr Mrs Davies advised that she had been watching the roundabout on the Green at rush hour observing the traffic. 1 set of lights, during rush hour, would slow traffic down, and felt it was worth considering.

Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor mentioned that St Marys School in Slough have staff in yellow jackets and barriers out in the layby and side roads to prevent parking problems. Cllr Thompson to talk to them. He had proposed red lines and despite having sent 3 emails still had no response, Cllr Clasper asked Cllr Muir to facilitate.

*Cllr Muir to arrange a meeting.*

*Chairman advised to suspend the Standing Orders and carry on meeting till 22:15 – ALL AGREED*

### **18.198 FLOODING**

Cllr Thompson had circulated his flood report.

i) To set up new Flood Defence Working Group at the April meeting

ii) Designer fees for the Eton End Flood Defence to be bought back to the April meeting.

### **18.199 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

Cllr Larcombe queried Riding Court Road, in that nothing has happened. Cllr Thompson advised it's on his list.

### **18.200 PUBLIC QUESTIONS - NONE**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 22:06

**THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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