

Datchet Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN DATCHET VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY ON MONDAY 29th APRIL 2019 AT 7.32PM

Present: Cllrs Mrs L. O'Flynn, G. Muir, Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor, I. Thompson
In the Public: Cllrs E. Larcombe, T. O'Flynn, Mrs M. Davies, Mrs R. Millns, RBWM Ward Cllr. D Cannon
Apologies: Cllrs A. Verma, A. Clemens

There were 8 members of the public present. 2 Guest Speakers

APM/1 **INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman advised this was not a Council Meeting, it is for the Lead Members to report on what work has been carried out during the last year.
She welcomed the Guest Speakers local PCSO, Les Bradfield and Community Engagement and Resilience Officer, Jeff Pick.

APM/2 **GUEST SPEAKERS**

- i) PCSO Les Bradfield thanked the village for their support, gave an update on recent activities;
- Burglaries spiked in January have now been controlled and suspects have been arrested. 3 or 4 more recent cases are under investigation.
 - Advised not to leave valuables in vehicles
 - Anti-Social behavior is down at present
 - Are aware of fly tipping issues

Advised that he is based in the office above Datchet Library. Opening times on the notice board outside the library. They will also still be doing their sessions at The Bridge Cafe.

Also advised of the Windsor East team;

Inspector Louise Wall, Sargent Rachel Jinks and Jimmy Large
4 PCSO's including Les, Alex, Arran and Belinda

- ii) Jeff Pick advised the team will react and attend where needed depending on hot spots. There is a group email for each 'neighbourhood', and advised send problems here for issues such as illegal parking etc.

The Police 101 number is difficult to get through and as such it is recommended to report it online through the TVP website as it goes straight through to PEC team.

Burglaries – Spring into Action Campaign will start in June / July when doors and windows are left open.

Fraud – Courier scams are biggest at the moment.

APM/3 **NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 23rd APRIL 2018**

The notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in 2018 had been agreed at the Council meeting held on 14.05.18. A copy was available if required.

APM/4 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman explained that she had only been in the role for the last 2 weeks and that it had been a tough year for DPC as there had been changes in Local Government procedures and new policies needed to be written resulting in more work for the office. Also that there had been several Councillor resignations in the last 6 months meaning that projects that had not been started or completed, but following the May election these would start again with the new Council.

- APM/5** **REPORT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR FINANCE**
In the absence of the Deputy Lead Member for Finance, the Clerk updated the meeting on the Precept/Income/Expenditure and Year End balance.
- APM/6** **REPORT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR GROUNDS**
The Lead Member for Grounds, Cllr Gary Muir, thanked the grounds team and the office staff. Updated the meeting on worked carried out on the play areas, hanging baskets, Christmas on the Green and village work. Village green work had not been carried out but is happy to work with next administration to achieve this.
Members of the public commented:
i) The play area and Recreation Ground are well used
ii) The East End of the village needs to be looked at especially the White Gates. Clerk advised these are the responsibility of the RBWM, Cllr Muir to take this up with the Borough. New noticeboards and planters have been purchased and are waiting to be installed.
iii) New trees need to be watered.
- APM/7** **REPORT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR PLANNING**
The Lead Member for Planning, Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor, had only been in this position for 2 weeks and advised that she felt that many of the plans were sub-standard and not correct.
- APM/8** **REPORT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES**
The Lead Member, Cllr I. Thompson, referred to his report (a copy available from the Parish Office) which was noted. One of his main concern was lack of response from RBWM.
- APM/9** **REPORT FROM THE LEAD MEMBER FOR PROPERTIES**
In the absence of the Deputy Lead Member for properties, the Clerk gave a brief report, Village hall lighting completed, The Bridge had some work still outstanding, library steps and handrails completed and general repairs to properties had been carried out.
- APM/10** **REPORT FROM THE SPOKESPERSON FOR FLOODING**
The Spokesperson for Flooding, Cllr I. Thompson, referred to his report. (Copy available from the Parish Office).
- APM/11** **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
Cllr Larcombe asked when the fence at Land at Mill Place would be done. The Chairman advised that when the new Council is in place, she would find out who at the Borough DPC need to contact.

The Meeting Closed at 21:00

CHAIRMAN