

# Datchet Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET**  
**ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019 AT 19:30**

Present: Cllrs Mrs L. O’Flynn (Chairman) T. O’Flynn, I. Thompson, D. Loveridge, E. Larcombe, Mrs M. Davies, Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor, I. Bacon, A. Clemens, P. Bicknell, A. Corcoran.  
RBWM Ward Cllr. D. Cannon Mrs. K. Jones - Clerk to the Council.

Apologies: NONE

There were 9 members of the public present.

**19.015 ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Chairman welcomed and introduced the 3 new Councillors Mr P Bicknell, Mr A Corcoran and Mr A Clemens.

**19.016 PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – i) Hannah Needham introduced the Wild About Datchet group and said they welcomed the opportunity to work with the Council. The Chairman thanked her.  
ii) Mrs Fiona Cryle referred to Item 7 ii) on the Agenda, Clean Air Day on 20<sup>th</sup> June. The Chairman asked to bring this up under the agenda item.

**19.017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Clemens declared an interest in football with reference to the Rugby Tots item on the agenda.

**19.018 i) MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**  
The minutes were approved, subject to page numbering, as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**ii) MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**  
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**iii) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES - NONE**

**19.019 a) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman advised that Datchet Parish Council will be 125yrs old on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 as it was established in 1894. She asked for suggestions to mark the occasion to be given to the office.

**b) CORRESPONDENCE**

i) Email received from “Rugby Tots” requesting the use of a small area of the Recreation Ground on a Thursday Morning. After discussions its was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Loveridge and **SECONDED** by Cllr Clemens to allow this and offer it free of charge. The Clerk to write. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

ii) DNPG – Are requesting support from the Council for the clean Air Day on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Fiona Cryle requested to use the greens and to use the two DPC gazebos. They will erect 2 small banners on each, and at both corners of the Green, along with placards on DPC land. They asked for volunteers to help on the day. Cllr Corcoran suggested it would be good for DPC to get involved to support events. After discussions the Council agreed to support the event and approved to spend between £200-£300 on it.

**19.020 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

The Lead Member presented the income and expenditure sheets for approval.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr T. O’Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr D. Loveridge that the income sheet be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

The Clerk advised of the 3 extra invoices received for payment to be added to the list.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr T. O’Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr D. Loveridge that the payment sheet be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

i) It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs L. O’Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr A. Clemens to note and approve Year End Accounts 2018/2019. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

ii) It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs L. O’Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr I. Thompson to note and approve the Internal Auditors Report. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

iii) It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs L. O’Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor to note and approve The Annual Governance Statement. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

iv) It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs L. O’Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr T. O’Flynn to note and approve The Accounting Statements. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Cllr Corcoran questioned the money carried forward from 2018/19 and asked are there new strategies to spend the ‘Project’ monies this year? The Chairman to meet with Lead Members to work out plans and hopefully DPC will soon have more members of the Council to share the work load

#### **19.021 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT – CLLR D. CANNON**

Datchet now has a Deputy Mayor in Cllr Gary Muir and Cllr Larcombe has been appointed to the Thames Regional Flooding Committee.

Also advised that he is the Lead Member for Public Protection covering a wide range of areas, is the Chair for Windsor Area Planning Panel and Lead Member on Berkshire Fire Authority.

Cllr Cannon gave a brief update on the following issues: Planning Applications, Parking Enforcement, Traffic Management and the M4 bridge. Also advised of the manifesto pledge to repair all pot in within 24hrs working hours of being reported, and the plan to do something with the “Dog Poo” issues especially on Sports Pitches.

He referred to the issues with the trains and extending the platform that has been pushed back from the delivery team due to costs. A solution is needed for them to acquire land and do the work. He advised that they are doing Safety Projects first, and although this is inconvenient for Datchet they do not see it as a safety issue.

#### **19.022 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Lead Member presented the following planning applications:

**19/01243 – 89 Slough Road Datchet** – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

**19/01447 – 2 Ellesmere Close Datchet** – Members had **STRONG OBJECTIONS** to this application on the grounds of over development in Flood Zone 3, it being 3 times over the allowance. Members also had concerns over the location of trees and asked that the Arboriculture Officer look into this.

#### **19.023 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum dated 10.06.19

#### **19.024 GROUND**

The Lead Member reported on the following:

i) Village Greens. The posts are being cleaned and straightened and will look much better. The grass is not very good and needs levelling and stumps grind out. Will only do one of the green surrounds at a time and proposed the War Memorial be done first. Will bring options on the materials etc. to the Council.

ii) Path into the Recreation Ground at the east end. Proposing a new path and new green mesh fence at this end to improve the entrance and to stop rubbish being thrown into the ditch. Will leave a gap in the fence to allow access over the bridge. As each element is under £3,000 will get quotes over the next 2 weeks, in line with financial regulations, and plan the work.

iii) Land at Mill Place. Aim to get the paths into a decent state by scraping and levelling alone.

As there is so much work to be done, and although Cllr Thompson is the deputy, would like Cllr Clemens to help with Recreation Ground as Assistant Deputy. The Clerk advised this would have to be on the agenda for Julys’ meeting.

iv) Path by tennis courts, is breaking apart with large gaps. It is now an emergency as is a safety issue and needs money to get it done as it is not in the approved budget for this year. Cllr Loveridge proposed to get 3 quotes for a complete re-built of the section and will bring these to the July meeting for consideration

v) Christmas tree and lights for Eastern end of the village (Datchet Common). Ward councillors used to put allowances into lights, but Cllr Cannon responded that there’s no allowance for this at the moment. Cllr Loveridge suggested getting costing for this so can look at sponsorship. The Clerk to ask RBWM regarding a licence to plant a Xmas Tree and put lights up.

vi) Play Area Maintenance Work. The Clerk referred to her report which had been sent to all members.

Following discussions, it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Loveridge and **SECONDED** by Cllr Clemens that the council proceed with the quote from Playsafe Playgrounds LTD using money in the maintenance budget for the three play areas and to use 106 monies for the areas of new safety surfacing. Total Cost £9,426 **ALL IN FAVOUR**

vii) Councillors Questions

Cllr Larcombe stated that one of the War Memorial light is out and motorbikes have been out on the Rec. Cllr Loveridge to look into.

Cllr Corcoran asked if the posts on the Green are all to be ripped out and replaced? He was advised that these are currently being cleaned up and assessed. He also mentioned the Willowfields and was advised that Cllr Loveridge is trying to get the Wild About Datchet group involved in the working group.

#### **19.025 PROPERTIES**

The Lead Member reported on the following:

i) Chapel Rainwater Goods. Estimates have been obtained but one has been rejected as they need new brackets and plastic soffits. The only one to consider is from F.J. Lane £7,965.00, but a new soak away is needed. Need to get a surveyor in to look at this as it is 5m in front of the Rose window and close to the mature Oak tree. It is a Grade II listed building.

ii) Carpenter to do repairs on flats front window at 24a the Green. Will need to arrange access.

iii) Councillors Questions

Cllr Corcoran asked about tenants for the Chapel. Cllr Mrs Davies advised no decision had been made yet as to the future use of the building but need to make the building safe and secure first. Cllr Mrs L. O'Flynn advised need to protect all the listed properties.

#### **19.026 HIGHWAYS**

The Lead Member had circulated his report.

Cllr Bacon referred to the Advantage Cards in parking meters, Cllr Thompson advised that need RBWM to look into as all areas are struggling. Cllr Cannon is aware that this has caused disruption and believes this is now being addressed with an online video tutorial. Advised if you cannot get the discounted fee pay the whole fee and claim the difference back from RBWM.

#### **19.027 FLOODING**

The Lead Member had circulated his report. He updated members on a meeting with Environment Agency where he had been asked to contact the EA via the Hotline regarding the incorrect and illegal jetty, and removal of flood bund at 'Poplars'. Cllr Larcombe to attend Thames Flood Relief meeting on Friday to discuss partnership funding. Cllr Clemens confirmed he will continue as a flood warden.

#### **19.028 WORKING GROUPS**

Cllr Thompson confirmed that a meeting of the Conservation Area W.G. will be called shortly.

#### **19.029 MOTION SUBMITTED BY CLLR. LARCOMBE**

**Motion 1. That Datchet Parish Council considers the feasibility and cost of relocating all existing gas meters from the Hall Boiler Room (located in the roof space) to an accessible and secure external position.** After discussions it was proposed to bring the matter back to the July meeting with a more comprehensive proposal and quotes from companies to carry out a survey of the Boiler Room.

*It was proposed to carry the meeting on for an extra 10 minutes to finish at 22:15 **AGREED***

#### **19.030 MOTION SUBMITTED BY CLLR LARCOMBE**

**Motion 2. That Datchet Parish Council takes immediate action to comply with the terms of the Land at Mill Place lease.** It was agreed to move this item to next months agenda.

#### **19.031 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

i) Cllr Corcoran felt it would save time on planning if all councillors looked at the applications on the RBWM web site before the meeting.

ii) Cllr Corcoran asked for an update on the Post Office, Cllr Clemens advised it is now down to the shop to resolve.

#### **19.032 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

i) A resident spoke regarding having Christmas lights at the other end of the Village and could DPC use some of the of 106 monies as can be seen as 'public art' *Clerk to investigate.*

ii) Butterfly Walk taking place at the Willowfields on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 11:00

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 22:10

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

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**CHAIRMAN**

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