

# Datchet Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET**  
**ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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, P. Bicknell, A. Corcoran, A. Clemens (20:36)  
RBWM Ward Cllr. D. Cannon  
Mrs. K. Jones - Clerk to the Council. K. Hillis

Apologies: NONE

There were 5 members of the public present.

**19.033 ANNOUNCEMENTS** – RWM Parish Conference on 13<sup>th</sup> July is open to all councillors. Clerk to circulate the Agenda.

The Chairman proposed to bring Item 14, Grounds forward due to Lead Member having to leave early.

**AGREED**

**19.034 PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – A member of the public asked when will the slabs, in the War Memorial Flower bed installed for the Tommies Statues, be removed? Cllr Loveridge has spoken with Dean Smith who will speak to the office.

**19.035 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Bicknell advised he is now taking the Chair of Windsor Scout District in place of Cllr Cannon.

**19.036 GROUNDS**

The Lead Member reported on the following: -

i) Had received 3 quotes for the Recreation Ground path works, total of 118m from the Bridge to the Bend, including to rectify the camber.

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| 1) Spade Oak          | £17,500 + VAT |
| 2) Howard Maintenance | £19,920       |
| 3) West London Paving | £23,240       |

Cllr Corcoran felt that the works were not an emergency, and that the water course should be done first, then the path and not the other way around.

The Lead Member stated that the works were an emergency as the cracks were of sufficient width and depth that a wheel from a scooter could go down and cause an accident. Photographs were shown to council  
Cllr Corcoran felt that the path should be repaired in the short term, and the ditch take priority.

Following further discussions, it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Loveridge and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor to accept the quote from Howard Maintenance, it having the better specification and for the job. Work to be done in two stages in July and August. The voting being as follows: -

FOR - 9      AGAINST – 1      BSTAINING – 0      **RESOLVED - Clerk to raise paper work**

ii) Advised that the new notice boards have been installed at Eton Road and Linchfield Road but need to re-lay the paths in front them as damaged and un-level.

iii) Land at Mill Place/ Willowfield - has spoken to Wild about Datchet and will keep the areas as rural as possible.

iv) Bridge by Parish Yard – A draft design and specification has been obtained to replace the wood, repair the metal post sockets and fill with resin. To have cross sections with a gap of only 150mm. Estimate of £1,100 to be painted white with reflectors.

Cllr Corcoran asked if the design replaced the timbers so they were protective.

v) Works to the entrance into the Recreation Ground by 118 Horton Road are a big improvement, more open and safer. Received a lot of positive comments. Cllr Corcoran felt that the new fence on the right-hand side was too high. The Lead Member explained that this was for safety.

vi) Village Greens – Are currently not in a good condition and need work doing. In talks with greenkeepers for advice about what best to do. Clerk reminded that ¾ were damaged by the Gas Board who have been chased to re-instate. Cllr Loveridge recommended just getting the work done and send Cadent the bill so the groundsmen can get on with his work.

vii) Cllr Larcombe asked when the SPAR roundabout was being installed. The Clerk advised installation will be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**19.037 i) MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**

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

**ii) MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2019**

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

**iii) MINUTES OF THE PART II MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2019**

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

**iv) MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019**

With the correction of Pg 6 19.021 reading 'pot holes' the minutes were approved, as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**19.038 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES**

Cllr Bicknell requested a motion at the next meeting to audio record the meetings and to look into video recording via 'periscope' he felt that the council should be taking this direction in the interest of transparency. The clerk explained that the microphone system would record meetings and that this was done for a trial period before BALC advised against it.

Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor felt that the public may be intimidated by videoing meetings.

**19.039 a) CHAIRMANS REPORT**

i) Chairman advised there are 5 more applicants for co-option and will arrange an extra ordinary meeting. Clerk to check if applicants are available on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 19:30. *Clerk*

Cllr Bacon asked why the names of the candidates were not in the public domain. Cllr Bicknell felt that as candidates were up for being in the public domain any way as councillors, they would not be worried.

Cllr T. O'Flynn stated that as council did not do this last time, they should do these co-options in the same way then change for the future.

The Chairman put the proposal for the candidates' names to be published on the notice boards to the vote.

The voting being as follows: -

FOR - 3                      AGAINST - 5                      ABSTAINING - 1

***RESOLVED that the Clerk will circulate details to councillors only and that this be reviewed in the future with a co-option policy being prepared.***

The Clerk advised reasons as to why Mrs Bedi had turned down the offer of a position.

ii) Councillor training – Clerk is arranging a combined a training session with other RBWM parishes, possibly in a cluster of Datchet Horton and Wraysbury. She will advise of possible dates. *Clerk*

iii) To appoint a representative to attend the LAANC meeting, next one being 12<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Bicknell to attend one meeting, if available, and to report back to council. *Clerk to email details*

**b) CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk advised of email received requesting a Football Tournament on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Following discussions, it was agreed that there would be no charge for the event but the Council should ask for a deposit to ensure that the ground is left clean and tidy, which will be returned once the ground has been inspected. The cost of marking out the pitches and erecting the goal posts for this event will be down the club. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Bicknell and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor to allow the football tournament to take place in principle subject to the details being agreed with the Clerk and Lead Member for Grounds. ***ALL IN FAVOUR.***

**19.040 MOTION 1 SUBMITTED BY CLLR LARCOMBE**

**That Datchet Parish Council takes immediate action to comply with the terms of the Land at Mill Place lease.**

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Larcombe and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor to move the motion to August meeting as Cllr Loveridge had to leave the meeting. **AGREED**

**19.041 MOTION 2 SUBMITTED BY CLLR MRS L. O'FLYNN**

**That Datchet Parish Council considers the division of roles and responsibilities between itself and the DRCCT with a view to formalising and adoption.** The Chairman explained that the roles and responsibilities between DPC and DRCCT were put together in a document months ago and all Cllr's have been sent a copy. Following discussions, it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor and **SECONDED** by Cllr Thompson that the motion be approved to adopt the document presented in reference to parts A & B only, and that it can that can be reviewed in the future. The voting being as follows: -  
FOR - 8                      AGAINST - 0                      ABSTAINING - 2                      **MOTION RESOLVED**

**19.042 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT – CLLR D. CANNON**

Advised members of the following:

- i) Increased visits by Parking Enforcement Officers with PCN's being issued.
- ii) A question was asked how can the drainage improvements in the village be advanced quicker? It was noted that RBWM has had the budget agreed and a work programme will be put together. Maintenance of gully's and drains will be looked at.
- iii) Questions were asked regarding the raising of drains after resurfacing works are carried out and dropped kerbs? These should be reported on the Borough's website and in relation to dropped kerbs contact highways.

**19.043 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

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

The Clerk advised of cancelled payment to Sutcliff Leisure as the works not carried out yet. Total £8,001.76 It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr O'Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor that with the above amendment the expenditure sheet be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

The Income sheet was noted.

Nominations for Deputy Lead Member for Finance and Administration

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr T. O'Flynn, **SECONDED** by Cllr Clemens and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Larcombe be appointed as Deputy Lead Member for Finance and Administration, there being no further nominations. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

**19.044 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Lead Member presented the following planning applications:

**19/01551 – 8 Linchfield Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LZ – Members had NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

**19/01637 – 29-31 Montagu Road Datchet Slough – Members had NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

**19/01656 – North Green The Green Datchet Slough SL3 9JH – Members had NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

**19/01703 – Isabel Gill Curtains and Interiors 21A Queens Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BN – Members had NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

**BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

**19.045** The Lead Member advised of a complaint received about the neon signs on Runnymede Garage. As these are not in, but are seen from the Conservation Area she recommended that they should be removed. Lead Member to write to RBWM Planning Conservation with a copy to Ward Councillors stating that the signs are obtrusive on the Conservation Area. **Cllr. Mrs. Barnes-Taylor**

**19.046 PROPERTIES**

The Lead Member had circulated her report.

The annual gas check and servicing of the 3 boilers in the village hall are overdue. SEE Contracting had a quoted for these plus the boiler at library, which is due at the end of July. £855.50.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs Davies and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bicknell to go ahead and get done.

**ALL IN FAVOUR Clerk to raise the order.**

**19.047 HIGHWAYS**

The Lead Member had circulated his report.

He had attended a meeting at Eton End School as still receiving complaints regarding parking from residents. There are proposals in place to extend the footpath making it safer for the public and giving a better sight line for traffic. An application will be put in to the Borough.

Cllr Larcombe advised the consultation regarding pavement and on street parking, on the House of Commons web site is still open.

**19.048 FLOODING**

The Lead Member had circulated his report.

He had attended a meeting regarding the 'Poplars' problem which is being looked at by the EA Property Management Team to see what can be done.

**19.049 WORKING GROUPS**

The Chairman voiced concerns that the groups are not getting together regularly.

Cllr Thompson advised the Village Centre Working Group meet last week and he had items to take up with Cllr Cannon.

Cllr Corcoran questioned the progress with the Post Office application and offered to get involved to speed up the process. Cllr Clemens reported that it is all down to the applicant and the Post Office. It was proposed that Cllr Corcoran contact the Post Office on behalf of the Council to see if anything can be done to help progress. ***ALL IN FAVOUR***

**19.050 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

i) Cllr Corcoran spoke regarding speeding down Buccleuch Road and that he was happy to speak with the Golf Club – ***AGREED***

He questioned if bollards to be put in front of Enzo's Hairdressers on the footpath. The Clerk advised it was Borough matter.

Concerning the field fire last year, behind the old Datchet Mead Hotel, owners of the house have requested that a fire break be made between the field and back of their houses. Cllr Corcoran to investigate who owns the land and write.

Cllr Corcoran questioned if all Councillors are part of DRCCT, and if so, why they were not invited to meetings? The Clerk had advised that she is not the clerk for the DRCCT but had reminded those calling the meetings that all councillors are trustees and should be invited and that she had circulated the email addresses of new councillors. Likewise, minutes are to be circulated to everybody.

ii) Cllr Mrs Davies asked for Datchet Eye to advertise that Eton End School are looking for a lollypop person.

iii) Cllr Bacon questioned the Fire Extinguishers check in the Hall, to be investigated by Cllr Mrs Davies.

iv) Cllr Bicknell suggested a spreadsheet to be put together of the regular inspections etc that need doing and a plan say for 3/5/10yrs maintenance. The Clerk advised Lead Members have been asked to do this in the past for their areas of responsibility.

v) Cllr Larcombe thanked the organisers of the Ellis Journey.

**19.051 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

i) A resident mentioned it will be 125 years since DPC was founded on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1894, and that DPC should organise a Christmas event.

ii) Another resident spoke regarding the Post Office not being interested unless the shop takes over threshold.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 22:05

**THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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