

# Datchet Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET**  
**ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 19:35**

Present: Cllrs Mrs L. O’Flynn (Chairman) T. O’Flynn, I. Thompson, D. Loveridge, E. Larcombe, Mrs M. Davies, I. Bacon, P. Bicknell, A. Corcoran, Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor, D. Buckley, P. Hough, Mrs M. Fitzgerald.

RBWM Ward Cllr. D. Cannon

Mrs K. Jones - Clerk, Miss K. Hillis

Apologies: Cllrs A. Clemens, I. Ghattaura

There were 10 members of the public present.

**19.065 ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Chairman welcomed the new councillors to Datchet Parish Council.

**19.066 PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – i) A residents asked if the Council can change the slant of the planning discussions as a lot of time is spent talking about flood plains and not, for example, on bungalows being changed into houses, the visual aspects, or the views of the residents in the area. The Lead Member for Planning, Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor, advised that unfortunately some of these were not reasons for objection and that the neighbours are made aware of applications so can object to the Borough directly.  
ii) A resident questioned item 13 on the agenda regarding the freehold land and asked if the new councillors have been briefed on the issue and legal background. The Lead Member for Grounds to explain when we come to that item.  
iii) A resident asked if the Borough have offered councillor training for planning. The Clerk advised she is arranging general training through BALC/DALC but not specifically for planning. However the Borough have asked to come to talk to members about planning matters, which the clerk is arranging.  
iv) A resident asked regarding the parked vans on Whites Lane. Cllr Cannon advised an enforcement notice has been served and vehicles can/will be removed if reported to the Borough. A resident stated that at the August meeting he had asked for a detailed report on current enforcements cases in the village. Will this be covered tonight as need to be pro-active? The Chairman advised there would not be a full report tonight but the Lead Member for planning would take this up. Cllr Cannon advised that re- enforcement, some actions on the web site do not have information as they are subject to legal consideration.  
v) DNPSG wrote to DPC regarding the airport parking application and the clerk informed them that the Deputy Lead Member for planning would respond. Will they be getting this? The Chairman replied yes.

**19.067 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Loveridge; item 12, Motion 2, Lease at Mill Place

**19.068 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019**

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

**19.069 MINUTES OF THE PART II MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019**

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**19.070 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES**

Page 13 19.054 Cllr Corcoran stated regarding the Post Office, they are now advertising for new applicants whilst old one is still on going. He is also talking to local businesses for a possible alternative with the backstop being a 2 hour slot in the Library.

Page 13 19.058 Cllr Thompson advised the Fire Risk Assessment will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> September

Page 15 Cllr Corcoran questioned whether we are having 2 Christmas trees this year and would DPC like him to organise Christmas on the Green event? The Clerk advised she is still waiting for the Borough to confirm the application for the second tree as this is on their land. The Chairman held a vote for Cllr Corcoran to take on the ‘Christmas on the Green Event’ **ALL IN FAVOUR.** *The Clerk to provide budget details.*

Page 14 19.061 Cllr Bicknell advised Ben Smith at RBWM is happy for DPC to re-invoice RBWM for the light column.

### 19.071 i) CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman is putting together a working group of 3 to 4 members to review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations in time for the May Statutory meeting. Cllr Corcoran expressed an interest in looking into the structure of how things are done and getting a wish list up and running.

The clerk suggested a 'brain storming' session at either the Oct/Nov Council meeting to look at a 4 year wish list and mission statement for the council. Cllr Bicknell suggested to have a forward plan of short/med/long term goals

### ii) CORRESPONDENCE

i) Email received from Victoria Gibson offering to come to Datchet to discuss the 'Development Management Issues and Datchet Design Guide.' *Clerk will contact to arrange to come before the next meeting in October.*

ii) Email received from 'Heathrow West Project' offering to come down to discuss their proposals. *Clerk to contact to arrange coming to a future meeting.*

### 19.072 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The Lead Member presented the budget position as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. Cllr Bacon asked if the budgets were done by the previous Lead Member, and if they showed profit and loss. The Clerk advised that as a Local Council the accounting package is an income/expenditure system. The next report will be at the end of November in order for Lead Members to look at revised budgets and start thinking of their new projects in December, in order to set a budget and the precept for 2020/21.

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

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr O'Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr Loveridge that the expenditure sheet be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

The Income sheet was noted.

After discussions on the cost of delivering football it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr O'Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr Loveridge to keep the football fees the same as last season, £750 per team, for this coming season 2019/2020. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

### 19.073 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Lead Member presented the following planning applications:

**19/01876 – 4 Cobb Close Datchet Slough SL3 9QZ** – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

**19/02223 – 148 London Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LH** – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

**19/02224 – Gospel Chapel 156 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HJ** – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application however, they felt that the proposed 2m high fence on the boundary is out of character with the area and this should be kept to the permitted 1m high allowance.

**19/02338 – 8 Queens Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BN** – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application however, they request that the Borough put an emergency TPO on the tree that is within the grounds to ensure it is properly protected during any works.

**19/0239 – Priory End The Green Datchet Slough SL3 9JL** – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

**19/02430 – 18 Linchfield Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LZ** – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

The Lead Member will take on the enforcement issues re Whites lane

### 19.074 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum dated 09.09.19

### 19.075 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT – CLLR D. CANNON

i) There has been a 25% uplift on parking enforcement, 8 new parking wardens and £68,000 invested for rural areas including Datchet which has had an increase in warden activity. Ward Cllrs, Parish Cllrs and residents need to report problems directly through the Borough website 'Report It' page. Can only enforce double yellow lines and parking bays, the pavements and verges are down to TVP. **PAGE 18**

- ii) Lamp column on The Green. He had query the bill with the Borough as this was installed at the parishes request for Christmas lights.
- iii) Datchet Station/Trains. The last meeting with the Network Rail and contractors was cancelled, new date to be arranged.
- iv) Borough Local Plan, An extra ordinary meeting to be held in October as inspector has asked for changes and RBWM need to consult.
- v) Enforcement on White Lanes is in progress, unattended vehicles can be reported via the RBWM portal.
- vi) Advised the Head of Planning is leaving. Victoria Gibson is happy to come and give guidance on planning decisions. Historically the Parish Council have spent a long-time discussing application even though the decision holds no weight as they are just a ‘consultee’ the same as a resident. DPC can only give an opinion on the plan, if members feel strongly they can ask for it to be ‘called in’ and can have a representative attend and speak at the panel meeting. Can also give the views of the village, i.e. the harm of building in the Green belt can be mitigated if it is ‘good’ for the village.
- vii) Cllr Larcombe stated as Horton Road has just been resurfaced there are currently no yellow lines. Cllr Cannon assured these will be repainted as soon as the surface is suitable.

#### **19.075 PROPERTIES**

The Lead Member presented her report on the Cemetery Chapel and answered questions from members regarding the Conservation Officer and whether planning permission/listed building consent is required. It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs Davies and **SECONDED** by Cllr Loveridge to accept the quote from Keay Roofing and to include a 15% contingency fund and the associated drainage works. **Total £9,320**

**FOR: 12    AGAINST: 0    ABSTAINING: 1**

It was also **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs Davies and **SECONDED** by Cllr Loveridge to submit an application for a Lawful Development Certificate to see if the works fall under permitted development. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

*(Cllr. Mrs Barnes-Taylor left the meeting at 21:00)*

#### **19.076 MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY CLLR P. BICKNELL**

**i) That Datchet Parish Council considers the audio recording of the Council Meetings using the Audio-Visual equipment available in the Village Hall along with the terms of retention, use, and disposal of such material.**

After discussions it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Bicknell and **SECONDED** by Cllr Loveridge to first vote in principal on recording then to write the policy.

**FOR: 9    AGAINST: 1    ABSTAINING: 2**

**MOTION STANDS**

**ii) That Datchet Parish Council considers the video recording and live transmission of the Council Meetings using ‘Periscope’ along with the terms of retention, use, and disposal of such material.**

After discussions it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Bicknell and **SECONDED** by Cllr Corcoran to video and have live transmissions of the Council meetings. A Named Vote was called for;

**FOR: 4                    Cllrs Bacon, Bicknell, Corcoran, Buckley**

**AGAINST: 6            Cllrs Larcombe, T. O’Flynn, Hough, Thompson, Loveridge, Mrs Davies**

**ABSTAINING: 2    Cllrs Mrs O’Flynn, Mrs Fitzgerald**

**MOTION FAILS**

**iii) That Datchet Parish Council consider that each councillor has a [dpc.gov.uk](mailto:dpc.gov.uk) email account to make compliance of GDPR easier.**

After discussions it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Bicknell and **SECONDED** by Cllr Hough to issue all councillors with a *dpc.gov.uk* email account.

**FOR: 9    AGAINST: 0    ABSTAINING: 3**

**MOTION STANDS**

**19.077** It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Larcombe and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bicknell to carry Motions 2 & 3 over to the October meeting. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

#### **19.078 GROUNDS**

The Lead Member for Grounds reported on the following: -

- i) East End of Recreation Ground entrance completed.
- ii) Footpath from Green Gym to play area has been re-laid, the previous path was laid on an inadequate sub base and most of the rest of path is also breaking up and will need to be done early next year.
- iii) Works to the car park bridge, over the ditch, are now complete making it safe and looking good.

iv) Old log seats and brush have been removed from underneath the poplar trees on the Recreation Ground as they were a fire hazard and unsightly. Need to look at a lockable 'green waste' container for the future and not just keeping dumping it on site. To be emptied every 6 months.

v) Village Greens – these are a 'disgrace'. The centre of village is a bare/weed filled patch. The Previous Council did not remedying this only cut them. Have spoken to a groundsman from a golf club for advice on how to get these back and staying looking nice. The previous 4 years very little, if anything, has been done. Keeping the precept low was a higher priority than getting the village looking nice.

vi) Cemetery – Been totally neglected, brick pillars are falling down, the line of 'white fencing' tacked on to the cemetery fence has to be dealt with, either by legal action or be torn down. Bins are stacked at the side of Chapel and a bin store is needed.

To get the village looking as it should, will need to increase the budget at the next budget meeting.

Lead Member for Grounds feels it's his duty to get the village in shape and is happy to do that but needs backing from others. The office are getting emails and questions about grounds and Cllr Loveridge reassured members he knows what he's doing and only employs contractors he knows will do a good job.

Cllr Loveridge thanked Cllr Thompson as Deputy Lead Member for Grounds for helping out at difficult time for him and his family. Cllr Thompson agreed with all that's been said, and confirmed what they are doing is playing catch up and the paths and railings/fencing have been repaired/replaced for public safety reasons not beautification.

vii) Cllr Loveridge advised a short stretch of fencing along the ditch from the new bridge railings is needed for safety, approx. 12/15m. He proposed to use the company who did the new bridge for this and will get a quote and send to all councillors.

***The Chairman proposed to extend the meeting to 22:10 to complete Grounds – Agreed***

viii) Registration of the freehold of the Sabatini Land – Cllr Thompson advised that the land was not registered and need to rectify this and get the land properly registered

Cllr Bacon asked in what name? Cllr. Mrs Davies stated in the name of the DRCCT as in the 1976 document. As such Cllr Bacon felt this should be a matter for the DRCCT agenda not DPC.

Cllr Lacombe stated as both parties need to agree, it needs to be heard at both meetings.

ix) Councillors Questions

Cllr Corcoran had concerns over the correct procedure to elect the people to do the jobs and receive 3 quotes as per SO's. He had issues with the work at Tesco end – he felt the fence was too tall and end not finished. The new path has a trip edge and the white railings on the bridge 'stick out'.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 22:10**

***Remaining items to be carried over to the next meeting***

**THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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