

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET ON MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 19:38

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

Mrs K. Jones - Clerk, Miss K. Hillis

Apologies: E. Larcombe, A. Clemens

There were 7 members of the public present.

19.079 ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

19.080 PUBLIC QUESTIONS – i) A resident asked for traffic calming measures to be installed on Ditton Road, similar to other roads in the village. The Chair explained that this is on the agenda for later tonight and because Cllr Larcombe could not attend, Cllr Hough said he was happy to take this motion.

ii) A resident referred to a planning application which is going to appeal on 12th December and asked if a Parish representative would be attending to give the councils view. The Chair advised this would be looked at under Planning.

iii) A resident raised their request to be co-opted onto the Storm Water and Drainage Group, which was minuted at the August meeting. They had seen that the group met on the 16th September and asked if consideration had been given to their request. Cllr Thompson advised he had emailed the Clerk stating the working group was full at the minute and it was inappropriate to have any more members. *Clerk to forward the email to the resident concerned.*

19.081 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Loveridge declared an interest in Planning applications 19/02017, 19/02647, 19/02649.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Bicknell and SECONDED BY CLLR Hough to finish at the meeting at 21:30 as been here since 18:00.

ALL AGREED

19.082 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER 2019

PAGE 20 viii) Cllr Bacon stated that this was solely a DRCCT matter.

Subject to the above amendment the minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

19.083 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

PAGE 17 19.070 Cllr Corcoran Meeting with the Post Office tomorrow and there are 2 short-term and 2 long-term potentials.

PAGE 18 The Clerk to arrange a date with Victoria Gibson re the Datchet Design Guide. The Clerk to also rearrange for Heathrow West to come to December’s meetings as DHEF is scheduled for November.

PAGE 18 Cllr Corcoran asked about holding an Extra Ordinary meeting to do ‘Brainstorming’ he felt that as we are losing time each meeting an interim meeting might be better. Cllr Bicknell also felt that there should be an in formal meeting for members to formulate a ‘forward plan’, so that it is not all last minute. **AGREED**

PAGE 19 19.073 ii) Cllr Bicknell asked when he can bring back this motion to Council. The Chair advised Standing Orders say 6 months.

19.084 ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM SEPTEMBERS MEETING

i) Motion 2. Cllr E. Larcombe

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

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs L. O’Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bicknell to put this motion aside until after Christmas and for Cllr Larcombe to take it up with the Borough directly. **ALL AGREED**

ii) Motion 3. Cllr E. Larcombe

That Datchet Parish Council takes action to remove the bins from the public footpath at the entrance to St. Mary's School.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Thompson and **SECONDED** by Cllr O'Flynn for Cllr Thompson to send a letter to the shop and the flat above referring to relocation of the bins. **ALL AGREED**

iii) HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES

Lead Member for Highways Cllr Thompson had circulated his reports prior to the meeting and there were no questions.

The Clerk updated members on the relocation of the Datchet Milestone and asked if Council would like her to get a quote from Andy Chalk for the works and for him to investigate the 'root' of the milestone.

AGREED Clerk to pursue

iv) FLOODING

Spokesperson for Flooding Cllr Thompson had circulated his reports prior to the meeting.

Cllr Corcoran questioned regarding Maydencroft and the proposals for the Recreation Ground ditch. The Clerk advised this was on the agenda under Grounds for discussion later.

v) TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Cllr Thompson had circulated reports from the Village Centre W.G and the Stormwater and Drainage W.G. and stated that if there were any questions to approach him after the meeting.

19.085 i) CHAIRMANS REPORT

1) To consider the reorganisation of Lead and Deputy Lead members. Following discussions, it was **AGREED** that voting will take place at the next meeting on positions made vacant.

2) Members were asked to approve the 125 year logo for use on council documents/web site. **AGREED**

3) Members were also asked to consider how to mark the 125 year occasion. The Clerk suggested planting 125 trees around Datchet and to ask residents to help watering these. Cllr Corcoran felt this was a good idea and DPC could involve schools and community groups but a Project Plan was required.

ii) CORRESPONDENCE

1) Have received an enquiry regarding a new team hiring the Recreation Ground for football next season. After discussions it was agreed to ask them to put in an application confirming their details.

2) To consider a joint Heathrow Expansion group with Horton, Wraysbury and Old Windsor.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Buckley and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor for Cllr Buckley to be the representative on this group and that he also be the new LAANC representative for the council.

AGREED

19.086 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

i) The Lead Member Cllr T. O'Flynn presented the income and expenditure sheets for approval. Following discussions by members and answers provided as necessary it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr T. O'Flynn, **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor and **RESOLVED** that the income and payment sheets be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

ii) The Clerk advised that the second half of precept had been received in the sum of £71,409 and had circulated the Bank Rec. sheets to all.

iii) The Clerk had circulated the recommendations of the AGAR notice of completion to all members including the external auditor's comments that for the two charity accounts, where the councillors are trustees, these should have their own internal audit. The council could arrange for the same company to do both the councils and the charities accounts and then recharge. **The Clerk to arrange**

iv) The Clerk presented the three quotes received for providing internal auditing services for 2019/20.

- IAC Audit & Consultancy Ltd; £670 plus travel and expenses for 1.5 days
- Arrow Accounting; £800 plus travel and expenses (no mention of days)
- Auditing Solutions Ltd; £800 plus travel and expenses for 2 days

After discussions it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Bacon and **SECONDED** by Cllr O'Flynn to stay with the current internal auditor – Auditing Solutions as we have used them for the last 5/6 years. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

v) Recording Policy; The Clerk had circulated a copy of a policy from another council as an example to be adjusted to suit DPC. The Chair reminded members that the written and signed copy of the minutes are the only version accepted in law.

After discussions it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Hough and **SECONDED** by Cllr Buckley to put the audio recordings on the council's website and keep them for 6 months.

The voting being as follows: -

IN FAVOUR : 11 AGAINST : 1 ABSTAINING: 1 **AGREED**

19.087 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Lead Member Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor presented the following planning applications:

19/02017 – Land at Datchet Common Horton Road Datchet Slough (Cllr Loveridge left the room for this item) Following discussions it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs Barne-Taylor and **SECONDED** by Cllr T. O'Flynn that there be had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

The voting being as follows: -

IN FAVOUR : 8 AGAINST : 2 ABSTAINING: 2 **AGREED**

19/02370 – 10B – 10C High Street Datchet Slough – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application provided that all the materials used are suitable in a conservation area. e.g. No UPVC windows.

19/02556 – 38 Fairfield Avenue Datchet Slough SL3 9NQ – Members had **OBJECTIONS** to this application due to over development of the site.

19/02645 – Datchet Village Pharmacy The Green Datchet Slough SL3 9JH – Members had **OBJECTIONS** to this application due to the lack of parking allocations.

19/02654 – 56 Eton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9AY – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

19/02673 – 2 Leigh Park Datchet Slough SL3 9JP – Members has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

The Clerk advised that although application numbers 19/02647 and 19/02649 were on the list as variations to conditions Cllr Larcombe had asked that these be discussed as there are implications for the residents living adjacent. It was **AGREED** that as the decision date is not until the 19th November that these be bought back to the Council meeting on the 11th November.

19.088 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum dated 07.10.19

19.089 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT – CLLR D. CANNON

Borough Councillor not present at the meeting.

19.090 PROPERTIES

The Lead Member, Cllr Mrs M. Davies, presented her report.

i) A quote had been received from SSE for the repairs to the library boiler and heating system in the sum of £4,314.14, which is greater than the limit for a Lead Member to approve. She asked council to suspend Standing Orders so that the remedial works could be done as a matter of urgency as the heating system could not be re-started without these works and the library had been left on temporary portable heaters.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs Davies and **SECONDED** by Cllr Thompson to suspend Standing Orders on this occasion and accept the quote from SSE.

IN FAVOUR: 8 AGAINST: 1 ABSTAINING: 4 *Clerk to raise an order for the works*

ii) Village Hall and bungalow insurance. The Lead Member proposed that these be added to the current DPC insurance policy as it was quite a saving on the renewal price and the council to then to recharge the DRCCT for contents of the Village Hall and bungalow, since it owns the buildings. **AGREED**

iii) Cemetery Chapel. A Certificate of Lawfulness application has been sent off to RBWM but no response yet.

iv) Have received a quote for the repairs to the showers in the changing room which is within the budget and will raise the order.

Remaining items to be carried over to the next meeting

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:34

THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 11TH NOVEMBER 2019

CHAIRMAN

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