

# Datchet Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 19:34

Present: Cllrs Mrs L. O'Flynn (Chairman) T. O'Flynn, I. Thompson, D. Loveridge, Mrs M. Davies, I. Bacon, P. Bicknell, A. Corcoran, P. Hough, Mrs M. Fitzgerald, E. Larcombe.  
Mrs K. Jones - Clerk, Miss K. Hillis

Apologies: Cllr's A. Clemens, Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor, D. Buckley, I. Ghattaura.

Borough Councillors: Cllr D. Cannon

There were 9 members of the public present.

**19.091 ANNOUNCEMENTS** – i) All advised to speak one at a time and directly into the microphone in order for it to record correctly, and directed members of the public to come forward to the designated table to speak. Also advised the public that they can record the meeting however they must let the council know of the intension beforehand.

ii) As Lead Member for Planning and Vice Chair Cllr Mrs P. Barnes-Taylor is absent from the meeting Chairman proposed that Cllr Loveridge be Vice Chair for this meeting. **ALL AGREED**

iii) Parish Conference 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Advised that all can attend along with the Clerk and Chairman.

**19.092 PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – NONE

**19.093 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Loveridge declared an interest in planning applications 19/02647, 19/02649

**19.094 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

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

**19.095 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES**

Page 21 19.084 Cllr Larcombe agreed to take this up with the Borough directly.

Page 22 ii) Motion 3 Cllr Thompson advised letters referring to the bins has been sent.

Page 22 19.085 2) The Clerk had been advised that technically DPC would not be 125 years old until January 2020. Logo to be amended accordingly.

Page 22 The Clerk advised that Cllr Bacon will help to sort out the problems with the recordings and resolve any issues.

Page 21 19.080 ii) Cllr Loveridge queried this item and if this matter was looked at under planning. The Clerk advised that it was not and it will be discussed tonight.

**19.096 ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM SEPTEMBERS MEETING**

**i) GROUNDS – Lead Members report Cllr Loveridge**

i) The Cemetery paths have been refurbished and look good. Need to get one of the brick pillars re-capped with the original stone that is on the ground. There is little else to do, although would like to get the white fencing removed that has been put up at the rear of the site without permission. He has knocked on the neighbour's door and left notes with a contact number as would like to speak with them first before just removing it. Cllr Bicknell suggested the Clerk write to give X days' notice to remove as it is on parish property or we will take it down.

ii) Complaints of dog mess on the Recreation Ground from users and footballers and asked for suggestions on how this can be stopped. More signage to be put up, an article to be placed in the Link and to ask the Community Wardens to do more patrols with on the spot fines.

iii) Datchet Football Club have requested to use the Recreation Ground next season for an under 9's team which will be aimed at the local children of Datchet. Following discussions, it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Loveridge and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bicknell to grant permission, in principal, for a youth team and allow them use of the Recreation Ground free of charge subject to further information. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

iv) The Recreation Ground Ditch.

The Deputy Lead Member, Cllr Thompson, referred to the documents previously circulated including the storm water system and the drawings showing the levels. At present the water flow comes from 2 directions,

the Datchet Common Brook on Horton Road and from Slough Road, both downhill, into the Recreation Ground Ditch which then acts as a soak away. The proposal for re-profiling the ditch, to make it wider to accommodate/disperse more water, is the type of scheme the E.A. would approve. The proposal includes a culverted section by youth club and incorporates a pump out chamber where water can be drawn out from to be disperse into the River Thames.

The proposal will give a better, more natural, landscape including tree planting. The cross section is wider and terraced to accommodate a greater volume of water which will drain away quicker as there is more surface area and ponds with vegetation to soak up more water. The proposal will also protect Horton Rd where ground water rose up in 2014.

He has asked the consultants for idea of the cost which is around £180,000 for the whole project, to be budgeted over 3 years. He asked for approval to go ahead with developing the plan.

After discussions and councillors requesting more details for this amount of money the Chairman advised the Council are not agreed to go ahead with the plans at this stage.

#### **ii) Motions submitted Motion 1. Cllr. E. Larcombe**

That Datchet Parish Council requests RBWM action to reduce the dangers associated with speeding traffic in Ditton Road. Cllr Bicknell stated RBWM will do a survey along with police and come up with recommendations, but that facts can be different to perception.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Larcombe and **SECONDED** by Cllr Hough, that Cllr Larcombe pursue this with the Borough on behalf of Datchet Parish Council. *ALL IN FAVOUR*

#### **19.097 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE WILD ABOUT DATCHET GROUP.**

Apologies sent in from Hannah Needham who could not attend the meeting. The Clerk showed the groups presentation on the surveys done on the Willowfield's and the Land at Mill Place and their proposals to plant a small area of wildflowers and to carry out winter work. The group asked for permission from the Council to use the land and for support in buying materials and equipment, and assisting with the works. After discussions it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Loveridge and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bacon to support the group and give them permission and the funding for the £82.96 requested. *ALL IN FAVOUR*

#### **19.098 CHAIRMANS REPORT**

To receive nominations and vote on appointments for new Lead & Deputy Lead members where positions have become vacant.

##### **Finance and Administration**

Cllr Larcombe to stand down as Deputy and Cllr Hough nominated.

No other nominations were received.

*ALL IN FAVOUR* for Cllr Hough to become Deputy Lead for Finance and Administration

##### **Properties**

Cllr Loveridge to stand down as Deputy. Nominations for Deputy Lead Member were;

Cllr Bacon **SECONDED** by Cllr Hough

FOR 5

Cllr Thompson **SECONDED** by Cllr Loveridge (if step down for Planning and Highways)

FOR 6

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Thompson become the Deputy Lead Member for Properties

##### **Planning**

Cllr Thompson to stand down as Deputy

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Thompson and **SECONDED** by Cllr Loveridge to nominate Cllr Bicknell for Deputy Lead for Planning

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Corcoran and **SECONDED** by Cllr Hough to nominate Cllr Buckley for Deputy Lead for Planning.

Cllr Bicknell was happy to stand down in favour of Cllr Buckley.

*ALL IN FAVOUR* for Cllr Buckley to become Deputy Lead for Planning.

##### **Highways and General Purposes**

Cllr Mrs Davies to stand down as Lead Member and Cllr Thompson to stand down as Deputy

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr O'Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Davies to nominate Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald for Lead Member for Highways

FOR 6

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Corcoran and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bacon to nominate Cllr Buckley for Lead Member for Highways

FOR 3

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald become the Lead Member for Highways

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr O'Flynn and **SECONDED** by Mrs Davies to nominate Cllr Buckley for Deputy Lead Member for Highways

**ALL IN FAVOUR** for Cllr Buckley to become Deputy Lead for Highways and General purposes

### **Events Coordinator**

Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor to stand down as Events Coordinator.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr O'Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr Hough to nominate Cllr Corcoran to become to Events Coordinator.

**ALL IN FAVOUR** for Cllr Corcoran to become to Events Coordinator.

### **19.099 CORRESPONDENCE**

i) Letter received from the Berkshire Youth re a potential county-wide youth service requesting funding for two teams, split 14 ways between the east and west parishes at a cost of £21,428 each, per year. After discussions it was agreed to decline to the offer as Datchet already has a youth club which is run by the Borough and DPC give the use of the building for free.

ii) Received an application from the Ellis Journey requesting the use of the Village Greens in 2020 and associated road closures. After discussions concerning the protection the Village Green from damage by the cars it was agreed to allow access to the Greens for the 2020 event but to review the usage for the future years.

**ALL AGREED**

iii) Email received from the Borough regarding B.T.s consultation on the removal of the payphones on Memorial Green and Ditton Road, giving the Council the option of adopting these for £1. After discussions it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the payphone on Memorial Green and look at installing one of the defibrillator units in it. Cllr Larcombe offered to pay to replace this box with a red 'heritage' phone box which could then have the electric box incorporated in it.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Loveridge and **SECONDED** by Cllr Thompson to accept Cllr Larcombe offer.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

### **19.100 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

The Lead Member Cllr T. O'Flynn presented the income and expenditure sheets for approval. Members were advised of three extra payments to be added, where the work has been carried out already.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr O'Flynn **SECONDED** by Cllr Loveridge and **RESOLVED** that the income and payment sheets be approved.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

### **19.101 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

In the absence of the Lead Member for Planning Deputy Lead Cllr Thompson presented the following planning applications:

**19/02647 – Land to rear of 250 to 284 Horton Road Datchet and, 19/02649 – Land to rear of 250 to 284 Horton Road Datchet.**

Having declared an interest Cllr Loveridge took no part in the discussions.

The Deputy Lead Member took these two applications together as they are very similar.

Following discussions including answers given by the applicant, who was allowed to speak, it was

**PROPOSED** by Cllr Thompson and **SECONDED** by Cllr O'Flynn that there be **NO OBJECTIONS** to both applications.

Cllr Larcombe called for a named vote, this being

FOR: - 5 - Cllr's Thompson, Mrs Fitzgerald, Bicknell, O'Flynn and Mrs O'Flynn

Against: - 3 - Cllr's Corcoran, Bacon and Larcombe

Abstaining: - 2 – Cllr's Hough and Davies

**RESOLVED** that the council have **NO OBJECTIONS** to both applications.

**19/01926 – 15 Castle Avenue Datchet – Members had NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

**19/02690 – Cherry House 33 High Street Datchet – Members had OBJECTIONS** to this application on the grounds that the extension will be too close to the neighbour's property which is an historic building and also in the conservation area.

**19/02730 – 48 Lawn Close Datchet – Members had NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

**19/02874 – 19 Lawn Close Datchet – Members had OBJECTIONS** to this application on the ground of over development of the site.

## **19.102 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum dated 11.11.19

i) With regards to sending a representative to attend the hearing on 12<sup>th</sup> December, regarding the 4-pitch caravan site it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr O'Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald for Cllr Thompson to attend and relay back the council's original decision.

FOR: 6      AGAINST: 3      ABSTAINING: 1

*Clerk to inform the Inspector*

ii) The Clerk updated on CILC, no outstanding money at the moment, will update again in April 2020.

iii) Cllr Thompson advised the cars on Whites Lane have been removed by the Borough.

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

i) Dog mess is a problem everywhere, the only thing you can do is change the bylaws to have all dogs kept on leads. Cannot prosecute from CCTV evidence. Community wardens are already aware.

ii) Lack of Post Office, the commercial premises are not moving forward and residents are asking to put a service in the Library. The Library service are happy to talk to DPC to discuss rent.

iii) the Barrell Arch has been surveyed and RBWM are awaiting the report.

iv) Ditton Road was subject to a traffic survey but speeding was not frequent so it is not a priority for urgent works. Advised all to report any speeding offences to the police.

v) The Datchet Milestone relocation application has been approved by RBWM.

vi) Ellis Event will need to apply to the Borough for Road Closure

vii) Phone Box replacement - Cllr Larcombe' allowance is £750

### **Questions**

i) Cllr Davies; Post Office was discussed at the last council meeting and came down to having a Post Master for so many days/hours in the Library and would be paid for by sales. If they did not make enough money it would close. Cllr Corcoran advised he has been chasing outreach from Slough Post Office to do 4 hours per week in the Library, however there is quite a delay. There is also still a permanent business in the pipeline.

### **The Chairman Proposed that the meeting continue until 22:15 - ALL AGREED**

ii) Cllr Loveridge the Barrell arch has been surveyed but there is a problem on North Green with the road kerb that has failed and water is washing up on the Green. Need to get this sorted and is prepared to meet with Cllr Cannon later in the week.

iii) Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald; Datchet Village Store are very keen to have the Post Office there but cannot open to 23:00

iv) Cllr Hough asked if traffic monitoring in the village is RBWM's responsibility? Cllr Cannon advised with reference the level crossings it is Network Rail along with looking to extend the platform.

v) Cllr Larcombe asked about the revised Borough Local Plan, and Cllr Cannon advised it has been put out for consultation for 6-8 weeks and is due for completion before Christmas.

vi) Cllr Thompson advised that re Eton End School residents had written a report on their comments and proposals to restrict parents parking in Eton Close. He asks for Council to agree these and send them to the Borough. The Clerk advised for them to send direct to RBWM.

## **19.104 HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES**

The Lead Member for Highways, Cllr Thompson, had circulated his reports prior to the meeting. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

## **19.105 FLOODING**

Cllr Thompson had sent his report to all. The RTS looks like it will go ahead and he suggested that a team be put together to coordinate this. He has contacted the EA in reference to 'Poplars' and asked for an assessment of watercourses. He would like the 'Living on the edge' booklet printed for residents who live on water courses.

## **19.106 WORKING GROUPS**

Cllr Bicknell suggested to purchase extra microphones and name holders for all. *Clerk to obtain prices.*

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

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:15

**THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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