

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, DATCHET ON MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2020 AT 19:30

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

Apologies: Cllr I. Bacon, Mrs K. Jones - Clerk

There were 9 members of the public present.

19.128 ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Chairman advised all that the recording of the meeting may not be working due to technical issues.

19.129 PUBLIC QUESTIONS – NONE

19.130 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NONE

19.131 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER 2019

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

19.132 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

Minute 19.120 – It was asked if a reply had been received regarding the use of the tennis courts and was advised that they did not require the courts without the use of the changing rooms.

19.133 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Recommendation regarding the Budget for 2020/2021

A summary was provided from last week’s meeting which had been emailed to members on Friday.

Budget 2020/21. Projected balance for the start of the year £103,000, Income £240,000 and day to day expenditure £209,000. Proposals for new projects are £138,000 and there is £98,000 left from project money from 2019/20. New projects come to a lot of money. As there is £30,000 carried forward for the Riverside jetties Cllr Hough’s personal view is to cancel this and put the money back into the general funds.

Cllr Bicknell added that the money being talking about is slippage. Thousands of pounds were allocated to projects that have not happened. A decision was made 4 years ago and since then councillors have changed and changed minds, no one way or another to decrease or increase the precept.

Cllr Thompson stated a 2.5% increase on the precept would work out to be just pennies per household per month and there was no reason to reduce projects. He had done a projection and there is some movement when looking for proposal cost go up 2.5%, keeping value same this year allowing for escalation.

It was discussed that the information sent out on Friday brought numbers back up with an income of £4,000 for a cemetery plot sold this week, although some of the projects are still up for debate

Cllr Mrs Davies mentioned that £2,445.40 urgently needs spending on properties, as 24a The Green gutters need sorting out. Cllr Hough advised that next years budget has £4,000 for The Bridge, to be told by Cllr Mrs Davies that it will be spent this week.

Cllr Bicknell suggested when get tight on budget need to get competitive suppliers.

Precept 2020/2021

After discussions to determine the level of the Precept for 2020/21it was **PROPOSED** by Cllr O’Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bicknell to keep the precept the same as last year to be able to fund all projects.

It was **COUNTER PROPOSED** by Cllr Thompson and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Davies to use last years figures adding 2.5% for inflation.

In accordance with Standing Orders the voting for the Counter Proposal took place first, the results being:

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| FOR: | 6 |
| AGAINST: | 6 |
| ABSTAINING: | 1 |
| The Chairman had the casting vote: | AGAINST |

The Counter Motion Fails.

The voting on the first proposal took place, Cllr Bicknell called for a named vote.

The results being:

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| FOR: Cllrs O’Flynn, Hough, Bicknell, Larcombe, Corcoran, Buckley, Mrs O’Flynn | 7 |
| AGAINST: Cllrs Mrs Barnes-Taylor, Loveridge, Mrs Fitzgerald, Mrs Davies, Thompson | 5 |
| ABSTAINING: Cllr Ghattaura | 1 |

Therefore, Cllr O’Flynn’s proposal succeeds and the Precept for 2020/2021 will stay the same as last year.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Mrs O’Flynn and **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor to authorise the Clerk to advise the Borough Council of the level of precept required for 2020/2021 **ALL IN FAVOUR**

The Lead Member presented the income and expenditure sheets for approval. Following consideration and discussions by members and answers provided as necessary. Cllr Loveridge stated he would like to see the work done on the trailer before authorising payment.

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr O’Flynn **SECONDED** by Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor and **RESOLVED** that the income and payment sheets be approved. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Cllr Thompson thanked Cllr Larcombe for the contribution of £2750 for the red heritage phone box.

To receive the Internal Auditors report for the first half of the financial year 2019/2020

The internal auditor’s report which made 3 recommendations, i) Back up accounts package off site, ii) Review the insurance cover in regards to cash holdings, iii) Income sheet reported to members should include a list of ‘expected’ rent and receipt confirmed on same sheet.

Councillors Questions

Cllr Corcoran referred to his email sent regarding the budget on events which had been reduced from £5,000 to £2,500 and asked had it been changed as he had no reply back yet. Advised by Cllr Hough the events budget is now under Grounds. Cllr Bicknell stated the £5,000 is important could we put it in proposals for events. Cllr Mrs O’Flynn advised that the procedure is normal.

Items carried forward from the December 2019 meeting

19.134 i) GROUNDS

Cllr Loveridge passed the Milestone agenda point over to Cllr Thompson to discuss, who agreed to come back with the quote and where it is to be relocated. The Chairman advised can not make a decision until we have discussed this with the person undertaking the work.

Cllr Hough asked if the wall at the rear of the Parish Office and Village Hall could have some climbing flowers, advised by Cllr Loveridge this could be done cheaply.

ii) HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES

Lead Member Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald report;

Will arrange to meet with Cllr Cannon next week, to talk about the following;

- What Eton End School would like to be done regarding parking.
- The Stag are going to pay for cameras to be put up to cover the roundabout.
- Parking by the shops to be looked at by police.
- Chemist will get a camera to look at the cars going over the railway bridge
- Castle Avenue corner is dark.
- Footpath by the golf course isn’t very wide.
- Zebra Crossing by the Bridge.
- Large vans and lorry not to come through the village.
- Engines to be turned off when vehicles are stationary.

Cllr Hough requested that reports be all circulated to members before each meeting. He also advised that some trees are blocking the street lights making it dark, he also asked about the possibility a cycle path between Windsor and Datchet. Cllr Thompson spoke regarding a meeting to be held to reduce the speed in Datchet to 20mph.

iii) FLOODING

Lead Councillors Report – Advised water levels rose high over the Christmas period, bulletins provided from the emergency officer from the Borough, this should have been provided by the EA. DPC worked out protective measures. Flood defences not provided by DPC, taken up with EA at Borough level. The Flood Risk Assessment has never had a response from the Borough.

Discussions were had on the flood defences and sandbags, Cllr Thompson advised all that daily checks were made around the village, if water would have gone down Southlea Road Cllr Loveridge was ready to go with the sandbags.

Cllr Loveridge thanked Cllr Thompson for his work done over the Christmas period.

iv) WORKING GROUPS

It was noted that no working groups had met.

Cllr Mrs O’Flynn will arrange a meeting regarding the review of Standing Orders.

Cllr Thompson; Drainage System – Wanted a report from the Borough but not had back yet, waiting for survey report.

Cllr Corcoran advised was trying to arrange an Environmental Awareness working group meeting, and will organise this after the meeting.

19.135 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Lead Member for Planning presented the following planning applications:

19/03038 – 58 Ruscombe Gardens, Datchet– Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application, but raised a question as to the height of the brick wall along the highway.

19/03243 – Chestnut Cottage, The Green, Datchet – Members had **NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO CONSERVATION OFFICERS VIEW**

19/03354 – 14 Castle Avenue, Datchet – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

19/03362 – 56 Eton Road, Datchet – Members had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

19/03456 – 66 Ditton Road, Datchet –Members had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

19.136 BOROUGH PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the Borough Planning Decisions as on the planning addendum dated 13.01.20

19.137 CORRESPONDENCE

A request has been received by email for the Funfair to be held back on the Recreation Ground. Cllr Loveridge would like to speak with the organisers first to see exactly what they require, what they are looking at having on the Recreation ground and where, and what they are willing to pay. Will also speak with Don Lyons-Davis as he was around when previous event was held. Will liaise with Cllr Corcoran regarding dates to try and hold events together.

19.138 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

In the absence of Cllr Cannon, Cllr Larcombe agreed to take any questions.

The budget was an issue, along with BLP being an issue.

Cllr Hough – requested the Borough Council liaise for a report

Cllr Loveridge asked for thoughts on Council Tax rises, Cllr Larcombe advised will know more at the next meeting.

Chairman requested meeting be extended to 21:45. AGREED

19.139 PROPERTIES

The Lead Member for Properties advised of work due to be done at The Bridge Cafe. The first quote received of £2,445.40 which is about average to get the works required done.

19.140 GROUNDS

The Lead Member for Ground had previously circulated his report on the project for the boundary on the Greens.

After discussions it was **PROPOSED IN PRINCIPAL** by Cllr Loveridge and **SECONDED** by Cllr Hough to get costings and go ahead with the work required on Memorial Green and North Green to clear up posts and replace ones that's needed, to turf and create a drain.

Cllr Loveridge suggested coming back to the jetties. Cllr Mrs Barnes-Taylor added that Council has the money for them under projects and proposed Council to get 3 quotes. Cllr Loveridge stated that the Council need to decide if they were going ahead first.

19.141 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public stated as per Standing Orders the public questions at the end of the meeting is pointless and suggested allowing questions to be taken at strict points under certain agenda items.

MEETING CLOSED AT 21:55

THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD 10TH FEBRUARY 2020

CHAIRMAN

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