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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING OF DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025 AT 7.00PM

Present: (12 Members) Cllr. D. Buckley (Chairman), Cllr. E. Larcombe, Cllr. I. Bacon, Cllr. M. Davies, Cllr I. Thompson, Cllr. S. Glover, Cllr. C. Wise, Cllr. S. Young, Cllr. A. Clemens, Cllr D. Loveridge, Cllr A. Whelan, Cllr T O'Flynn.

In attendance: Clerk - Mrs. S. Masikito, Admin Assistant - Ms. C. Jeffries.

Public: There were 4 members of the public present.

Recording of this meeting is available on the website

25/01 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON

- a. To elect a CHAIRPERSON of the PARISH COUNCIL for the ensuing Municipal Year 2025-26

DECISION: Nominations were called for the Office of Chairperson.

Nominated: Cllr D Buckley **Proposed by:** Cllr E. Larcombe **Seconded by:** Cllr T. O'Flynn

There were no other nominations, with a majority vote that Cllr D. Buckley be appointed Chairperson of the Council for 2025-26. **It was therefore declared that Cllr D. Buckley be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal year.**

Cllr M Davies abstained from voting.

- b. To receive the Chairperson's declaration of acceptance of office, or agree when it will be received.

RESOLVED: Having been duly elected, Cllr D. Buckley **accepted** the Office of Chairman of the Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

25/02 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

To elect a VICE CHAIRPERSON of the PARISH COUNCIL for the ensuing Municipal Year.

The Chairman called for the nominations for the Office of Vice-Chairperson. Cllr E. Larcombe requested a named vote.

Nominated: Cllr S. Young **Proposed by:** Cllr C. Wise **Seconded by:** Cllr S. Glover

Nominated: Cllr E. Larcombe **Proposed by:** Cllr T. O'Flynn **Seconded by:** Cllr M. Davies

DECISION: Councillors D. Loveridge, C. Wise, A. Whelan, I. Bacon, S. Glover, I. Thompson, S. Young, A. Clemens and D. Buckley voted in favor of Cllr S. Young's appointment. It was therefore declared that Cllr S. Young be appointed Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal year. Councillors E. Larcombe, M. Davies and T. O'Flynn abstained from voting.

It was therefore declared that Cllr S. Young has been appointed Vice chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal year.

25/03 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr. D Sanders, Borough Cllr J. Grove.
Absent without apologies: Cllr C. Jones

The Chair announced that Cllr Linda O'Flynn had resigned from her councillor role with immediate effect. Special thanks were given to Linda from the Chair on behalf of the community and everyone at Datchet Parish Council.

25/04 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

25/05 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE (GPC)

The Council confirms that it will not hold the GPC as the Council does not currently meet the eligibility criteria to adopt the General Power of Competence, as it does not have the required number of elected councillors.

25/06 LEAD COUNCILLOR ROLES

To appoint Lead Councillors and their Deputies: -

RESOLVED TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR:

Key Area/Position	Appointed	Proposer	Seconded	Vote
Grounds Lead	Cllr S Glover	Cllr C Wise	Cllr I Bacon	Majority
Grounds Deputy	Cllr D Loveridge	Cllr C Wise	Cllr S Glover	Majority
Flooding & Drainage Lead	Cllr I Thompson	Cllr S Young	Cllr C Wise	Majority
Flooding & Drainage Deputy	Cllr S Young	Cllr C Wise	Cllr I Thompson	Majority
Events Lead	Cllr A Clemens	Cllr D Loveridge	Cllr S Glover	Majority
Events Deputy	Cllr S. Glover	Cllr A Clemens	Cllr C Wise	Majority
Properties Lead	Cllr D Sanders	Cllr C Wise	Cllr I Bacon	Majority
Properties Deputy	Cllr I Bacon	Cllr S Young	Cllr S Glover	Majority
Highways Lead	Cllr A Whelan	Cllr C Wise	Cllr S Young	Majority
Highways Deputy	Vacant			
Planning Lead	Cllr D Buckley	Cllr S Young	Cllr A Whelan	Majority
Planning Deputy	Cllr D Sanders	Cllr C Wise	Cllr A Clemens	Majority
Cemetery Lead	Cllr C Wise	Cllr S Young	Cllr D Loveridge	Majority
Cemetery Deputy	Cllr D Loveridge	Cllr C Wise	Cllr A Clemens	Majority
Communications Lead	Cllr A Whelan	Cllr C Wise	Cllr A Clemens	Majority
Communications Deputy	Cllr A Clemens	Cllr S Glover	Cllr A Whelan	Majority

25/07 WORKING GROUPS

- a) To appoint Members to Working Groups (*4 council members plus invited parties*)

Current Working Groups
<i>Strategic Plan Working Group</i>
<i>Ditch Culvert Working Group</i>
<i>Datchet Neighborhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Working Group (DMG)</i>
<i>Community Orchard Working Group</i>

RESOLVED:

Strategic Plan Working Group - Cllr D. Buckley proposed that the existing members remain the same. This was agreed with a majority vote. Cllr M. Davies abstained from voting.

ACTION: SPWG to invite Cllr A. Whelan to their next meeting.

Ditch Culvert Working Group – It was agreed to appoint Cllr D. Loveridge and Cllr T. O’Flynn to make 4 council members in total.

ACTION: Cllrs to ensure all invited parties to the working group be informed of meetings.

DNP/DMG Working Group - It was agreed for the working group members to remain the same. .

Community Orchard Working Group – It was agreed to dissolve the working group as it is no longer required, with the final phase of planting done.

25/08 MEMBERS APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

- a To appoint councillors to the Finance and Governance Committee for 2025-26

RESOLVED: It was agreed to continue with the current committee.

- b. To appoint a chairperson for the Finance and Governance committee for 2025-26

RESOLVED: It was agreed to continue with the current committee.

- c. To appoint a vice-chair for the Finance and Governance committee for 2025-26

RESOLVED: It was agreed to continue with the current committee.

- d. To appoint councillors to the Staffing Committee for 2025-26

RESOLVED: **RESOLVED:** It was agreed to continue with the current committee.

- e. To appoint a chairperson for Staffing Committee for 2025-26

RESOLVED: Cllr C. Wise put herself forward to be Chair. This was proposed by Cllr D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. S Young and passed with a majority vote.
Cllr E. Larcombe and Cllr M. Davies abstained from voting.

- f. To appoint a vice-chair to the Staffing Committee for 2025-26

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr D. Buckley that Cllr S. Glover becomes vice-chair, this was seconded by Cllr. S Young and passed with a majority vote.
Cllr E. Larcombe and Cllr M. Davies abstained from voting.

To note that the membership of the LAMP committee will remain unchanged for continuity except for the addition Finance Committee Chair to oversee expenditure.

RESOLVED: It was noted the LAMP committee members will remain the same with the addition of adding Cllr S. Young as Chair of the Finance committee. This was proposed by Cllr D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr. A Clemens and passed with a majority vote.
Cllr M. Davies abstained from voting.

25/09 EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

To review external organisations list and appoint representatives to external organisations

RESOLVED: Cllr D. Buckley proposed to continue with the same external organisations going forward for another year. This was seconded by Cllr S. Glover and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

ACTION: Clerk to add Cllr D. Loveridge to existing list as name missing from Datchet Village Flood Warden



25/10 SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

To reaffirm the attached subscriptions and memberships list.

RESOLVED: Cllr D. Buckley proposed to carry forward the subscriptions and memberships for the next 12 months. This was seconded by Cllr T. O'Flynn and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

25/11 INTERNAL AUDITOR

To appoint Auditing Solutions Ltd an Independent Internal Auditor to undertake year end audit for 2025/2026 and one further interim audit following the year end.

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr T. O'Flynn and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that Auditing Solutions Ltd be the Parish Council's Internal Auditor for 2025/2026

25/12 INSURANCE

To review both quotations, assess the scope of cover, and formally appoint an insurer for the 2025/26 period – when available

RESOLVED: It was agreed to grant delegated powers to the Clerk to sort insurance for the 2025/2026 year. This was proposed by Cllr I. Bacon, seconded by Cllr T O'Flynn and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

ACTION: Clerk to email details to councillors once confirmed.

25/13 BANK SIGNATORIES

To make amendments to the list of approved bank signatories and approve amendments

RESOLVED:

Proposal	Proposer	Secunder	Outcome
Removal of Cllr E. Larcombe as a signatory (lack of confidence)	Cllr C. Wise	Cllr D. Loveridge	Approved by majority vote
Removal of Cllr M. Davies as a signatory (lack of confidence)	Cllr C. Wise	N/A	Cllr M. Davies agreed to step down
Addition of Cllr S. Young as a signatory	Cllr T. O'Flynn	Cllr A. Clemens	Approved
Addition of Cllr T. O'Flynn as a signatory	Cllr S. Glover	Cllr A. Whelan	Approved

Signatories Agreed for 2025-26

Cllr D Buckley
Cllr S Young
Cllr T O'Flynn
Cllr A Clemens
Clerk

25/14 DIRECT DEBITS

To reaffirm the attached variable direct debits on the Parish Council's current account

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr D. Loveridge and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that all of the current direct debits be approved.

25/15 SCHEME OF DELEGATION

To review the scheme of delegation including delegations to committees and officers

RESOLVED: The scheme of delegation was reviewed including delegations to committees and officer. It was proposed by Cllr. D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr T. O' Flynn and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

25/16 CIVILITY & RESPECT PLEDGE

To resolve to sign up and adopt the civility and respect pledge

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr. D. Buckley to sign up and adopt the pledge. This was seconded by Cllr M. Davies and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

25/17 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

To review and approve the following statutory documents

- a. Standing Orders (Includes model agenda, terms of reference for lead members, working groups and committees)
- b. Financial Regulations
- c. Code of Conduct
- d. Financial and Management Risk Assessment April 2025
- f. Statement of internal control

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr. D. Buckley to approve the above statutory documents. This was seconded by Cllr T. O' Flynn and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

ACTION: Clerk to make amendment to Section 4 of the Financial and Management Risk Assessment on memorial inspections.

25/18 MEETING SCHEDULE

To approve the schedule of meetings for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year

RESOLVED: The schedule of meetings for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year were approved subject to the schedule in principle. This was proposed by Cllr. D. Buckley, seconded by Cllr T. O' Flynn and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

25/19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Resident 1 spoke on the annual community meeting and said it was very disappointing to have hardly any representation from the council when 14 members of the community showed up with nothing to see. He said looking at all the documents and seeing all the changes that are happening he is very happy with the hard work that, in particular the new councillors are putting in, to make this a professional sounding council. He noted there was no timetable for projects and asked if this could be looked into and also there was nothing specific for communications with the community. He asked if a document could be considered to describe how the council plans to interact with the community. He went on to thank the council and said it was looking good for the future. The Chair thanked the resident for his good points and said these will be taken on board. Cllr S Young said the timetable for projects will be looked at within the strategic plan also. Cllr A Whelan thanked the resident for the idea of creating a document and said she will certainly be working on this as lead member of Communications.

Resident 2 said he had been approached by a number of people about the article in the Daily Mail on The Manor Hotel who all shared their concerns about the village. In particular, that it went from housing immigrants to homeless. In brief, he said he does not want to return to pre immigration conditions with the homeless people and gave examples about the previous housing issues that were had in Datchet. He said previously, the Manor hotel was a village hub for events, meetings and weddings etc. He said shops and businesses were expanded throughout the village and everyone benefited from the hotel. He said this has all been destroyed by invisible owners whose shareholder funds have risen from £309k in 2019 to £2.8m in 2024. He said the owners are destroying the village environment. He asks, who funds and supervises homeless people and is this a factual intention and what can be done to remove these owners as they were from Henley with their other hotel.

Cllr A Clemens said the news was national and also regional. He said he had also seen a band organisation leafleting. He said at the end of May, the immigrants will be removed from the Manor and replaced by vulnerable adults and addicts. He said this is in agreement with RBWM who are funding the Manor hotel. He shares the same concerns about the owners of the hotel, who have no interest with the village, and feels we need to go down the route of getting the owners removed before it affects all the other businesses.

A member of the DNP said she had asked Catherine del Campo, the cabinet member for Housing at RBWM, who said there were no plans to put homeless people in there, but they could not prevent other authorities from putting homeless people in there. She said two of the properties were being advertised as service addresses for the Manor support and housing care home, and as individuals from the DNP, they have put in a request for enforcement, as will need planning permission if being changed from a hotel to a care home. She asked as residents of Datchet if we could have a petition to have the hotel returned back to a hotel/restaurant/bar for the benefit of the community and show owners the public feeling about the hotel and how its being used.

Cllr D. Buckley said he can show emails that says RBWM will not cancel the contract.

Cllr A Whelan asked if the council can do a petition.

Cllr D. Loveridge said he had observed gangs of men from the Manor hanging about at night time in all areas of the village and action needs taken quickly before something happens.

Cllr A Clemens spoke about the amount of misinformation from the police who have said there has been no issues, yet he has seen the police yet regularly in the village attending incidents. He said there a lot of people in the village particularly those that live at the other end, who are not aware of what is going on.

Cllr Thompson said there was a parish meeting a few years back with residents to discuss all these issues. The meeting was attended by RBWM and emergency services, and feels the way forward would be to hold another meeting of the same value.

A spokesperson from the DNP said the residents voted for the hotel to be a non-designated heritage asset in the village in the Neighbourhood Plan, and it approved its status. She said there is a lot of history on the hotel on the DNP website and she will send a link for the Chair to look at.

It was agreed among the councillors to call an extraordinary meeting on the 2nd June on the Manor hotel at 7pm in the village hall. An agenda will be done and invites will go out to everyone including residents, the owners, the MP, RBWM, emergency services and the press.

25/20 MINUTES

To agree that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2025 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

RESOLVED: Cllr D. Buckley signed off the minutes as an accurate representation of the meeting.
UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

25/21 MATTERS ARISING

- a. Deferred from meeting on 14th April 2025 - To consider the invoice from Tencer Ltd for £909.06 (inclusive of VAT) for remedial works to village hall heating. (Cllr M. Davies)

RESOLVED: Cllr D. Buckley proposed that the invoice be paid by DPC. This was seconded by Cllr. E Larcombe and passed with a majority vote.

Cllr D. Loveridge abstained from voting.



- b. Cllr A. Clemens to provide an update regarding the date for Christmas on the Green, the original date proposed was Sat 29th November but St Nicholas Day is on Saturday 06th Dec 2025.
Cllr A Clemens proposed moving COTG to sat 6th Dec 2025 to coincide. This was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED**

25/22 GENERAL

- a. Chairmans report (For information only)
The Chair spoke about The Link and how we are making payments quarterly to them. It was discussed that Cllr Clemens and Cllr Whelan work together to help The Link from a communications perspective.
- b. To note the Clerks Report including correspondence, progress report on council business.
RESOLVED: The Clerk's report was circulated. Cllr E. Larcombe asked about item 8. EICR for the village hall and said it should read the same as the line on the parish office.
ACTION: Clerk to amend error.

25/23 PLANNING

- a. To agree responses to new applications listed on the attached planning addendum and note Planning Decisions.
Members noted the Borough Council decisions as per planning addendum that was circulated.
RESOLVED: The recommendations made were approved. This was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED – See Appendix A**
- b. Other planning matters, including any new
i.106 Allocations
None.
ii. Enforcement Matter
The Chair said enforcement matters are still ongoing and DNP had also been working on enforcements in the background including The Manor Hotel. He mentioned a decaying wall on the London Road that the owners are hopefully going to be fixing.

25/24 FINANCE

- a. To approve income and expenditure up to 09th May 2025 – Chairman to sign the pink sheet (paper).
Note: Expenditure under delegated authority is highlighted in yellow.
RESOLVED: The income and expenditure reports were approved and signed. A vote was taken and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED – See Appendix B**
- b. Councillor's questions
None.

25/25 ADMINISTRATION

- a. Motion regarding LAND AT MILL PLACE: That all three ward councillors are requested to support the Parish Council by writing to the Director of Place and the Leadership Member, Cllr Bermange, to request their engagement in efforts to mitigate the issues regarding the Land at Mill Place, as directed by the court. (Cllr Thompson)
RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr I. Thompson to move this into a Part II at the end of the meeting due to confidential information. This was seconded by Cllr T O'Flynn and passed with a majority vote.
- b. To consider Councillor Wise's motion for a vote of no confidence in Cllr Ewan Larcombe. Over the past year, he has displayed unacceptable conduct including bullying, aggression, defiance of council

decisions, refusal to cooperate on trust matters, and public accusations against councillors. His behaviour is contrary to the Civility and Respect Pledge and not in the best interests of Datchet or its residents.

RESOLVED: Cllr C. Wise proposed a named vote of no confidence against Cllr E. Larcombe. This was seconded by Cllr D. Loveridge and passed with a majority vote.

Voted For: 6 - Cllr S. Glover, Cllr C. Wise, Cllr D. Loveridge, Cllr I. Bacon, Cllr D. Buckley, Cllr S. Young

Voted against: 4 - Cllr E. Larcombe, Cllr M. Davies, Cllr T O'Flynn, Cllr I. Thompson

Abstained: 2 – Cllr A. Clemens, Cllr A. Whelan.

Cllr E. Larcombe requested a right to reply and responded with: He claimed that the situation had been entirely fabricated and expressed concern that individuals currently in position had not been elected but co-opted, due to there having been no election for over ten years. He concluded by stating, *"Look what we've ended up with. Do what you want—it won't change anything."*

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:

Borough Cllr E. Larcombe spoke on an investigation that was happening at RBWM to look into where all the money went and how the borough council ended up owing £230m. He said he will be asking questions about the property company they set up in 2011.

He said on Wednesday they will be electing the new mayor and that he looks forward to another two years there at least.

He suspects the borough will be dismantled and looks forward to it being called Royal Windsor & East Berkshire at his best bet at what it will be called. He looks forward to more change.

Borough Cllr D. Buckley added he agreed with borough Cllr Larcombe that it was £230m plus £130m borrowed this year and another £130m for the next two years after that, totalling over £400m. He said Windsor Yards was also sold at a loss this week without any discussion or debate. He said he & other councillors fight very hard behind the scenes to try and push back on such crazy decisions such as The Manor Hotel, and glad email trails will be out in the public domain for people to see what they actually do, and why people are frustrated with the council. He said the debt will be half a billion pounds by the time it becomes a unitary council. He mentioned at the last meeting, a resident said he felt that he was unliked as a borough councillor. He commented that it's not about being unliked but pushing back and doing the right thing for residents, which they get abused for, and he's glad its all coming out so people can understand it all and realise why they are unliked. He is hoping to have more interesting things to bring back to the next meeting.

25/27 GROUNDS

a. Lead Councillors report

Report circulated. Cllr I. Thompson added that the wooden post that was set out on display in the hall tonight would be the standard set when replacing broken posts going forward.

b. Councillor's Questions

Cllr M. Davies asked what type of wood it was. Cllr Thompson confirmed it was laminate.

Cllr D. Buckley said the posts on the corner by where he resides keep getting ignored by the borough and would be good if they could be looked at. Cllr S. Glover said he would look at considering.

8.45pm The Chair proposed to extend the meeting until 9.30pm and then review. This was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED

25/28 CEMETERY

a. Lead Councillors report



Report circulated.

- b. To receive a report and consider the estimated costs of replacing the chapel capstone and spire, currently quoted at £8,650, plus additional costs associated with listed building consent. (paper) (Cllr Wise)

Cllr Wise summarised by saying to replace the chapel capstone and spire will cost £12000+, perhaps £13/14k in total after everything has been accounted for. She said this money has not been budgeted for so the council will need to decide whether to replace it or leave it as it is, now that the chapel has been made safe.

- c. Councillor's questions

Cllr I Thompson asked if there were any outstanding safety issues or if could it be moved on to next year's budget. Cllr Wise said it was safe but not sure on storage costs with the builders.

Cllr A Whelan asked if we are able to get a grant for things like this or raise the money to prevent it costing more money if it becomes eroded etc. Cllr Wise said it was in a safe place but we would be charged for storage. Cllr D Loveridge asked if we could leave until next month so he could look into it as Deputy for cemetery. He also said he would be able to store it free of charge.

Cllr Wise said it should have been done years ago from Section 106 money. Cllr Larcombe said Section 106 money is not for maintenance. Cllr Buckley said we will have to review what is available and get clarification.

Cllr Larcombe asked if it would be possible to store the item inside the chapel. Cllr Wise said no as the project for this year was to remove everything.

It was agreed to defer until June's meeting after looking closer at where the money can be used from and to speak to Cllr Loveridge in more depth about the free storage.

25/29 EVENTS

- a. Lead councillors report

No report. Cllr A. Clemens commented that it was unlikely the food & music festival will go ahead this year but may look at doing something smaller. He will update later. He mentioned that the money budgeted for this could possibly used for the cemetery expense if the event did not go ahead.

- b. Councillor's Questions

Cllr E. Larcombe asked what happened to the sound system as disappeared. Cllr Clemens confirmed he has it.

Cllr D. Buckley said some residents had commented on how nice the bunting was for VE day and maybe nice to leave it up.

Cllr E. Larcombe mentioned perhaps leaving the two silhouettes up.

25/30 PROPERTIES

- a. Lead councillors report

- b. Councillor's Questions

None

25/31 HIGHWAYS

- a. Lead councillors report

No report. Cllr A. Whelan mentioned the idea that she was looking into the possibility of an LTN (low traffic neighbourhood) for Datchet to reduce traffic flow and alleviate the parking problem. She explained she would need to consult with residents and it would have to be trialled along with gathering other info before deciding if right for Datchet. She will put in a report for June's meeting.

- b. Councillor's Questions

Cllr C. Wise praised Cllr A. Whelan on doing a good job for Highways.

25/32 FLOODING AND DRAINAGE

- a. Lead councillors report
Report circulated. Cllr I Thompson added he was looking to have a meeting with the MP and Datchet Golf Club on the 16th June regarding the primary issues relating to Datchet flooding, including the RTS Channel 1 all the way through back down to riparian ownership. He also said he was working with the EA on the pump out system, who will be having a stand at the Datchet fete so people can go along and discuss their points. He said there were currently technical issues they have to consider and will be having meetings relevant to the Datchet to Hythe End Flood Alleviation Scheme. He is hoping this will all come together with the EA providing a plan.
- b. Councillor's Questions
Cllr D. Buckley asked who would be attending the meeting. Cllr Thompson confirmed it would be himself along with Cllr S. Young and Cllr D. Loveridge. He also asked if the EA would be taking over the ditch culvert project. Cllr Thompson said it has been spoken about with their consultants and they may deliver that project.
Cllr I Bacon said he had read the EA were against the culverting. Cllr Thompson said culverting without design and integration was different to culverting for a purpose and the guidelines from the EA does state it allows for culverting.
Cllr I Bacon asked if the EA take the project on, would they be paying for it. Cllr Thompson said this was not necessarily the case and costing had not yet been discussed.

25/33 WORKING GROUPS

- a. To receive reports from working groups (If necessary)
None.
- b. To receive update for the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group (DMG) (If necessary)
A representative from the DNP said the Conservation Area Guide had been delivered to the council and asked us to put on the website. She said their next step would be to do a leaflet in due course.
ACTION: Admin to put on DPC website
- c. Councillor's Questions
Cllr I. Thompson asked if the background colour behind the signage that had been taken away on the take away shop was compliant with DNP. The DNP rep replied that the owner had been taken to court so not sure if this was the final colour. She said that the shade of green is not recommended but nothing to stop it completely. She said the owners have been told to return it to how it was.

25/34 COMMITTEES

- a. To receive reports from committees (If necessary)
None.
- c. Councillor's Questions
Cllr I Thompson updated on the following points on Land at Mill Place following a legal teams meeting.
 - Strong direction from the court to settle the matter and avoid trial
 - Indication that refusal to cooperate with directions would have a heavy cost consequence to any party that would be considered to be obstructive without reason to breaching a possible settlement
 - Cost of a trial action would cost DPC approx. £87K
 - A trial would cost the defendant £81K
 - All documents re disclosure by the 16th May by both parties
 - All committee members must be available between 18/07/25 to March 2026
 - Concern re slow RBWM response to a lease request.

He advised that the issue is Sub judice and that is why we have to put it in Part II.

25/35 ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL ACTING AS SOLE MANAGING TRUSTEE OF THE DATCHET RECREATION CHARITABLE TRUST (DRCCT)

- a. To receive and note the minutes of the DRCCT meeting held on Monday 14th April 2025
Noted. Cllr M. Davies commented it was illegal to discuss charity business at a council meeting.
- b. To receive and note the minutes of the DRCCT meeting held on Monday 16th April 2025
Noted.
- c. To receive and note an update on the current status and ongoing matters relating to the Datchet Recreation Charitable Trust (DRCCT).
Noted.

25/36 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Resident 1 asked what DPC will do with the vote of no confidence that was approved earlier for Cllr. E. Larcombe. Cllr D. Buckley said no action can be taken.

He also expressed his disappointment in the council on the lack of councillor presence at the recent Annual Community Meeting. He said it was on the agenda to receive reports from councillors who have a responsibility to parishioners and found it insulting that there was none to give. Cllr D. Buckley said these comments have been noted.

He also asked if he was still on the Culverting Working Group as not received any communication on meeting dates, etc. Cllr I. Thompson apologised and said he would make sure communication is made going forward.

Resident 2 asked if the posts at the riverfront would be painted white and if the chains would be replaced for ropes, as research was done and the chains do not deter the geese. Cllr Thompson said the posts will not be white as this is not the colour for the riverfront, and when the ropes rotted quickly and were vandalised, it was difficult to replace when fixing them, so will be using the chains.

Resident 3 commented with the rise in precept by 83% it would be great if we could repair the chapel capstone. Cllr D. Buckley said it went up without this in the budget.

She spoke in relation to the fete and said thought the EA's presentation was about the Datchet to Hythe End Flood improvement measures proposals and not about the ditch culvert. She also said the EA does not support culverting which is why the EA said they couldn't be on the parish councils ditch culverting group, in the meeting that was held in the parish office.

Speaking about the APM she said there was no planning report produced by the chair. The Chair apologised and said he attended the meeting but did not have time to produce a report.

25/37 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Cllr A. Clemens expressed his thanks to the DVS for the use of their display for VE Day.

He also said DPC have been invited to hold a stall at the upcoming fete to show presence. He is not sure what we would put together and asks councillors to come back to him on this.

Cllr D. Loveridge asked how much money had already been spent on LAMP case. Cllr I. Thompson said this figure was around £20K. Cllr Loveridge said a lease could have been done before this amount of resident's money was wasted and felt the notice on the gate was threatening.

**25/38 AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 2ND JUNE 2025
FOLLOWED BY THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2025**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:30PM



25/39 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – PART II

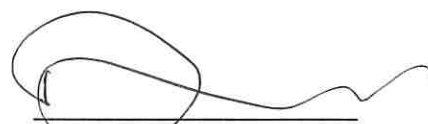
The Chairman will move that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by virtue of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

25/40 LAND AT MILL PLACE

Information and update provided by Cllr Thompson, matter discussed between councillor - The motion 25/25a is not being taken forward.

Clerk to go back to legal team and discuss options and bring back to council

Review Budget with Cllr S Young.


CHAIRMAN

Appendix A

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED			
Application No / Type	Application Site	Proposal	DPC Comments
25/00105 Works To Trees In Conservation Area	6 The Avenue Datchet Slough SL3 9DH	(T1) Cherry – Crown reduce height and spread by approximately 1-2m, leaving a final height of 9m and spread of 6m. (T2) Maple – Crown reduce by approximately 2-3m, leaving a final height of 8m and spread of 5m. (T3) Small Robina – Lightly reduce leaving a final height of 4m and spread of 2m.	No objection but refer to tree officer.
25/00687 Full	21 Eton Close Datchet Slough SL3 9BE	Single storey rear extension following the demolition of the existing single storey elements.	No objection but refer to the relevant DNP DAT 2 and DAT 10 Flood Zone 3. No flood risk assessment.
25/01071	Riverside Gardens Moorings, Windsor Road, Datchet, Slough	Works to Trees in Conservation Area. T1 to R4 – Lombardy Poplar-Fell. T5-Conifer - Fell	No objection but would refer to the tree officer to advise applicant if replacement of trees being felled are possible.
25/01082 Works To Trees In Conservation Area	Daren Oaks Deep Field Datchet Slough SL3 9JS	T1 – Holly- fell.	Objection to felling as not enough evidence for reason for felling. We would recommend that should officers be inclined to approve that the tree be pollard or reduced to a suitable overhang to remove the issue. If tree is to be felled then we would request a similar tree of size be replaced to better suit the position. Refer to tree officer for final input.



APPENDIX B

Datchet Parish Council 2024/2025
Purchase Ledger for Month No 2- Council Meeting
12th May 2025

Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Supplier A/c Name	Net Value	VAT	Invoice Total	Analysis Description	Power	Legislation	Approved By Clerk&
15.04.25	L4L-1282359	All Service 4 U Ltd	338.00	67.60	405.60	Lock Change/Call Out	Parish Properties: Maintenance of	LGA 1894 s.8(1)(i)	Fin Com
23.04.25	7404	BALC	1,196.81	0.00	1,196.81	BALC Subscription 25/26	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Fin Com
01.04.25	SI9544	BEAULIEU SETTLED ESTATE	1,530.69	0.00	1,530.69		Power to provide & equip bldgs for social/educational objectives	LGA 1972 (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19	
08.04.25	DD-APRIL	BRITISH GAS	157.33	7.87	165.20	Rent-8 Horton Road 25/26	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Clr DS
08.05.25	DD-MAY	BRITISH GAS	157.33	7.87	165.20	8 Horton Road-Gas-DD 04/25	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Clr DS
06.05.25	10006320946	CASTLE WATER	51.72	0.00	51.72	Water-Cemetery 04/25-DD	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Clr CW
07.05.25	10006340516	CASTLE WATER	5.10	0.00	5.10	Water-Memorial Grm 04/25-DD	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Clr IT
30.04.25	30042025	COMPUTER SERVICES	254.99	0.00	254.99	PC Support 04/25 & Avast Anti-Virus	Computer,purchase&maint of,purchase software	LGA 1972 s.111	Fin Com
07.05.25	60165561	CORONA ENERGY	674.51	82.25	756.76	Electricity 04/25 - Office, V-Hall, P-Yard, Chapel, Mortuary Store, 8 Horton Rd & CN's - DD	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Clr DS
30.04.25	25/26-001	DAS CONTRACTED HM	1,341.15	0.00	1,341.15	Groundworks 04/25	Power to provide & manage rec grd, open spaces etc	Public Health Act 1875 s.164	Clr IT
30.04.25	Exp04/25	DAS CONTRACTED HM	92.55	18.51	111.06	Fuel/Postcrete	Power to provide & manage rec grd, open spaces etc	Public Health Act 1875 s.164	Clr IT
05.05.25	2221	EAC LANDSCAPES	250.00	0.00	250.00	Spring Bedding Maintenance 02-04/25	Power to plant trees etc & maintain outside verges	Highways Act 1980 s.96	Clr IT
28.04.25	8911	GARDEN DESIGNS	843.50	168.70	1,012.20	Weedkill complex etc & Spring Weed & Feed	Power to provide & manage rec grd, open spaces etc	Public Health Act 1875 s.164	Clr IT
28.04.25	8912	GARDEN DESIGNS	279.85	55.97	335.82	Cemetery Grass Cut/Strim/Weedkill	Power to provide & maintain cemeteries	LGA 1972 s.214 (2)	Clr CW
28.04.25	8913	GARDEN DESIGNS	437.50	87.50	525.00	Village Grass Cut 25/04/25	Village Green, protection of	LA 1983 s.5, LGA 1894 s.8, RTRA 1982 s.57	Clr IT
28.04.25	8910	GARDEN DESIGNS	465.50	93.10	558.60	Prepare/paint posts-Riverfront	Power to provide & manage rec grd, open spaces etc	Public Health Act 1875 s.164	Clr IT

30.04.25	1270541	GRUNDON WASTE	201.29	40.26	241.55	Cemetery-Waste Removal 04/25	Power to contribute to expenses maint. Cemeteries	LGA 1972 s.214 (6)	Cllr CW
24.04.25	68567	K&S SIGNS LTD	130.00	26.00	156.00	Banner & Delivery	Power to provide to attract visitors	LGA 1972 S.144	Fin Com
30.4.25	72059	LAMPS & TUBES	408.99	81.80	490.79	VE Day Bunting	Provision of entertainment & support for the arts including festivals & celebrations	LGA 1972 S.145	Cllr AC
28.04.25	27012025	LLOYDS BANK	397.23	70.03	467.26	Land Registry/Office equip/cemetery brushes etc	Power to contribute to expenses maint. Cemeteries	LGA 1972 s.214 (6)	Fin Com
30.04.25	6310341896	LYRECO	95.44	18.11	113.55	Stationery Clips/Highlighters/Notepads	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 s.111	Fin Com
01.05.25	250500161020	MAINSTREAM DIGITAL	60.50	12.10	72.60	Telephone 04825	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 S. 111	Fin Com
15.04.25	7	PARISH ONLINE	135.00	27.00	162.00	Parish Online-Mapping Software	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972 S.111	Cllr DS
25.04.25	77222	PLAY INSPECTION CO.	180.00	36.00	216.00	Outdoor Annual Inspection	Power to provide & manage pleasure grounds	Public Health Act 1875 s.164	Cllr IT
30.04.25	RDF006	RDF SERVICES	1,501.00	0.00	1,501.00	Finance & Admin 04/25	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972. s.111	Fin Com
25.04.25	32738	RIALTAS	872.00	174.40	1,046.40	Omega Year End Closedown 24/25	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972. s.111	Fin Com
17.04.25	11006	R&M LIGHTING	4,165.00	833.00	4,998.00	Repairs to damaged lamp post - Insurance claimed	Power to light roads and public places	Parish Councils Act 1957 s.3 & Highways Act 1980 s.301	Fin Com
30.04.25	268634	SHORTS GROUP LTD	317.56	63.51	381.07	Dog Waste Removal 04/25	* Ancillary Power	LGA 1972. s.111	Cllr IT
12.05.25	MAY25	SALARIES/PENSION	5,945.21	0.00	5,945.21	Salaries/Pension 05/25	Salaries/Pension Contributions	LGA 1972 s.111 / LGPSR 2013 (SI2013/2356)	Fin Com
11.04.25	984945070049	THREE BUSINESS	6.36	1.27	7.63	Mobile Phone Bill 05/25	Telephone Account	LG(FPA) 1963 s.5	Fin Com
30.04.25	833906	WELLERS GROUP	2,454.40	490.88	2,945.28	LAMP professional charges 04/25	* Ancillary Power	LGA1972 s.111	
01.05.25	12907	WORTHY GROUP	3,389.46	677.89	4,067.35	Cem Chapel-Scaffolding/removal of spire & assessment of stonework	Parish Properties: Maintenance of	LGA 1894 s.8(1)(i)	Cllr CW
			£27,997.97	£3,074.02	£31,071.99				

* Ancillary Power - Power to do anything that will facilitate, to be conducive to or incidental to the discharge of its powers and functions
Cllr IT - Ian Thompson, Cllr DS - Darren Sanders, Cllr CW - Caroline Wise, Cllr A. Clemens, Fin Com = Cllrs D. Buckley, I. Bacon, T. O'Flynn, S. Young
Expenditure highlighted in yellow approved under delegated authority

Datchet Parish Council
Current Account
Cash Received between 01/04/2025 and 30/04/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cash Received from</u>	<u>Receipt Description</u>	<u>Receipt Total</u>
10/04/2025	B S BENNETT	24A The Green-Rent 04/25	1,200.00
10/04/2025	B S BENNETT	38 Ditton Rd-Rent 04/25	1,300.00
10/04/2025	B S BENNETT	24A The Green-Manage Fee 04/25	-158.40
10/04/2025	B S BENNETT	38 Ditton Rd-Manage Fee 04/25	-50.00
10/04/2025	B S BENNETT	38 Ditton Rd-Manage Fee 04/25	-156.00
01/04/2025	DATCHET HEALTH CENTRE	Health Centre Rent Q1	4,875.00
23/04/2025	HMRC	VAT Q4-Refund	14,376.76
14/04/2025	Leevi Loveridge	Purchase x6 Plots-EE1-EE5&D669	5,000.00
14/04/2025	Leevi Loveridge	Purchasex6 Plots-EE1-EE5&D669	5,398.00
14/04/2025	Leevi Loveridge/James Smith	Transfer of Ownership D669	100.00
28/04/2025	RBWM	Recharge of Rent-Library	1,224.55
08/04/2025	DRCCCT	Recharge of Electricity-V-Hall	167.35
14/04/2025	Patricxbourne	Hanging Basket Scheme 25	273.60
28/04/2025	Thames Valley Police	Recharge of Services-Library	1,070.87
08/04/2025	DRCCCT	Recharge of Electricity-V-Hall	1,227.38
01/04/2025	E Sargeant & Sons	Interment C32-Proctor	2,700.00
28/04/2025	Patrick Ryan & Daughter	Interment E187	3,400.00
28/04/2025	Costa Coffee/Bristal Invest.	Hanging Basket Scheme 25	364.80
28/04/2025	DPCC-The Bridge Cafe	Hanging Basket Scheme 25	91.20
28/04/2025	We Stitch & Fix	Hanging Basket Scheme 25	91.20
24/04/2025	Charles Elliott Hair	Hanging Basket Scheme 25	91.20
25/04/2025	Fitz Solicitors	Hanging Basket Scheme 25	273.60
22/04/2025	Sopworth Court	Hanging Basket Scheme 25	182.40
07/04/2025	Datchet Football Club	Recharge of Electricity-C/Rooms-CH	2,225.96
07/04/2025	Datchet Football Club	Recharge of Electricity-C/Rooms-CH	370.19
Total Receipts			45,639.66

