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# Datchet Parish Council Newsletter

## 1 of 2009

### COUNCIL MATTERS

#### 2009/10 Parish Precept

Datchet Parish Council has set its 2009/2010 precept, following a healthy debate at a recent Council meeting. Taking into account the Council's current financial position, the works we wish to pursue within the next financial year, the current financial climate and the impact it is having on all of us, it was decided to hold the 2009/2010 precept at its current 2008/2009 level. Despite there being no increase in line with inflation, the Council is confident that it can manage all its core functions and will actively seek outside funding to support its plans for other specific projects, where needed.

### PROPERTY MATTERS

#### The Parish Yard upgrade.

Having received planning approval for the improvements to the Parish Council Yard in Green Lane, it is proposed that works will now progress to upgrade the yard into a more suitable facility to support the Council's grounds maintenance work.

#### Cemetery Chapel

The Parish Council's Working Group for this project will continue to meet under the leadership of Cllr. Patrick Simmons and will welcome any input as to the possible future use of this unique building. We would be grateful if any parishioner who has ideas or suggestions as to the possible use of the Chapel in the future, would forward them to the Clerk in the Parish Office. This building has a lot of potential and we would be grateful for your ideas.

### GROUNDS

#### Horses and Motorcycles on the Recreation Ground

The increased frequency of horses being found wandering on the recreation ground and the use of motorcycles on the grounds have been alarming many residents.

Whilst this is not a new problem, it is one that appears to be on the increase over recent months.

The Parish Council is working with the Borough Council and our Councillors to find a way of addressing these issues. We however need your assistance.

Please can you report any sightings of Horses wandering on open land or

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motorcycles on the recreation grounds to the **Police on 0845 8505505**.

Please obtain a URN (ref number) and pass this to the Clerk to the Parish Council for our records.

These horses and motorbikes pose a danger to walkers, children and when they stray onto the road, a danger to traffic. The repair of the damage to the grass and football pitches caused by the bikes and the cleaning up after of the horses is an unnecessary drain on your councils resources.

The more reports we (as individual villagers) make of these incidents, the more likely we will get the Police and the Borough Council to take action to address the problems.

### **Village Horse Chestnut trees**

The virus that has affected the village horse chestnut trees remains a problem and you may have noticed the removal of badly diseased trees from "the cut" near Horton Road car park. The trees that are the responsibility of the Parish Council will not be cut down unless it becomes absolutely necessary and we continue to work with experts to monitor developments.

### **Parish Moorings**

At the time of writing, the Parish Moorings are underwater, which together with the recent snow has interrupted the current upgrade of the path and riverside area being conducted by the Parish Council.

As soon as the weather allows, this project will resume, to upgrade this area, to make it more suitable for villagers and visitors to use.

## **HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES**

### **Parking – again!**

The Datchet parking saga continues!

One of the original concerns about the Borough's parking regime has always been the need for regular and consistent enforcement to deter the commuters from

taking over the available parking from residents and shoppers parking.

The Parish Council has echoed some residents concerns as to the perceived lack of parking Enforcement by the Borough's parking wardens.

We have asked the Borough officers for detailed information as to when and where wardens have been over recent months and although we have received some information we are seeking detailed results to see if this enforcement is taking place.

Due to displacement of commuter parking into the areas around Green Lane, the Parish Council is in discussion with the Borough officers for a scheme to deter commuters from Green Lane, its side streets, Allen Way, Doctors car park, as well as the Councils land in this area.

The local residents have identified the problems caused by the commuters and the current Borough parking regime. As a result of this, the Parish Council facilitated a meeting between the residents and the Borough officers to discuss ways forward. It is hoped that together, we can meet residents needs with a scheme will deter the commuters who have been displaced from the Car Parks. This is in its early stages but we will be keeping residents advised of developments.

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**The Parish Council is here to represent you and is keen to hear from you, either through the Clerk or at Parish Council Meetings, which all have a facility for Public Questions at the beginning of the meeting.**

**The Clerk is available in the Parish Office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and the Parish Council meets in the Village Hall, Allen Way at 8pm on the first and third Monday of each month.**

**I would like to invite you to contact us and let us know your views on matters that concern our Village.**

Signed **David Cannon**

**Chairman  
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