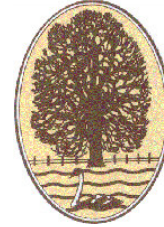


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## Datchet Parish Council Newsletter Spring 2007

### COUNCIL MATTERS

#### **2008/2008 Parish Council Precept**

The Parish Council has unanimously accepted the proposal of our Lead Member for Finance, to keep this years increase in the Parish Council element of the Precept, below the rate of inflation.

This means that the Parish Council element of the Precept will rise by only 2%, for the 2008/9 financial year.

Sound financial management has allowed us to maintain our routine business and special projects, without a need for a greater increase.

#### **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

The recent resignation of Stuart Toll from the Parish Council, due to his relocation away from the village, has now created a vacancy on the Parish Council.

This offers a village resident (or business person) an opportunity to take a more active part in village life, by seeking co-option onto the Parish Council.

We are looking for interested people to put themselves forward for co-option onto the Council.

Anyone who is interested in this opportunity (the current term ending in April 2011) can see the Clerk, at the Parish Office in Allen Way, or contact him by (e-mail [clerk@datchetparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@datchetparishcouncil.org.uk), or telephone 01753-771991) and he will be able

to give you details of what being a Parish Councillor entails and about how the co-option process works.

#### **Parish Clerk**

Datchet has operated with a 'Locum' Parish Clerk (Graham Leaver) for the last 18 months but it has now been decided to appoint the Graham, as the permanent Clerk to Datchet Parish Council, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008.

### PROPERTY MATTERS

#### **The Parish Yard upgrade proposal.**

After consultation with the Borough and local residents in Green Lane and Percy Place, the plans have now been submitted to the Borough, seeking formal planning approval. Should this be granted, the Council will be looking to progress this project in the new financial year 2008/9.

### PLANNING

#### **Borough planning enforcement.**

Following a series of recent enforcement issues raised by residents and Parish Councillors, the Borough

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Council's Lead Member for Planning attended a recent Parish Council meeting, together with our two ward Councillors, to discuss planning and enforcement issues.

The Borough updated the council on the queries raised and has undertaken to progress the outstanding issues and improve communications with the Parish Council over such issues.

enforcing Yellow Line and on street parking in addition to the car parks, has been with us now for several weeks.

The initial feedback, received from residents and commercial premises in the village, appears supportive. However, if you have issues or problems with this scheme that you would like us to progress on behalf of the village, please bring them to the attention of the Clerk.

## GROUNDS

### Recreation Ground

It was very gratifying to see the recreation ground facilities being used to the full over the February half term with residents and their children taking full advantage of the good weather.

It is intended to further improve these facilities in the forthcoming year, by the renovation of the Tennis Courts, as well as on-going maintenance.

Can I encourage all residents to report any maintenance issues or damage to the Parish Clerk, either in person or by email/phone. This will enable us to address these matters at the earliest opportunity, to keep these facilities fully operational.

### Phytophthora Virus

The Parish Council has commissioned a survey of its horse chestnut trees on 'The Cut' and the Parish Moorings. These trees are badly effected by the phytophthora virus. This is a national problem and we are working with outside experts to manage this problem in an attempt to prevent the loss of some of these magnificent trees.

## HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES

### Parking

This item seems to be a regular feature in these newsletters, due to its impact of the life of the village.

The change in responsibility for parking enforcement, to the Borough's Wardens

It has come to my attention, that Advantage Cards are not always accepted by the Borough's Parking Machines. This removes the reduced cost and free parking facility that is available to residents with these cards.

The Borough will apparently re issue you with a new 'chip' Advantage Card, if you take yours for replacement - stating that it is not working in the parking machines.

This can be done at either the Windsor Leisure Centre or at the Council Offices in York Street, Windsor.

### Finally an invite!

Datchet Parish Council normally meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month (the definitive list is on all the Parish Notice Boards).

We meet in the Village Hall at 8pm and provide an opportunity for Public Questions at both the beginning and the end of each meeting.

I would like to invite you to pop in, if you have any issues you wish to raise with us, or if interested in seeing who we are and what we do.

If you are unable to attend please feel free to raise matters through the Clerk who is normally available in the Parish Office on Mon, Weds and Fri mornings.

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