

Datchet Parish Council

ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING OF DATCHET PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, THE GREEN ON MONDAY 18TH MAY 2009 AT 8.00PM

Present: Cllr D. Cannon (Chairman), H. Clasper, Mrs S. Drummond,
Mrs M. Fitzgerald, E. Larcombe, D. Lyons-Davis, A. J. Needham,
Mrs L. O'Flynn, T. A. J. O'Flynn, P. Simmons, R. A. Stewart,
Mrs E. F. Wren
Mr G. J. Leaver – Clerk
Mrs J. Freeland

Apologies: Cllr P. Dickson

There were 2 members of the public present.

ASM/1 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Nominations were called for the Office of Chairman.

Cllr D. Cannon was the only nomination proposed by Cllr T. O'Flynn and seconded by Cllr Mrs S. Drummond. Upon being put to the vote Cllr D. Cannon was elected (2 abstentions).

Cllr D. Cannon was therefore elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

ASM/2 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Having been duly elected, Cllr D. Cannon accepted the Office of Chairman of the Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Office.

ASM/3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Mrs S. Drummond proposed Cllr P. Dickson be elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal Year, seconded by Cllr P. Simmons, there being no other nominations Cllr P. Dickson was elected by a unanimous vote.

ASM/4 APPOINTMENT OF LEAD MEMBERS

Finance, Policy & Resources

It was proposed by Cllr T. A. J. O'Flynn, seconded by Cllr A. Needham that Cllr P. Dickson be appointed Lead Councillor for Finance, Policy and Resources for the ensuing Municipal Year. It was further proposed by Cllr H. Clasper, seconded by Cllr Mrs E. Wren that Cllr R. A. Stewart be appointed Lead Councillor for Finance, Policy and Resources, however Cllr Stewart declined the nomination.

It was resolved that Cllr P. Dickson be appointed (1 abstention).

Grounds

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S. Drummond, seconded by Cllr T. A. J. O'Flynn, and resolved that Cllr D. Lyons-Davis be appointed Lead Councillor for Grounds for the ensuing Municipal Year (1 abstention).

Highways & General Purposes

It was proposed by Cllr D. Lyons-Davis, seconded by Cllr Mrs S. Drummond and resolved that Cllr Mrs M. Fitzgerald be appointed Lead Councillor for Highways and General Purposes for the ensuing Municipal Year (1 abstention).

Planning

It was proposed by Cllr A. J. Needham, seconded by Cllr H. Clasper and unanimously resolved that Cllr Mrs L. O’Flynn be appointed Lead Councillor for Planning for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Properties

It was proposed by Cllr D. Lyons-Davis, seconded by Cllr T. A. J. O’Flynn and resolved that Cllr P. Simmons be appointed Lead Councillor for Properties for the ensuing Municipal Year (1 abstention).

ASM/5 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEAD MEMBERS

Finance, Policy & Resources

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs S. Drummond, seconded by Cllr T. A. J. O’Flynn and resolved that Cllr R. A. Stewart be appointed Deputy Lead Councillor for Finance, Policy & Resources for the ensuing Municipal Year (1 abstention).

Grounds

It was proposed by Cllr D. Lyons-Davis, seconded by Cllr T. A. J. O’Flynn and unanimously resolved that Cllr Mrs S. Drummond be appointed Deputy Lead Councillor for Grounds for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Highways & General Purposes

It was proposed by Cllr D. Cannon, seconded by Cllr D. Lyons-Davis and resolved that Cllr Mrs S. Drummond be appointed Deputy Lead Councillor for Highways and General Purposes for the ensuing Municipal Year (1 abstention).

Planning

It was proposed by Cllr T. A. J. O’Flynn seconded by Cllr Mrs S. Drummond and unanimously resolved that Cllr Ms H. Taylor be appointed Deputy Lead Councillor for Planning for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Properties

It was proposed by Cllr P. Simmons seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Fitzgerald and resolved that Cllr E. Larcombe be appointed Deputy Lead Councillor for Properties (1 abstention).

ASM/6 APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESPERSON ON FLOODING

It was proposed by Cllr A. J. Needham, seconded by Cllr Mrs S. Drummond that Cllr H. Clasper be appointed spokesperson for flooding matters, it was further proposed by Cllr T. A. J. O’Flynn, seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Fitzgerald that Cllr E. Larcombe be appointed spokesperson for flooding matters. Upon being put to the vote, Cllr Larcombe requested that the names of those voting be recorded.

Members voting in favour of Cllr H. Clasper:- Cllrs D. Cannon, H. Clasper, Mrs S. Drummond, D. Lyons-Davis, A. J. Needham and P. Simmons.

Members voting in favour of Cllr E. Larcombe:- Cllrs Mrs M. Fitzgerald, T. A. J. O’Flynn, E. Larcombe, R. A. Stewart and Mrs E. Wren.

Abstention:- Cllr Mrs L. O’Flynn

The appointment of Cllr H. Clasper as the Parish Council spokesperson on flooding was confirmed.

ASM/7 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES

It was agreed that the appointments listed in Appendix 'A' to these minutes be made at this time.

Note:

- a) Where no name is listed a nomination and appointment will be considered at a future meeting.
- b) In light of doubts expressed by members the Clerk, would when advising other bodies of the appointments now made, check with those organisations listed the precise details of the Parish Councils requirements to make such appointments.

ASM/8 LIST OF APPROVED CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

It was agreed that the current list of cheque signatories be continued as set out below.

The Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Lead Member for Grounds.

The Lead Member for Properties.

The Lead Member for Highways and General Purposes.

The Clerk.

Cheques to be signed by the Clerk and any 2 approved signatories.

ASM/9 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Having noted the draft schedule of meetings and in light of previous experience it was suggested that the Annual Parish Meeting be changed to Tuesday 11th May 2010 to enable the Borough Councillor's to attend this meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr T. A. J. O'Flynn, seconded by Cllr E. Larcombe and resolved that the amended draft meetings list be approved (1 abstention).

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.35P.M.

CHAIRMAN