

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE DATCHET VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, ON MONDAY 3RD AUGUST 2009 AT 8.00P.M

Present: Cllrs P. Dickson (Vice-Chairman), Mrs S. Drummond, Mrs M. Fitzgerald, E. Larcombe,
D. Lyons-Davis, P. Simmons, R. Stewart, Ms H. Taylor
Mr G. J. Leaver – Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs D. Cannon, H. Clasper, A. J. Needham, Mrs L. O’Flynn, T. A. J. O’Flynn,
Mrs E. F. Wren

There was 1 member of the public present.

09.082 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs H. Jenkins raised with members local concerns regarding the area outside of the post office which was designated to be kept clear, although there were no double yellow lines in that part of the highway running parallel with the post office and other properties fronting The Green.

There had been a recent incident where a parking ticket had been issued in respect of a vehicle, the driver of which had only stopped to place letters in the post box. She asked that clarification be sought as to the position in relation to this area. Cllr Mrs Drummond undertook to look into the matter and report back to Council.

09.083 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH JULY 2009

The minutes were approved, subject to the following amendment in relation to 09.066 (Flooding) in that Cllr E. Larcombe was of the view that his references during the debate to reservoir safety article 10 provisions and the lack of water course maintenance should be have been recorded, and were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

09.084 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

09.066

Cllr E. Larcombe commented that having noted the details of the response prepared by the spokesperson on flooding, he was of the opinion that the details submitted to the relevant Government Department was somewhat sparse and ignored the comments he had made.

Cllr Mrs M. Fitzgerald, in noting the comments made by Cllr Larcombe, indicated her ongoing concerns which she hoped were supported by the Parish Council, that the implications of flooding and water management in so far as Datchet was concerned would continue to be a high priority matter.

09.085 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr D. Lyons-Davis had attended a meeting of the Crime and Disorder Forum at which the principle matters debated concerned the change of the constitution of the Forum at the insistence of Central Government to such matters being dealt with by an Overview and Scrutiny Panel of the Borough Council.

It was not yet clear whether Parish representatives would be involved with the new panel.

Cllr E. Larcombe had attended a meeting in Old Windsor promoted by Cllr M. V. Beer (Old Windsor Parish and Borough Councillor) which had been well attended by representatives of riverside Parishes.

A further meeting had been arranged for September to follow on with the proposals which had been put forward for the establishment of a Parish Council Flooding Forum. He had been impressed by the level of interest shown and the willingness of other Parishes to support the need for such a forum.

09.086 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & PLANNING DECISIONS

In presenting the planning applications for consideration at this meeting, the Lead Member reminded the Council of the previous agreement (PC06.282 05.03.07) that all applications in Datchet should be qualified by a reference to Flood Plain implications.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 9th July 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/01382
Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area
Proposal: Notification to cut Lime tree to attain 3m clearance to house. Tip reduce by 2m limb over roof and lift over road by 5.3m
Location: **2 Queens Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BN**
Applicant: Mrs Fox **c/o Agent:** Landmark Tree Surgery Barn B Boveney Court Farm Boveney Road Dorney Maidenhead Berkshire SL4 6QG
Determination Date: 20 August 2009

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No Objection.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 14th July 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/01408
Type: Full
Proposal: Loft conversion to create an additional bedroom and en-suite
Location: **19 Southlea Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BY**
Applicant: Ms D Cheslett **c/o Agent:** Mr Jason Lee 7 Blackamoor Lane Maidenhead SL6 8RA
Determination Date: 8 September 2009

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No Objection.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 16th July 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/01436
Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area
Proposal: Notification to fell one Redwood Cedar
Location: **16 Buccleuch Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BP**
Applicant: Mr William Middlemass
Determination Date: 27 August 2009

JEC

No Objection.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 21st July 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/01479
Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO
Proposal: Consent to crown reduce by 15% and crown thin by 20% on 2 Sycamore Trees
Location: **3 Southlea Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BY**
Applicant: Mr Stewart Rogers **c/o Agent:** Mr Christopher Tolley 54 Warmstone Close Waddesdon Aylesbury Bucks HP18 0NR
Determination Date: 15 September 2009

JEC

No Objection.

09.087 PLANNING DECISIONS

NOTICE OF PERMISSION

09/01243 Appn. Date: 19th June 2009
204 Horton Road Single storey side extension
Date: 27th July 2009

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS

09/01078 Appn. Date: 3rd June 2009
34 Slough Road Certificate of Lawfulness to determine whether the proposed first floor rear extension is lawful. **NOT LAWFUL**
Date: 24th July 2009

09.088 PLANNING

The Clerk reported receipt of further information regarding application 09/01352 202 Horton Road, about which the Council's view had been an objection on the grounds of overdevelopment in the Flood Plain, members noted that amendments had been submitted to reduce the increase in ground covered area to under 30 sq. m in accordance with Policy F1 in the Local Plan which in effect removed any objection to the amended proposals.

09.089 FINANCE

Accounts for Payments

Following consideration by members and answers provided as necessary, it was proposed, seconded and agreed that the lists of payments now presented, in respect of the financial year 2009/2010 be approved.

Computerised Accounts System and Budgets

The Clerk, in introducing the new accounts system and budget papers, explained the background to this item, the detail contained in the sheets circulated to all members and asked that any comments arising from consideration of the detail should be passed to him for inclusion in a more comprehensive report to be submitted to a future meeting of the Council.

The Chairman, in his capacity for Lead Member for Finance, commented that he had anticipated a detailed discussion of these matters but supported the Clerk's view that this should be deferred to a future meeting in anticipation of all members being present at that time.

Cllr Lyons-Davis expressed the view, which was generally supported, that there was a need for the Parish Council to make a once and for all decision as to the level of ring fenced reserves to be set aside on the basis of the advice set out by the Audit Commission.

Cllr Dickson, in referring to his view of the overall financial position, commented on the level of balances, income and expenditure implications and that in his opinion the proceeds of Planning Section 106 Funding should be allocated to the refurbishment of the Parish Yard and the Recreation Ground tennis courts.

Consequent upon the comments and the Clerks, who explained the background to the 106 Funds, it was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that the Lead Members recommendations be supported and the Clerk be instructed to present Councillor's views to the Royal Borough that the monies should be allotted to the Parish Yard project which members deem to be infrastructure services for the Recreation Ground generally and thus conformed with the Royal Borough's stated wish that the funds be applied for such purposes. It was noted that the Clerk would obtain detailed information from Borough Council Officers as to the legal agreements relating to the funds currently allocated for use in Datchet.

09.090 HIGHWAYS & GENERAL PURPOSES

The Lead Member reported that she was continuing to have discussions with the Head Teacher at Eton End School concerning traffic management and parking matters and would shortly be having a site meeting to take this situation further.

Cllr E. Larcombe commented concerning a British Airports Authority Noise Action Plan Consultation, the closing date for which was the 5th October 2009. He passed the relevant papers to the Clerk for circulation to all members.

He further commented that there had been a recent advertisement in the local press concerning an event to be held on Home Park Public in Windsor, which indicated that traffic leaving this event should not proceed through Windsor town centre but leave the area via Datchet. He was of the view that this was detrimental to the Village and asked that the matter be further investigated.

09.091 PROPERTIES

The Lead Member had little to comment on other than to advise members that the external painting works at 24 The Green and the refurbishment of the bathroom at 24A The Green would be completed shortly.

09.092 FLOODING

In the absence of Cllr H. Clasper there was no report in this regard, although Cllr E. Larcombe took the opportunity to remind members of his views relating to blocked water courses, flood protection, main river, critical ordinary water courses, reservoirs and the Environment Agency. He indicated that his submission regarding the Floods and Water Draft Bill had been lost in the post according to a Government spokesman. The Clerk took the opportunity to indicate that a formal response accepting the Parishes submission had been received.

09.093 GROUNDS

The Lead Member had little to report and advised that he had been unable, due to time constraints, to prepare a report regarding the Holmlea gate to the Recreation Ground, which he would deal with in time for the next meeting. The notes prepared by Mrs V. Gregorowski would be circulated to all members.

09.094 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk referred to the fact that all members had been provided with a Borough News Release concerning Churchmead School.

09.095 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Cllr D. Lyons-Davis	Informed members that he had been approached by the owner of a property adjacent to the Village Greens who had previously requested the refund of a wayleave payment relating to the installation of a water main. It was agreed that a copy of previous minutes be sent to the individual concerned confirming the Parish Councils position in this regard.
Cllr E. Larcombe	Wished his view to be recorded that the lack of Borough Councillor consultation in regard to the Floods and Water Bill was to say the least unfortunate.
Cllr Mrs M. Fitzgerald	Asked for information concerning the proposed business fair to be held on the Village Green and noted that responsibility for the arrangements had been delegated to the Chairman of the Council.

09.096 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs H. Jenkins reported that the flower unit situated outside the Nationwide branch in the High Street had been vandalised. The Lead Member for Grounds would investigate.

09.097 NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting will be held on 17th August 2009 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25P.M.

CHAIRMAN

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