

# Datchet Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE DATCHET VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY,**  
**ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010 AT 8.00P.M**

Present: Cllrs D. Cannon (Chairman), H. Clasper, P. Dickson, Mrs S. Drummond,  
Mrs M. Fitzgerald, E. Larcombe, D. Lyons-Davis, Mrs L. O'Flynn, T.A.J.O'Flynn,  
P. Simmons, R. Stewart, Ms H. Taylor  
Borough Councillor J. Grey  
Mr G. J. Leaver – Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs A. J. Needham, Mrs E. F. Wren

There were 8 members of the public present and 1 guest, Mr C. Brown.

**09.320 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr A. Holmes enquired about his previous question relating to the traffic calming measures in Slough Road and was advised that Borough Council Officers had confirmed that the existing humps were in accordance with road traffic legislation.

A representative of the Gable End Stores in Horton Road raised concerns that the Parish Council had not specifically supported their application for a change of use to a fish and chip shop. It was agreed that in fact the Parish Council positions was that it supported the application.

**09.321 ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD – DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES PLAY BUILDER SCHEMES**

Mr Callum Brown, presently employed on a short term contract by the Borough Council, commented in his role as the facilitator for the introduction of current preferred types of play areas throughout the Borough which were funded by a direct grant from Central Government.

He explained the background to and the progress made throughout Windsor and Maidenhead both in terms of sites owned by the Borough Council and those under the control of Parishes where schemes had either been completed or were in course of construction. In the case of Datchet, funding in the sum of £43,000 was available for immediate provision of a new play facility.

In responding to members questions he indicated the scope and design features now being promoted which were somewhat different to what had been practiced in the past.

He had, in conjunction with the Lead Member for Grounds, looked at available sites which clearly were limited to land under the ownership of the Parish Council between Horton Road and the railway line.

It was clear that there was some considerable urgency in this regard in that his contract expires at the end of September 2010 by which time he was targeted to have completed the distribution of the funds and the necessary installation and handover procedures.

It was agreed that members should review the position on the basis of information now circulated, visit some existing recently installed play areas in order that a decision in this regard could be taken at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**09.322 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010**

The minutes were approved, subject to the following amendment, as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**09.311**

Add 'Cllr Mrs M. Fitzgerald was dealing with this matter'.

**09.315 Planning Application 10/00403 93 Horton Road**

Add after the words no objection 'The Parish Council supports this application'. PAGE 105  
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**09.323 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES**

**09.311 Highway and Parking Matters relating to 93 Horton Road**

Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald was awaiting information to be provided by the parking manager of the Borough Council following investigations of parking in that part of Horton Road.

**09.324 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.

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

**Parish/Ward:** Datchet Parish  
**Appn. Date:** 22nd March 2010 **Appn No.:** 10/00585  
**Type:** Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev  
**Proposal:** Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether a proposed outbuilding is lawful.  
**Location:** **133 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HW**  
**Applicant:** Mr Richard Jenson  
**Determination Date:** 17 May 2010

KD

**Noted. However members were of the view that flood plain considerations would have a significant bearing on the decision in this case.**

**Parish/Ward:** Datchet Parish  
**Appn. Date:** 23rd March 2010 **Appn No.:** 10/00598  
**Type:** Telecom Dev Determination 56 days  
**Proposal:** Notification as to whether prior approval is required for the siting and design of an communications equipment cabinet  
**Location:** **Communication Cabinet Adjacent 138 Horton Road Datchet Slough**  
**Applicant:** BT Openreach  
**Determination Date:** 20 April 2010

DJ

**Noted.**

**Parish/Ward:** Datchet Parish  
**Appn. Date:** 24th March 2010 **Appn No.:** 10/00608  
**Type:** Full  
**Proposal:** Insertion of a window into the side elevation.  
**Location:** **7 Eton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9AX**  
**Applicant:** Miss Michelle Fellows **c/o Agent:** Mr Martin Pugsley - MP Building Plans Ltd 1 Testwood Road Windsor SL4 5RL  
**Determination Date:** 19 May 2010

**No Objection.**

**Parish/Ward:** Datchet Parish  
**Appn. Date:** 25th March 2010 **Appn No.:** 10/00626  
**Type:** Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev  
**Proposal:** Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the insertion of 3 no. velux style rooflights into the single storey rear extension is lawful  
**Location:** **39 High Street Datchet Slough SL3 9EQ**  
**Applicant:** Mrs Susan Jamieson  
**Determination Date:** 20 May 2010

ASL

**Noted.**

**Parish/Ward:** Datchet Parish  
**Appn. Date:** 30th March 2010 **Appn No.:** 10/00635  
**Type:** Full  
**Proposal:** Two storey extensions to the sides and rear with detached garage  
**Location:** **50 Montagu Road Datchet Slough SL3 9DW**  
**Applicant:** Mr Lakhvinder Gill **c/o Agent:** Mr Glenn Curran - Glenn Curran Architecture 5 Montagu Road Datchet Slough Berkshire SL3 9DT  
**Determination Date:** 25 May 2010  
KD

**No Objection subject to compliance with flood plain requirements and any implications relating to the overall increase in the footprint of the extended property.**

**09.325 PLANNING DECISIONS**

**NOTICE OF PERMISSION**

**10/00093** Appn. Date: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
10 London Road Two storey side extension to replace existing single storey garage and utility room.  
**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010**

**10/00232** Appn. Date: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
20 London Road Single storey rear extension  
**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010**

**10/00275** Appn. Date: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
9 Lawn Close Detached rear outbuilding  
**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010**

**NOTICE OF LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - GRANTED**

**10/00180** Appn. Date: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
8 High Street Consent to carry out internal alterations and install an external flue pipe  
**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010**

**09.326 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk indicated that a response was still awaited from the Borough Council Enforcement Officers concerning the recently erected green structure on the site of the new Tesco store in Horton Road.

**09.327 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The Chairman referred to the presence of Cllr J. Grey, who with the approval of members updated the council of the following items;

- a) Noted the recent decision in the High Court regarding the third runway at Heathrow which had been in favour of the objections put forward by Local Authorities and others including the Borough Council.
- b) Referred to the decision by the Borough Council to reduce the level of Council Tax by 4%.
- c) Indicated that the Borough Council would be introducing a hygiene rating for food premises throughout the Borough.
- d) In response to a question raised by Cllr Larcombe concerning a local resident, indicated that the Borough Council had to have regard to all circumstances rather than just the specific interest of an individual.

**09.328 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 and 2010/2011 be approved.

**09.329 DATCHET VILLAGE HALL REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

The Lead Member for Finance, in referring to the application from the Village Hall Management Committee for the funding of works to refurbish the kitchen area, indicated his concerns that in effect this was a retrospective submission in that the actual works had been commenced.

It was his view that generally this was an unacceptable way to proceed although he noted the circumstances which the request had been made in that it had been previously the understanding of the Council that these works would be funded from other sources.

Members noted that there had been much discussion about this project, which had been linked in practical terms to the works which had been previously considered but now deferred which dealt with larger scale projects within the Village Hall itself.

It was proposed by Cllr P. Dickson, seconded by Cllr Mrs S. Drummond and unanimously resolved that;

- a) The works now referred to be funded in the first instance from the budget provided in the current years estimates of the Parish Council for Village Hall Major Works.
- b) That the Village Hall management Committee be requested to seek replacement funds for these works from other sources.

**09.330 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**

Cllr H. Clasper raised the matter of the refurbishment of the tennis courts and was reassured by the Lead Member that this item would be considered in the detailed allocation of funds during 2010/2011.

**09.331 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE HALL REVIEW GROUP**

Cllr Dickson indicated that the group had held one meeting, intended to put forward proposals to split the totality of the suggested works into small sections in order to facilitate the arrangements for the work in a manner which would minimise disruption to the hall.

Emery Electrical Services have been invited to provide a new outline report together with costings which would be looked at in detail by the group which would report back to the Council in due course.

**09.332 HIGHWAYS**

The Lead Member indicated that she was continuing to deal with the overall parking survey throughout the Village, including Green Lane, the bollards installed between the Post Office and the Manor Hotel, parking bays in Horton Road and the rationalisation of parking periods into a common timescale throughout the Village.

**09.333 PROPERTIES**

Whilst there was no specific matters to report, the Lead Member responding to a question regarding internal works at 24 The Green by commenting that the local benefactor had still to make contact to arrange the necessary inspections. Cllr Grey noted this item.

**09.334 FLOODING**

Members noted the illustrated presentation arranged by the Lead Member but presented by Mr Ian Thompson concerning a recent survey by them of the Datchet Ditch and the Datchet Common Brook.

In noting the comments made and the pictorial information provided, members were of the view that the Environment Agency and the Borough Council should be pressed to take action in regard to both these water courses in order that the current situation whereby standing water remained in the Datchet Ditch across the Recreation Ground could be alleviated.

Members thanked Mr Thompson for his informative presentation.

**09.335 GROUNDS**

The Lead Member indicated that there was a continuing backlog of football matches which he anticipated would be completed by the middle of May.

Arrangements had been agreed with the fairground proprietor for a longer than previously agreed period which would result in double income for the Parish Council.

**09.336 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Cllr P. Dickson

Indicated that he had evidence of the use by the Manor Hotel of the cottages adjacent to the Hotel and the property in the High Street (12A) that these were as previously alleged being used as chargeable accommodation in addition to that approved for the use of the Manor Hotel itself.

**09.337 NEXT MEETING**

The Next Meeting will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.40P.M

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**CHAIRMAN**

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