

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE DATCHET VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY,
ON MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT 8.00P.M

Present: Cllrs D. Cannon (Chairman), H. Clasper, Mrs M. Fitzgerald, E. Larcombe, D. Loveridge, D. Lyons-Davis, A. J. Needham, Mrs L. O'Flynn, T.A.J.O'Flynn, Ms H. Taylor
Mr G. J. Leaver – Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs P. Dickson, Mrs S. Drummond, P. Simmons, Mrs E. F. Wren
Borough Councillors J. Grey, G. Muir

There were 5 members of the public present.

09.269 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr A. Holmes, in raising a question concerning the wiring at the Village Hall, was advised that the existing equipment was original and therefore in excess of 25 years old and it was on this basis and the result of tests that the proposals were being considered by the Parish Council.

09.270 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST FEBRUARY 2010

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

09.261

Add the sentence, 'That in respect of the financial year 2011/2012 a programme of actions be agreed prior to the need to prepare revised and proposed budgets'.

09.262

Delete the word 'Assessment' and insert the words 'Regulations 2009'.

09.271 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

09.259 (01.02.10)

Cllr Mrs L. O'Flynn explained the reasons in respect of the refusal by the Borough Council of application 09/02431 (Silver Cottage, The Green), which were that the Borough Council as the planning authority were of the view that insufficient efforts had been made by the owner to investigate the opportunities to retain the property as a unit of retail sales.

The application had been called in by Borough Council members for Datchet in support of the application in order to try to ensure a reduction in the number of empty units in the village.

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

Cllr H. Clasper had attended a meeting of the Royal Borough Councils Standards Committee at which the new Borough Solicitor, who also acted as that Councils Monitoring Officer in respect of Standards and Codes of Conduct had been introduced.

It was her intention to visit the Parishes and it was agreed that arrangements be made for her to attend a future meeting.

Cllr D. Lyons-Davis had attended a meeting of the Datchet, Horton and Wraysbury N.A.G., minutes of which had been circulated to all members.

Cllrs Cannon, Clasper and Needham had attended in the inaugural meeting of the new Datchet Forum at which there had been some 14 businesses represented. It was the Chairman's view that this had been an encouraging start to what was seen to be a means of encouraging business activities within the Village.

09.273 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.

AMENDED APPLICATIONS

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 18th January 2010 **Appn No.:** 10/00062
Type: Full
Proposal: Construction of a single storey detached Children's Centre with associated car park, light column and paths and relocation of existing cycle shelter
Location: **Datchet St Marys CE Primary School The Green Datchet Slough SL3 9EJ**
Applicant: Royal Borough of Windsor And Maidenhead **c/o Agent:** Mr Paul Ansell - The Anthony Smith Partnership 111 Castlefield House Castle Hill Reading Berkshire RG1 7SY
Determination Date: 15 March 2010
BB

No Objection subject to compliance with Flood Plain requirements.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 28th January 2010 **Appn No.:** 10/00093
Type: Full
Proposal: Two storey side extension to replace existing single storey garage and utility
Location: **10 London Road Datchet Slough SL3 9JN**
Applicant: Mr James Foster **c/o Agent:** Mr Stuart McKechnie 9 Cedar Close Staines Road Laleham TW18 2TF
Determination Date: 25 March 2010
ASL

No Objection.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 4th February 2010 **Appn No.:** 10/00110
Type: Full
Proposal: Change of use from A1 butcher to A5 take away
Location: **8 High Street Datchet Slough SL3 9EA**
Applicant: Mr Darren Hanson **c/o Agent:** Mr Alan Bowles - AMDA International 18 Washington Drive Windsor SL4 4NS
Determination Date: 1 April 2010
RGP

No Objection with STRONG SUPPORT from the Parish Council for approval in this case on the grounds that assurances have been given to the Council concerning highway/traffic implications, litter and smells arising from the proposed use of this property. The Parish Councils recommendation is based on the need to support business activity in the village and reduce the number of empty commercial premises.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 28th January 2010 **Appn No.:** 10/00135
Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area
Proposal: Notification to re-pollard one Lime tree and prune one Pear tree by 50%
Location: **12 Hall Court Datchet Slough SL3 9JJ**
Applicant: Ms Caroline Banks
Determination Date: 11 March 2010
JEC

No Objection.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 4th February 2010 **Appn No.:** 10/00180
Type: Listed Building Consent
Proposal: Consent to carry out internal alterations and install an external flue pipe
Location: **8 High Street Datchet Slough SL3 9EA**
Applicant: Mr Darren Hanson c/o Agent: Mr Alan Bowles - AMDA International 18 Washington Drive Windsor SL4 4NS
Determination Date: 1 April 2010
RGP

No Objection with STRONG SUPPORT from the Parish Council for approval in this case on the grounds that assurances have been given to the Council concerning highway/traffic implications, litter and smells arising from the proposed use of this property. The Parish Councils recommendation is based on the need to support business activity in the village and reduce the number of empty commercial premises.

09.274 PLANNING DECISIONS

NOTICE OF PERMISSION

09/02634 Appn. Date: 21st December 2009

54 Eton Road Erection of a mesh fence on the rear elevation. Retrospective.

Date: 27th January 2009

09/02653 Appn. Date: 16th December 2009

Tesco Express Erection of a free standing canopy

134 Horton Road

Date: 4th February 2009

09/02694 Appn. Date: 21st December 2009

40 Eton Road Part two storey, part single storey side extension. Ground floor infill extension.

Date: 27th January 2009

NOTICE OF CONSENT

09/02680 Appn. Date: 18th December 2009

Tesco Express Works to trees covered by TPO. T1 Sycamore-Tip reduce branches on the north west side by upto 1.5m (those branches within 5.3m above ground level only), T2-Sycamore-branch lift to give 2.5m ground clearance and remove epicormic growth, T9 Sycamore-tip reduce branches on west side by upto 1.5m (those branches within 5.3m above ground level only) and remove epicormic growth, T11 Sycamore-branch lift to give up to 2.5m clearance above the ground on the west side. T12 Group of 6 Sycamores, remove epicormic growth.

Date: 4th February 2009

09.275 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

In response to a comment from a member, it was noted that the Clerk would circulate details of the financial position of the Parish Council as at 31.12.09.

09.276 FLOODING

Cllr H. Clasper reported on the following items;

- a) The next meeting of the Parishes Flood Group would take place at 8.00pm on the 8th March in the Datchet Village Hall. He explained that it was the intention that the Parishes hosting meetings be asked to make the payment for any room hire fee incurred. It was agreed that in this instance the Village Hall charges be paid by the Parish Council.

- b) In respect of a recent visit with Cllr Larcombe by Cllr Ms Taylor, during which she was briefed as to matters relating to the Jubilee River and in particular the Myrke Ditch, Cllr Ms Taylor was requested to provide a report to the Lead Member in this regard.
- c) Noted information provided by Cllr Larcombe that he had, in his personal capacity, recently made a presentation to Cookham Parish Council.

09.277 GROUNDS

The Lead Member updated the Council as to current activities;

- a) Football – Indicated that although there had been significant loss of football fixtures the backlog would be brought up to date subject to weather and ground conditions.
- b) Consequent upon damage, wear and tear he would be having the ‘Hamster Wheel’ in TYPRODA removed for repair and replacement.
- c) Recent concerns regarding horses roaming on the Recreation Ground and generally within that part of the village had been dealt with by Cllr Loveridge and it was therefore hoped that the problem’s experienced had been overcome.
- d) In relation to the Land at Mill Place and the adjacent area which had recently changed hands, it was noted that discussions were proceeding with Borough Council Officers and that Cllr Loveridge would be dealing with emergency fencing of part of the boundary of that property.

09.278 HIGHWAYS & GENERAL PURPOSES

The Lead Member reported on;

- a) Complaints which had been received about the black bollards on the edge of the pavement fronting properties on The Green had been referred to the relevant Borough Council Officers.
- b) Had continued to make contact and have discussions with Eton Town Council who was attending meetings relating to the arrangements to be made for visitors attending the 2012 Olympics at the Dorney Lake Rowing complex. Whilst there were many suggestions as to what actions should be taken these were yet to be finalised.
- c) In relation to the ongoing concerns about the Windsor Rail Proposals it was noted that contact would be made with the MP in this regard.
- d) Cllr Mrs Fitzgerald had been provided with notes previously prepared by Cllr Needham regarding parking matters within Datchet.

09.279 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr I. Thompson, in referring to the Windsor Rail Scheme, indicated that he had raised concerns in that it was his understanding that the proposals as yet took no regard of the proposed downstream flood alleviation channel, the implications of the flood table in Datchet and in any event had yet to come up with any engineering solutions.

The owner of Gable End Stores, in commenting about the opening of Tesco Express and the implications for his business, enquired as to what the Parish Councils view would be to the potential for a second fish and chip shop would be. This received general support.

Mrs Firth asked what the situation was in respect of works at the Village Hall and was advised that a second independent P.I.R. (Periodic Inspection Report) had been commissioned by the Parish Council.

09.280 NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting will be held on 1st March 2010 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.12P.M.

CHAIRMAN

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