

# Datchet Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE DATCHET VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY,**  
**ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009 AT 8.00P.M**

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

## **09.028 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Clerk referred to an email about which he had been asked by Val Butler to bring to the attention of the Council relating to her concerns about the removal of weeds around the Village Greens.

The Lead Member for Grounds advised that no practical work should be carried out by the Datchet in Bloom Group pending a meeting he had arranged with the Parish Councils weed control contractor relating to this matter and that he advised her accordingly.

## **09.029 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2009**

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **09.030 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES**

### 09.012 (01.06.09) Public Question Time

In relation to the previous information provided, Cllr P. Simmons confirmed that there were no proposals to change the name of the property (24 The Green) from the existing wording 'The Bridge', however he had agreed that the reference to the Datchet Parochial Church Council immediately above the front windows would be removed when the planned minor external decorations are carried out.

Cllr Simmons also indicated, to the satisfaction of the Parish Council, that he would attend any future meetings concerning proposals related to any alterations to the structure of the building, which in any event would be subject to the approval of the full Council.

### 09.020 (01.06.09) Finance

The Clerk indicated that due to conflicting priorities consideration of the revised Budget for 2009/2010 would have to be deferred until the meeting scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009.

### 09.023 (01.06.09) Grounds

The Lead Member confirmed that the new ride on mower was now in use.

## **09.031 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:** 3rd June 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/01078  
**Type:** Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev  
**Proposal:** Certificate of Lawfulness to determine whether the proposed first floor rear extension is lawful  
**Location:** 34 Slough Road Datchet Slough SL3 9AW  
**Applicant:** Mr Peter Darban **c/o Agent:** Mrs A Ruddick - M.S. Ruddick Architects 65 Halpenny Lane Ascot Berkshire SL5 0EG  
**Determination Date:** 29 July 2009  
ASL

NOTED.

**Parish/Ward:** Datchet Parish  
**Appn. Date:** 3rd June 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/01083  
**Type:** Full  
**Proposal:** Remove side and rear conservatory and replace with orangery extension  
**Location:** **86 London Road Datchet Slough SL3 9LQ.**  
**Applicant:** Mr Sunil Sidhu 86 London Road, Datchet, Slough SL3 9LQ  
**Determination Date:** 29 July 2009

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No Objection.

**Parish/Ward:** Datchet Parish  
**Appn. Date:** 4th June 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/01098  
**Type:** Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev  
**Proposal:** Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed conversion of garage and single storey rear extension  
**Location:** **52 Holmlea Walk Datchet Slough SL3 9HZ.**  
**Applicant:** Ms Lynda McFarlane 52 Holmlea Walk Datchet, Slough, SL3 9HZ.  
**Determination Date:** 29 July 2009

ASL

NOTED.

### APPEAL

**Parish/Ward:** Datchet Parish  
**Appeal Ref.:** 09/60070/REF **Planning Ref.:** 09/00399/CPD **PIns Ref.:** APP/T0355/X/09/2103502  
**Date Received:** 8 May 2009 **Comments Due:** 19 June 2009  
**Type:** Refusal **Appeal Type:** Written Representation  
**Description:** Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed extensions to Ditton Cottage are lawful  
**Location:** **Ditton Cottage Ditton Park Road Datchet Slough SL3 7HZ**  
**Appellant:** Mr J Skinner c/o Agent: R Clarke Planning Consultants Ltd Kewferry Farm Rickmansworth Road Northwood Middlesex HA6 2RF

## 09.032 PLANNING

The Lead Member indicated that;

- a) In respect of application 09/00809, she understood that a Borough Councillor had 'called in' this matter for decision by the Development Control Panel. It was her intention to attend the meeting when this was dealt with.
- b) Section 106 Funding Parish Council List of Schemes – Cllr Mrs O'Flynn referred to the currently approved list of schemes, which was amended as indicated on **Appendix A** to these minutes. The Clerk was authorised to advise Borough Council Officers accordingly.
- c) Section 106 Funding – The Clerk indicated that he had discussed with the relevant Borough Council Officer arrangements whereby existing funds held by the Borough Council might be applied to schemes related to the Village Hall Complex and the Recreation Ground.

He had obtained confirmation from the Borough Officer that approval was given for expenditure not exceeding 5% of the total funds available (approx £43,000) for the purposes of the preparation of schemes to be submitted for approval and charged against the funding referred to. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Clerks proposal be approved and appropriate arrangements made. A copy of the email from the Borough Council Officer would be circulated to all members.

## 09.033 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.

Members noted the comments made by the Lead Member concerning his approach to the financial control of Parish Council funds which would be dealt with in more detail in the meeting scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009.

**09.034 FLOODING**

Cllr H. Clasper, as spokesperson on flooding, indicated that he was working towards a position whereby outstanding matters relating to flooding, insofar as Datchet was concerned, could be reported upon in detail, which he would undertake to deal with in due course.

Such matters as consideration of the Draft Flood and Water Management Bill (a copy of which was to be purchased), the proposed Local Flood Forum, to include Parish Council representation, a review of flood warning notices and a satisfactory conclusion to concerns relating to the culvert under the Village centre, the Recreation Ground ditch and the outlet to the Datchet Common Brook were being dealt with.

A successful Datchet Flood Plan Group meeting had been held on the 12<sup>th</sup> June and he anticipated a conclusion to this matter in the coming weeks. To this end he had obtained information regarding a register of Critical Infrastructure sites. The final plan would need to be linked to the Borough Councils approved emergency plan.

**09.035 GROUNDS**

The Lead Member reported that;

- a) Insofar as the land at Mill Place was concerned he still awaited a copy of the notes of the meeting held with Borough Council, Thames Valley Police and Thames Valley Fire and Rescue Service.

He was hopeful that costings for fencing the boundary between the Recreation Ground and the Willowfields would be available for a future meeting.

- b) Land at the rear of 118 and other properties in Horton Road, which had been taken over by adjoining land owners, was a matter of concern and he sought the views of the Council as to how to proceed in this regard. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Parish Councils solicitor for action.

Cllr H. Clasper referred to the possibility of a French market being held on the Village Green, and indicated he would provide further information in due course.

**09.036 HIGHWAYS & GENERAL PURPOSES**

In the absence of the Lead Member it was noted that there were increasing problems in relation to parking in Windsor Road and access for the local tour buses, similarly in relation to parking in the laybys in Southlea Road.

**09.037 PROPERTIES**

The Lead Member advised that exterior and interior redecoration following damp proofing works at 24 The Green would be undertaken within the next two weeks.

In relation to 24A The Green, he confirmed that the property was now empty and arrangements were proceeding for the use of this accommodation by a Youth Worker employed by the local Churches on the basis of the agreement in principal for a reduced rent during the period of the tenancy.

He was proceeding with investigations relating to any necessary Building Control Approval for the Parish Yard Redevelopment Scheme.

**09.038 ACTION LIST**

Consideration was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

**09.039 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk advised members that following discussions between Cllr Clasper and Mr G. Symonds arrangements were now in place whereby Parish Council paperwork, previously held by the late Cllr Gerry Symonds would be transferred to the Parish Council. He had also agreed, which members approved, to reactivate the scheme for refurbishment of the War Memorial which had been a particular matter of interest for Cllr Symonds.

At this point the Chairman indicated that an invitation had been received for his attendance at a forthcoming Jamboree to be held in Windsor Great Park. He would be working during the event and indicated his invitation as Chairman of the Council could be taken up by any other member, or the Clerk. Members were asked to indicate if they wish to attend.

**09.040 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Cllr Ms H. Taylor                      Expressed her concern at the amount of rubbish and dog waste on the Riverside site, and was advised that a dog bin would be installed shortly and increased attention be given to litter picking in this area.

Cllr P. Dickson                         Referred to the use of a Thames Water site in Pococks Lane by Travellers. It was understood that this matter was being dealt with.

**09.041 NEXT MEETING**

The Next Meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> July2009 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.37P.M.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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