

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE DATCHET VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY, ON MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2009 AT 8.00P.M

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

There were 14 members of the public present.

09.193 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

During an extended period members noted the comments made by members of the public who had concerns relating to the manner in which the tenders, opened at a previous meeting in respect of proposed major works at the Village Hall Complex, had been promoted and dealt with.

In responding, the Chairman indicated that he had been assured by the Councils independent internal auditor that in his view the relevant parts of the Councils Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been complied with.

During the course of the debate the Chairman warned a member of the public as to their persistent interruptions.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that the public be required to cease interrupting the meeting, otherwise a motion would be passed to require the person causing the disruption to the meeting to withdraw.

In response to a question relating to licensing matters, it was noted that since a recent change in the law the Parish Council were no longer statutory consultees in this regard.

Note: The public question time ended at 8.50pm.

09.194 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllr E. Larcombe declared an interest in that he was linked to a company who had been invited to quote for the proposed electrical works in the Village Hall.

09.195 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 2ND NOVEMBER 2009

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

09.190 –Cllr A. J. Needham

Add this matter should be brought to the attention of the Borough Council.

09.196 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

09.178 Dorney Lake during the 2012 Olympics

Cllr E. Larcombe enquired as to whether any action has been taken and was advised not as yet.

09.188 Properties – Medical Centre

Cllr P. Simmons indicated that he was preparing the necessary paperwork in respect of revisions to the existing lease to take into account the increased area of Parish Council land occupied by the medical centre.

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

Cllr D. Lyons-Davis had attended the most recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group which had dealt with general matters but more specifically arrangements for the use of a local speed camera to be operated by volunteers from the three Parishes concerned. It was noted that volunteers would only act in a parish where they were not resident.

In response to a question from Cllr H. Clasper he was not able at that point in time to provide up to date crime statistics.

Cllr T. A. J. O'Flynn and the Clerk attended the B.A.L.C. Annual General Meeting which had provided an opportunity to be made aware of current activities by an independent organisation providing youth club services within Berkshire.

09.198 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: 30th October 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/02148
Type: Full
Proposal: Replacement garage.
Location: **1 Manor Houses The Green Datchet Slough SL3 9EL**
Applicant: Prof Colin Robinson And Dr Eileen Robinson
Determination Date: 25 December 2009
ASL

No Objection.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 30th October 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/02149
Type: Listed Building Consent
Proposal: Consent to replace garage.
Location: **1 Manor Houses The Green Datchet Slough SL3 9EL**
Applicant: Prof Colin Robinson And Dr Eileen Robinson
Determination Date: 25 December 2009
ASL

No Objection.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 28th October 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/02179
Type: Certificate of Lawfulness of Development
Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the existing loft conversion with rear dormer window is lawful
Location: **216 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HL**
Applicant: Mr Mark Shipman
Determination Date: 23 December 2009
ASL

Noted.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 21st October 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/02220
Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area
Proposal: Notification to reduce a willow tree
Location: **Riverside House Windsor Road Datchet Slough SL3 9BT**
Applicant: Mrs Pamela Curry
Determination Date: 2 December 2009
JEC

No Objection subject to all works being under the control of a Borough Council Arboricultural Officer.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 28th October 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/02267
Type: Full
Proposal: Loft conversion over existing garage including dormer windows
Location: **4 Ellesmere Close Datchet Slough SL3 9AA**
Applicant: Mrs Sarah Iaclau **c/o Agent:** Mr Ray Fletcher - Limeblue Innovation Ltd Post Office Buildings Freestone Yard Park Street Slough Berkshire SL3 0ht
Determination Date: 23 December 2009
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Members had objections to this application in that it was their view that it could not comply with parking and flood plain requirements.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 28th October 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/02283
Type: Full
Proposal: Construction of a rear conservatory
Location: **8 Agars Place Datchet Slough SL3 9AH**
Applicant: Mr And Mrs P Abraham **c/o Agent:** Miss S Da Fonseca - Hazlemere Window Company Ltd Wellington Road Cressex Business Park High Wycombe Bucks HP12 3PR
Determination Date: 23 December 2009
ASL

Members had objections to this application in that it was their view that due to previous extensions it was probable that this proposal would exceed the criteria for extensions in relation to the overall footprint of the property. There were doubts as to flood plain requirements. Members indicated that should the application be approved then a replanting scheme should be part of the relevant permission.

09.199 PLANNING DECISIONS
NOTICE OF PERMISSION

09/02005 Appn. Date: 2nd October 2009
Churchmead School Replacement windows and doors to administration block
Priory Way **Date: 9th November 2009**

09/02086 Appn. Date: 7th October 2009
Datchet Medical Centre First floor side extension to create training suite
4 Green Lane **Date: 9th November 2009**

09.200 TO CONSIDER A REPORT AND RESOLVE ACTION IN RESPECT OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TENDER FOR MAJOR WORKS IN THE VILLAGE HALL COMPLEX

Cllr P. Simmons, as Lead Member for Properties, provided an update to members and an explanation of the manner in which tenders had been invited, received and reviewed by both the working group appointed by the Council and the Quantity Surveyors employed by the Council to provide professional advice in this regard.

In noting the comments made during the public question time period, those now put forward by members and the answers provided, it was proposed by Cllr P. Simmons, seconded by Cllr H. Clasper and resolved that the Parish Council, having considered the tenders received and the necessary professional advice confirm that the preferred contractor should be Nurse Electrical Ltd in the post tender adjusted figure of £95,610.00 (Ninety five thousand, six hundred and ten pounds).

Consequent upon comments made by Cllrs P. Dickson and A. J. Needham, it was proposed by Cllr A. J. Needham, seconded by Cllr R. Stewart and resolved that;

- a) Subject to written confirmation from the Councils Quantity Surveyors/Consultants (Carless and Adams Partnership) that the that the proposed work is necessary, the scope of such work is appropriate and that the tendering exercise has resulted in competitive quotations from a satisfactory cross section of electrical contractors the working shall proceed to put forward a final recommendation to the Parish Council on the basis that the members involved in the working group have satisfied themselves as to the financial stability, adequacy of insurance cover and any other pertinent issues relating to the nominated contractor.
- b) That the final decision as to the issuing of a formal contract be deferred to the meeting of the Parish Council scheduled to be held on Monday 7th December 2009.

09.201 24 THE GREEN

The Lead Member for Properties indicated that no progress had been made in regard to the investigations at 24 The Green which were required prior to any works being undertaken to enlarge the area of The Bridge tea room.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that authority be given for the removal of part of the internal wall as required by the conservation officer and others in order that it might be determined if the proposed works could proceed.

09.202 LOWER THAMES FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Cllr E. Larcombe provided members with a visual presentation and comments relating to his position in regard to the Environment Agency's proposals in respect of the Lower Thames Flood Risk Management Strategy.

Having noted the details provided, members then considered the proposals put forward by Cllr H. Clasper in his role as the Spokesperson on Flooding for the Parish Council in respect of the formal response from the Council in regard to the consultation undertaken by the Environment Agency.

It was proposed by Cllr H. Clasper, seconded by Cllr A. J. Needham and resolved that the proposed response be approved and the Clerk authorised to advise the Environment Agency accordingly.

Note: The voting was For 9, Against 1, Abstaining 1.

09.203 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.

09.204 NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting will be held on 7th December 2009 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.03P.M.

CHAIRMAN

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