

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE DATCHET VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY,
ON MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2009 AT 8.00P.M

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

Apologies: Cllrs P. Dickson, A. J. Needham, Mrs L. O’Flynn, T. A. J. O’Flynn, P. Simmons,
Mrs E. Wren

There were 3 members of the public present.

09.156 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr I. Thompson requested that the Parish Council obtain answers to the following questions in relation Environment Agencies proposed ‘Lower Thames Flood Risk Management Strategy’.

- i) Can the E.A. please confirm the intended maximum volume of water to be diverted through Datchet and Wraysbury within their proposed Lower Thames Flood Alleviation Scheme.
- ii) Likewise can the E.A. confirm the maximum height of water to be diverted at Datchet relative to A.O.D. Newlyn.

Both figures are required in order that Datchet Parish Council and local residents to the scheme can be assured that there is no risk to the current village flood protection and that residents can be assured of their individual property risks are not increased.

09.157 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.

09.158 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH OCTOBER 2009

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

09.146 Reports from Members who have attended Meetings on behalf of the Parish Council

The minute be amended to read ‘whereby 1 person would represent the three parishes and be trained’.

09.154 Councillors Questions and Comments

Delete ‘Cllr E. Larcombe’ and replace with Cllr Mrs E. Wren.

09.159 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

09.145 Proposed Alterations to 24 The Green

In response to a question, it was noted that as far as the Parish Council were aware no action had been taken to date.

The Chairman took the opportunity to refer to an email from Borough Councillor J. Grey and confirmed the Parish Councils position that no works would be allowed to commence until such time that a properly arranged programme of works had been agreed.

In the absence of the Lead Member for Properties, Cllr E. Larcombe (Deputy Lead Member) was authorised to act on behalf of the Council in relation to the previously agreed initial investigative works to be carried out as part of the preparation of the scheme for alterations to the property.

09.149 Planning Matters

In relation to the proposals for the site previously occupied by the Mulligans restaurant, no further information had been received at this time.

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

Cllrs Cannon, Clasper and Ms Taylor had attended the recent event arranged by the Mayor which they had found of considerable interest.

Cllr Cannon, together with the Chairman of Wraysbury Parish Council, had undertaken a inspection of the Jubilee River arranged and conducted by Cllr E. Larcombe in his role as the promoter of JubileeRiver.com.

He recommended the attendance of other members and interested parties who he understood Cllr Larcombe would be prepared to provide a similar tour which he had found to be of considerable interest and most enlightening in so far as the position taken by Cllr Larcombe in this regard in the past.

09.161 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: 2nd October 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/02005
Type: Full
Proposal: Replacement windows and doors to the administration block
Location: **Churchmead School Priory Way Datchet Slough SL3 9JQ**
Applicant: The Governors Of Churchmead School **c/o Agent:** Mr Roger Riley DHP 243
Brooklands Road Weybridge Surrey KT13 ORH
Determination Date: 27 November 2009

No Objection.

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 7th October 2009 **Appn No.:** 09/02086
Type: Full
Proposal: First floor side extension to create training suite
Location: **Randolph Medical Centre 4 Green Lane Datchet Slough SL3 9EX**
Applicant: Mr Michael Watts **c/o Agent:** Stuart MacKay - Edgington Spink & Hyne
Riding Court Datchet Berkshire SL3 9LE
Determination Date: 2 December 2009
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No Objection.

Whilst the decision to have no objection had been on the basis of a vote, it was noted that there were concerns about the implications of the relationship between this proposal and the planning permission already obtain by the Parish Council in respect of the redevelopment of the Parish Yard. This being on the basis of the impact of the combined proposals on residents in Green Lane.

09.162 PLANNING DECISIONS
NOTICE OF PERMISSION

09/01830 Appn. Date: 7th September 2009
200 Horton Road Single storey rear extension
Date: 12th October 2009

09/01836 Appn. Date: 8th September 2009
121 The Myrke Single storey front extension
Date: 12th October 2009

NOTICE OF NO OBJECTION

09/01458

1 Queens Road

Appn. Date: 27th July 2009

Works to Trees in Conservation Area. T1-Bay tree, reduce crown by 2m reshaping into columnar habit to a height equal to the wall. T2-Malus, crown reduce by 0.5m.

Date: 9th October 2009

NOTICE OF CONSENT

09/01479

3 Southlea Road

Appn. Date: 21st July 2009

Works to Trees covered by TPO. Sycamores x 2, branch lift to 5.3m over the highway, crown thinning by 5%, sever ivy from trunk.

Date: 9th October 2009

NOTICE OF APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

09/01886

8 Ruscombe Gardens

Appn. Date: 11th September 2009

Works to Trees covered by TPO. Consent to fell to ground level and poison one Maple tree.

Date: 9th October 2009

09.163 PLANNING MATTERS

Cllr Mrs S. Drummond asked that building works being undertaken at 10 Horton Road be brought to the attention of Planning Enforcement officers.

09.164 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.

09.165 FLOODING

Datchet Self Help Community Flood Plan

The Lead Member, in reminding members that they had all received a copy of the final draft of the plan, noted the comments made by Cllr Larcombe that in his opinion the plan should also include reference to flood defence and water course maintenance.

Cllr Clasper recommended the proposals as set out and members approved the document as the final draft, subject only to minor detailed clarification and amendments which would be dealt with by the Flood Plan working group.

Parish Councils Flood Liaison Group

In noting that Cllr Clasper had been appointed the Chairman of this new group, members confirmed the intention of the Parish Council to be part of the ongoing arrangements for flood liaison and formally approved the appointment of Cllrs Clasper and Lyons-Davis as this Councils representatives.

It was understood that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the new group would be meeting with Borough Council members and officers to formalise arrangements for the involvement of Parish Councils in the Borough Councils consideration of flooding matters.

The Environment Agency Lower Thames Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation

Cllr Clasper referred to the arrangements which had been made for the exhibition to be held in the Village Hall on the 23rd October and noted an email from a parishioner in this regard which it was agreed should be circulated to all members.

09.166 GROUNDS

Cllr Lyons-Davis briefed members as to current activities under his control.

Cllr D. Cannon referred to discussions which had taken place between himself and the Chairman of the British Legion regarding proposals for an event on the Village Green to be held on the 5th December 2009 during which time there would be involvement of the Legion, local churches, schools and the village in general.

It was hoped that the formal switching on of the Christmas tree lights could be incorporated in this event.

09.167 HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES

The Lead Member referred to;

- a) Ongoing discussions she was having with Borough Councillor officers and representatives of the school in Eton Road in relation to the known parking problems in this area, she would report back in detail in due course.
- b) In relation to the known parking problems in Windsor Road opposite the Riverside site, she would be meeting with Borough Council officers in due course. Cllr Clasper would also attend.
- c) The parking arrangements in and around the Village Hall/Health Centre site would be the next matter to be dealt with.

09.168 PROPERTIES

In the absence of the Lead Member no detailed information was available other than the fact that the tender documents for the Village Hall electrical works had been issued.

Cllr Clasper requested that the long outstanding matter of the ownership and financial implications of 24 The Green be re-visited and the working group reactivated.

09.169 CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Cannon took the opportunity to thank those members involved for their efforts in distribution the leaflet advising the village of the Environment Agency exhibition in the Village Hall on the 23rd October 2009.

He also took the opportunity, in light of a recent press and television item relating to the use of the Dorney Lake during the Olympics in 2012, to remind members that the only authorised individuals able to make comments to the press on behalf of the Parish Council were himself and the Clerk. If a Parish Councillor speaks to the Press in their private capacity, the onus is on them to ensure that the fact they are speaking in a private capacity is clearly stated.

In this later regard it was agreed that Cllr Larcombe prepare a draft letter for submission to the Borough Council regarding the Dorney Lake situation in 2012.

09.170 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk drew members attention to the forthcoming Parish Conference and the Annual General Meeting of the Berkshire Association of Local Councils.

09.171 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Cllr H. Clasper	Asked that consideration be given to further debate in regard to the confused situation relating to the links between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee. Noted.
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09.172 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs H. Jenkins again raised concerns regarding the manner in which the proposed alterations to the ground floor of 24 The Green were being dealt with. She was advised that the Bridge Management Committee were fully aware of the Councils position in this regard.

09.173 NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting will be held on 2nd November 2009 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40P.M.

CHAIRMAN

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