

Datchet Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE DATCHET VILLAGE HALL, ALLEN WAY,
ON MONDAY 21ST JUNE 2010 AT 8.00 P.M

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

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs S, Drummond, Mrs H. Taylor, Mrs E. F. Wren

There were 4 members of the public present.

10.027 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk reminded members of the information circulated with the agenda and in addition indicated that he would be on holiday from the close of this meeting and returning to the office on Monday 28th June 2010.

In relation to Planning Section 106 matters details had been circulated to all members and it would be necessary to take decisions at the next meeting of the Council.

In respect of the Parish Councils financial position a specific report would be presented to members at the meeting of the Council scheduled for the 19th July 2010 when members would be invited to approve a revised budget for the current financial year, 01.04.10-31.03.11.

10.028 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Ward, a parishioner, commented on parking problems in the area of the junction of Horton Road and Ditton Road, particularly in relation to those wishing to use the shops in that area. It was his view that the recently installed parking bays (February 2010) were causing traffic problems to such a degree that the previous double yellow lines should be replaced. It was agreed that this situation should be once again referred to Borough Council Highway Officers.

Mrs S. Needham enquired as to the current position regarding the proposed additional play equipment offered by the Borough Council as part of the Governments Playbuilder Programme. The Clerk explained the current situation and actions which had been taken to date, under the control of Borough Council Officers. Cllr H. Clasper in noting this situation expressed the view that the actions taken by Borough Officers in relation to local consultation were not in accordance with the assurances that had been given at a previous meeting by the Borough Officer dealing with this scheme.

It was agreed that this be taken up with the Officer concerned and reported back to the Council at its next meeting.

10.029 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH JUNE 2010

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

10.016

Delete the word 'parish' and replace with 'parishes'.

10.030 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MINUTES

10.019 – Planning Matters

No action has been taken on this matter at this time.

10.022 – Flooding

No action has been taken on this matter at this time.

10.031 MEMBERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr D. Lyons-Davis had attended a normal meeting of L.A.A.N.C. and would ensure that the minutes were circulated when available.

Cllr H. Clasper had attended a meeting of the Parishes Flood Group and Borough Flood Group.

Cllr T. A. J. O'Flynn had attended the Windsor and Maidenhead Development Control Panel.

10.032 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.

The Parish Council considers all applications on the basis that they are subject automatically to flood plain requirements.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appn. Date: 28th May 2010 **Appn No.:** 10/01151
Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO
Proposal: Consent to crown lift one Horse Chestnut to 3.5m removing branches over No.2, removing all branches with dieback, bleeding and damaged branches and deadwood. Remove 2 lowest branches over neighbour, including branch where failure has occurred. Remove branch with rope damage.
Location: 57 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HD
Applicant: Mrs Jito Athwal
Determination Date: 9 July 2010
JEC

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

APPEALS

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appeal Ref.: 10/60055/REF **Planning Ref.:** 10/00403/FULL **PIns Ref.:** APP/T0355/A/10/2129184
Date Received: 1 June 2010 **Comments Due:** 13 July 2010
Type: Refusal **Appeal Type:** Written Representation
Description: Change of Use of part of ground floor front from A1 (Shop) to self contained (A5) Hot food takeaway, to incorporate a new brick wall and gate to form yard. Including extractor flue and internal wall to form part change of use of ground floor rear from A1 (Shop) to C3 (Residential)
Location: 93 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HW
Appellant: Mr And Mrs Kakaria 93 Horton Road Datchet Slough SL3 9HW

Parish/Ward: Datchet Parish
Appeal Ref.: 10/60057/REF **Planning Ref.:** 10/00110/FULL **PIns Ref.:** APP/TO355/A/10/2130150
Date Received: 10 June 2010 **Comments Due:** 22 July 2010
Type: Refusal **Appeal Type:** Written Representation
Description: Change of use from A1 butcher to A5 take away and installation of external flue pipe to the rear
Location: 8 High Street Datchet Slough SL3 9EA
Appellant: Mr Darren Hanson c/o **Agent:** Mr Alan Bowles - AMDA International 18 Washington Drive Windsor SL4 4NS

10.033 PLANNING DECISIONS

NOTICE OF PERMISSION

10/00873 Appn. Date: 26th April 2010
40 Eton Road Detached garage and home office following demolition of existing garage.
Date: 9th June 2010

10/00888 Appn. Date: 29th April 2010
Hawthorne Cottage Two storey side extension with loft accommodation
38 Eton Road following demolition of existing garage.
Date: 1st June 2010

CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS

10/00829 Appn. Date: 21st April 2010
9 Lawn Close Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether a loft conversion with a rear
dormer is lawful. **LAWFUL**
Date: 1st June 2010

10.034 PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman referred to the outstanding list of enforcement actions and it was noted that this would be updated and presented to a future meeting of the Council.

In relation to the two planning appeals it was agreed that the Clerk write in support of these appeals as previously advised.

10.035 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 2010/2011 be approved.

10.036 FLOODING

Cllr H. Clasper commented in some detail regarding his attendances at both the Borough and Parishes Flood Forums and indicated that in so far as the Borough meeting was concerned details had been agreed of the top 10 outstanding water course inspections and works had been submitted to the forum.

Site inspections would follow and arrangements were in place in relation to the Datchet Ditch and the Datchet Common Brook. Updated flood risk maps were to be reviewed in order that they would be more easily interpreted.

Insurance difficulties in the flood plain would be brought to the attention of the Borough Forum and the new flood signs would be those previously proposed by the Environment Agency.

In relation to the Parishes Flood Forum information will be provided when the minutes of the last meeting were available.

10.037 GROUNDS

The Lead Member advised that the M.U.G.A. (Multi Use Games Area) goals were about to be reinstated.

10.038 TENNIS COURT REFURBISHMENT

Consequent upon a request made by Cllr H. Clasper, the Clerk had prepared and circulated a report updating members in this regard.

Members noted the current situation relating to both the information provided as a result of enquiries circulated to a number of specialist contractors together with the financial implications of whatever level of refurbishment might be subsequently approved.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that a working group be set up consisting of the Lead Member for Grounds together with Cllr A. J. Needham and a representative of the users of the courts. In addition a local consultant, who had carried out the initial work, be employed to deal with this matter.

10.039 HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES

The Lead Member advised that there was little to report other than the fact that she continued to have considerable difficulty in making contact with or obtaining information from Borough Council Officers.

It was noted that Cllr Mrs E. Wren had offered to undertake the role of Deputy Lead Member for Highways and General Purposes.

10.040 PROPERTIES

The Deputy Lead Member, at the request of Cllr Simmons reported that a request had been received from the tenant of 24A The Green in respect of minor maintenance items which had been agreed and ordered.

10.041 VILLAGE HALL REVIEW GROUP

Cllr T. A. J. O'Flynn, on behalf of the Group, indicated the progress they had made and the actions being taken to prepare a comprehensive report for the Council in order that a decision might be made as to both the way forward, the scope of necessary works and funding arrangements.

Concerns were expressed by members as to the timescales involved, details of the proposals now mentioned and the impact that this was having on the management of the Village Hall.

Cllr O'Flynn agreed to take on board and report back to the Review Group the feelings and comments of members.

10.042 FINAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2009/2010 AND TO NOTE THE DETAILS OF THE ANNUAL RETURN

The Clerk referred to the detailed report he had circulated and responded to members questions in relation to both the Audit implications and the necessary responses contained within the Local Councils in England Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2010.

It was proposed by Cllr A. J. Needham, seconded by Cllr T. A. J. O'Flynn and unanimously resolved that;

- a) The Council accept the Independent Internal Auditors report and recommendations.
- b) Authorise the Chairman and the Clerk to sign off the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2010.
- c) Authorise action to revise or continue the existing arrangements for risk assessments and put in place an approved assets register.
- d) Authorise the Clerk in conjunction with Lead Members to prepare a formal response to the action plan items referred to above.

10.043 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman referred to a letter received from the Datchet in Bloom Group which indicated that due to numerous circumstances and the current position regarding floral features in Datchet but with particular reference to the decision of the Parish Council not to enter the Britain in Bloom competition on an annual basis but they would be disbanding the group.

Whilst noting this position the Chairman was of the view that the grateful thanks of the Parish Council should be conveyed to the Group for their considerable efforts over many years. Members whole heartedly supported this proposal which was agreed unanimously.

10.044 COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Cllr E. Larcombe

Referred to the current position regarding the legal action between the Borough Council and a local resident and noted that it would appear that there was now room for a compromise which in his view was a sensible way forward and for which he sought the Councils support. Agreed.

Cllr D. Loveridge

Referred to maintenance problems relating to the Datchet Common Brook and was advised by Cllr Clasper that as previously referred to arrangements were in place for an inspection by the Environment Agency.

10.045 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs S. Needham referred to the matter of the refusal of the recent planning application in respect of Gable End Stores about which she had corresponded with Borough Councillor J. Grey and to which she had received no response.

10.046 NEXT MEETING

The Next Meeting will be held on 5th July 2010 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.21P.M.

CHAIRMAN

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