

MINUTES of ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held on Wednesday 21st March 2012
in Dorney Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:- Mr K Harris (Chairman of the Parish Council chaired the meeting), Mr G Easton , Mr A Purdie, Mr Nelson, Mrs L Kittel, Mr P Smith and about 30 members of public (list appended to file copy of these minutes).

In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Clerk), District Cllr A Dhillon SBDC, Bucks Cllr D Dhillon, Cllr A Walters (Chairman of SBDC), Mr A Russell (Youth Club), Ian Barham (Bucks Manager for the 2012 Games), Terry Stafford (LOCOG Transport Team), Sgt Misselbrook, PCSO O'Connor, and Mr Russell (Dorney Village Hall committee)

1. APOLOGIES for absence were received from:- Ms Foxley, Dominic Grieves MP, Mr I Lloyd.

2. RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the 2011 meeting held on 22nd March 2011.

3. Chairman's Reports:- Mr Harris reported that this last year has been a strange year with the run up to the Olympics. The Parish Council has tried its best to ensure that the Olympics are held at Eton Lake with the minimum disruption to the community of Dorney even though we have not been invited to many of the meetings with LOCOG. However, the organisation of this event is better than what we expected as the Church will not be affected and residents will be able to travel through Dorney during the Olympics. The Parish Council did object to the Windsor Legacy Group who were campaigning for a permanent bridge across the Thames between Windsor and Dorney. Mr Harris is pleased to confirm this will not happen and the temporary bridge will be removed after the Olympics. Mr Harris went on to say he was pleased to welcome Leanne Kittel on to the Parish Council after the elections in May 2011. Mrs Kittel is doing an excellent job organising the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee and 2012 Olympics and has obtained funding from SBDC and BCC.

Dorney Parish Council, together with the other parish councils in the group, still do not support the Local Area Forum until amendments recommended by the cluster of parish councils involved have been taken on board by Bucks CC.

4. Finance - Budget & Precept, Maintenance and Best Kept Village

The Council has tried to keep the budget as low as possible for 2012/13 and it has increased by over 3%. If the Parish decides to support the refurbishment of the Village Hall the precept will increase considerably in the future. A letter will be sent to every elector to see if there is a majority consensus for this project. The questionnaire will be hand delivered with a SAE to return and it is important for the electorate to participate.

Mr Harris thanked John Farrell, the groundsperson employed by the Parish Council, and Nick Teale (for his voluntary litter pick each day through the village) for maintaining the Village to a high standard.

One member of the public did ask for the 2 grass verges along Harcourt Road to be cut more often. Mr Harris explained that SBDC still carry out the mowing of this area but will ask John Farrell if he can carry out some additional work and to fill in the holes where the trees have been removed. Mr Purdie added that the Parish Council is looking for additional funding from BCC to carry out more delegated work on behalf of the County.

7.50pm Cllr A Dhillon joined the meeting.

Mr Teale enquired about the white railings by the cattle grid that still need to be repaired? Mr Harris explained that this has been reported to SBDC but it is not a straightforward repair but it will be done. Also Dorney Common is litter picked on an annual basis by the commoners and occasionally by SBDC along the highways.

5. 2012 Olympics/Paralympics - Ian Barham (Bucks Manager for the 2012 Games) gave a presentation to update residents. The temporary footbridge will be completed in April and it is quite a monstrosity to cope with the estimated 30,000 spectators crossing this bridge each day. Mr

Barham confirmed again that this is only a temporary structure. He also thanked Leanne Kittel and her colleagues for taking on board the spirit of the occasion and organising events to celebrate the Olympics.

Terry Stafford is part of LCOG Transportation Team and explained that their aim is to have a successful event with the least disruption to residents. Spectators will be encouraged to enter Dorney without their car. To act as a deterrent there will be no spectator parking at the venue and temporary controlled parking zones. Also there will be incentives not to use cars by giving out travel cards. Residents in Dorney affected by the parking zone will be sent a letter in May explaining the set up and the opportunity to apply for parking permits for householders and visitors. Also there will be an information centre at the Bishop's Centre every Friday afternoon. Residents with tickets for the games will be able to enter at the nearest entrance.

During the games spectators will be encouraged to stagger egress from the site by having music and entertainment. There will be 4 points of entrance (i) Northern Entrance; (ii) Thames Footpath; (iii) TransJunction Hub and; (iv) Park & Ride. There will be Blue Badge parking at Windsor and Big Meadow. Construction work on the site will start in April between 8 am and no later than 9pm.

Mr Barham went on to explain that the Olympic Torch Relay is coming to Dorney on 10th July. There are events being arranged for the community to the build up of the Olympics to encourage fitness and art. Taplow car boot will definitely not take place during the games. After the games all reinstatement will be completed by November 2012.

6. Olympic Policing/Neighbourhood Action Group - Sgt Misselbrook is on the Olympic Policing team and is working closely with the Neighbourhood Police to deal with crimes and issues related to the Olympics. He is running crime prevention initiatives in the area and high visibility patrols will be increasing as the event draws nearer. His team is also working closely with the Environment Agency regarding issues connected to the River Thrunes. He is contactable and will be available at the LCOG Information Centres. He understands the parking problems when the gate to Eton Lake is closed and he will be enforcing any parking issues. On this subject he is working with the Parish Council to resolve this problem in the long term and Mr Harris explained that a meeting will be arranged with Eton Lake to look for the best solution. Parking will be available for Sunday Churchgoers and Jill Palmer has provided additional parking spaces for this. PSCO O'Connell provided a report on Crime figures for the year and the Neighbourhood Action Group as attached.

7. Dorney Village Hall - Mr Easton reported that the Village Hall has served the community for 40 years but now it is deteriorating, especially the roof which has had some temporary patching. Also the electricity is poor, there is no insulation and there is a loss of income as we are unable to hire out the second room at the same time as the main hall as there is no separate entrance. The plans for the refurbishment will overcome all these problems but it is estimated to cost £350,000. The Parish Council has agreed to apply for a £200,000 loan if it is the wish of the majority of the electorates to proceed and the Village Hall Committee will hopefully raise £150,000 through grants.

8. Olympic and Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - Mrs Kittel reported that she is chairing the Olympic Countdown Committee which is bringing a positive aspect to the run up to the Olympics. All voluntary organisations in the Parish are involved in this committee plus the TVPA and District Council. A diary of events have now been published which reflects the great community we have in Dorney. All the events are free as they have been funded by grants. On the back of this Committee, celebrations are also being organised for the Queen's Jubilee. There will be a free event at the Village Hall on Sunday 3rd June with a hog roast, drinks, entertainment and organised sport. On Tuesday 5th June there will be a Big Screen at the Village Hall showing the celebrations in London.

9. Internet Access - Mr Purdie included this additional agenda item to mention the improved internet access which has been installed by BT for the Olympics. This will not be available to the general public until after the games. Mr Purdie will be monitoring the progress of this to ensure it happens and thanked Mr Dax for all his work in starting this campaign.

10. Reports from SBDC and Bucks CC - Cllr Alan Walters, Chairman of SBDC, reported that the District Council is putting in a lot of time and funding to support the Olympics through its 'Inspire' programme. The event itself will also create more work for the Council such as rubbish clearance etc. An important change at District Council this year has been the appointment of a new Chief Executive to manage both Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils. This change, together with a reduction in the top management team, has made savings. SBDC has to make £1million savings out of a £10 million budget and is on target to do so.

Mrs Richmond raised her disappointment that councillors on the Planning Committee voted by 6 votes to 4 to agree the Tesco's planning application at the Bishop Centre which was against the recommendations of the planning officers. She felt that SBDC has let down Taplow, Burnham and Dorney Parish Councils as well as the small businesses at the Bishop Centre. Cllr Walters took on board these concerns and will raise them with the Chairman of the Planning Committee. Mrs Richmond also asked how the traffic problems will be addressed regards the A4 if this development goes ahead. Cllr Dev Dhillon commented that any S106 contribution associated with this development goes to improvements of social housing or infrastructure.

Cllr Dev Dhillon reported that Bucks CC have had to make drastic financial cuts in the last 3 years including cuts in school transport and social care but hopefully services will improve in future years. Each county councillor has been able to put forward 5 roads for improvements and he has put forward Hill Farm, Nicholson Walk, Bath Road, Eastfield Road and Huntercombe Lane, He is working hard with Bucks CC to get improvements to pavements and roads in the South of the County which includes Dorney.

11. Cllr A Dhillon introduced himself as the new District Councillor for Dorney and the son of Cllr Dev Dhillon. He has been a councillor for just over a year and is happy for people to contact him with any concerns.

12. Question time - A number of members of the public present at the meeting raised great concern regards the state of Orchard Herbs Farm and queried how the Enforcement Officers allow all this to happen. Orchard Herb Farm has now become an eyesore to the village and detracts from all the effort to make improvements for the Olympics. Cllrs Dev and A Dhillon will take these complaints to the Deputy Leader and Enforcement Officers at SBDC. Mr Smith recommended that everyone writes to the Head of Planning at SBDC and ask for a reply to the complaints raised.

Lastly Mrs Kittel congratulated Mary Baker for being the official torch bearer for the Olympic torch relay at Dorney.

Meeting Ended:- 9.55 pm