



DORNEY

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 P.M. AT DORNEY SCHOOL

Present

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair) Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford

Cllr. Euan MacLennan Cllr. Stephen Baker

Cllr. Robert Stopford Cllr. Anna Palmer

Ms Ruth Senior (Parish Clerk) and eight members of the public (including four via zoom)

Open Forum

Alice Foxley raised the issue of the Dorney defibrillator not working, the Clerk confirmed that the new battery was already on order and should be arriving this week and will be fitted immediately. There was a question regarding an accident after the road layout change on Dents Corner, although we understand an accident did take place, knocking down the bollards in the middle of the road, no accident was officially reported. Highways will be replacing the bollards. Confirmation was given upon questioning that the recent public consultation on the road layout change was lawfully carried out.

PC/27/21 Apologies for absence

None given

PC/28/21 To confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 20th July 2021

These were **approved** with no amendments required and signed by the Chairman.
There were no matters arising.

PC/29/21 Co-option of councillor

No candidate has come forward. The Parish Council have asked for this to be advertised in the next issue of Dorney Parish News.

PC/30/21 Items of business carried forward

30.1 The consultation relating to Dents Corner

Work took place very quickly (on September 1st) after the layout agreement was reached.

30.2 The Dorney Area Parking Review

County Cllr. Sandy has confirmed via email that Bucks have taken Dorney out of the area review. The Parish Council will now consider parking issues across Dorney, road by road.

30.3 Roundmoor Ditch

Cllr. Stopford confirmed that Thames Water stated they will be clearing the section of the Roundmoor Ditch, which runs past their treatment plant in the next week following confirmation that there are no water voles on site.

He also attended a meeting to discuss future plans for the water treatment plant outflow, where it was confirmed that there will be a new pipe through Dorney Common to the Thames at Boveney to help cope with the envisaged population growth and storm water. This will be starting in 2023 and completed by March 2025.

30.4 The Orchard Herbs Site

Planning Officer, Liz Ashton is awaiting a response from Highways Bucks and Historic England over her concerns.

Weekly visits are taking place regarding the enforcement notice and although slow, it has been noticed that a significant number of vehicles have gone. The Clerk will ask for an update from County Cllr. Sandy.

There is no current progress on the Certificate of Lawfulness. **It was agreed** The Clerk will write to Kirstie Elliot from the Parish Council stating our objections.

30.5 M4 Smart motorway

The Clerk and The Chair confirmed that no response had been received from Mr. Stacy nor Mr. Orchard despite being invited to comment or attend the Parish Council meeting. **It was agreed** The Clerk will contact again for an update, specifically regarding; sound barriers, completion date, 30mph signage on Lake End Road and the entrance to the Village Hall.

30.6 The Emergency Plan

Cllr. Palmer confirmed that there will be a meeting in October to further the draft plan. It has been decided to split Dorney into four areas with 'Community Rest Centres' in each area to make the plan successful. More to follow in the October meeting.

30.7 The claim by the Village Hall

At the July meeting there was a unanimous decision to offer a 50:50 claim settlement to the Village Hall Committee. The deal accepted by the Village Hall was to net off previously unbilled maintenance payments of £250 a year for 2019/20 and 2020/21 against the 50:50 settlement of the Village Hall's claim that £5,000 had been overcharged from 2015/16 to 2019/20, leaving £2,000 currently payable by DPC to the Village Hall.

PC/31/21 Planning

The Clerk circulates any relevant planning information to Cllr. Stopford and Cllr. Baker.

Cllr. Stopford reported that approval has been sought to fell trees at the Old Bakery in Village Road, he will contact neighbours for their views and report back accordingly. It was agreed that if the neighbours have no objections, then nor will the Parish Council.

PC/32/21 Finance

32.1 To agree/ratify expenditure and income to date

The Clerk confirmed that the cashbook is up to date with many payments ready to be processed. The cashbook will be circulated as soon as the payments have been made through the new bank account.

Cllr. MacLennan confirmed that the 2020/2021 AGAR has been signed off by the External Auditor. The notice of conclusion certificate will be posted on the village notice boards and websites.

32.2 To agree terms of the new banking arrangements

As soon as the new bank account receives the transferred funds from Bank of Ireland, The Clerk will action all outstanding payments. **It was agreed** that the signatories will then check and authorise these payments as a matter of urgency. Going forward, The Clerk will raise payments as they arise and the signatories will check the bank on a weekly basis for any payments awaiting authorisation. **It was agreed** that The Clerk will inform the signatories if there are any unusual or new payments.

32.3 To consider LED streetlighting

The Clerk confirmed that there are two streetlights still to be switched over to LED. The contractor Leigh Electrical has been changing the lights over as and when they fail. The last two can be changed over sooner at a cost of £40 per light however it was agreed that when the last two fail naturally and have been changed to LED, The Clerk will contact SSE to ask for a new tariff.

Cllr. Westcott-Wreford reported two streetlights lights are not working – Cattlegrid and Southfield Close, The Clerk will report these to Leigh Electrical. The light outside the old Post Office has also been reported and investigation is under way to determine the problem.

PC/33/21 To consider speeding issues around the village

Cllr. Westcott-Wreford will access the information from the speed signs to report on actual speeds through those areas of Dorney.

A discussion took place on options for tackling the speeding issues around Dorney including the possibility of using the volunteer speed gun from a neighbouring Parish.

The Clerk will forward Bucks Speeding Options email to all Councillors for consideration and contact the local Police with regards to the mobile Police speed van adding Dorney to their rota.

This will be re-visited in the October meeting.

PC/34/21 To consider issues relating to the cattle grid

The issue with the noisy and loose cattle grid is ongoing with Bucks. **It was agreed** that Cllr. Westcott-Wreford will contact Jack Pearce at Bucks again for an update as the view is that it is the design of the grid which is failing.

PC/35/21 To consider and decide next steps relating to arrangements with the Village Hall and Playground Management Committees

35.1 Village Hall – It was agreed that Dorney Parish Council should have a trustee on the Village Hall Committee, Cllr. Palmer proposed herself, seconded by Cllr. Westcott-Wreford.

35.2 Playground – Cllr. MacLennan met with Leanne Kittel and updated the council on the discussion regards the future of the playground and insurances. No decisions to be made currently.

PC/36/21 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents

Cllr. Baker confirmed he is still working on the cycling complaint.

PC/37/21 To review any matters relating to Groundsman/Maintenance

The Chair confirmed that the processionary moth signage will remain in place as there may still be hairs falling from the trees. The tree spraying will happen in spring and there could be funding available for this from the Forestry Commission which will be investigated at the time.

It was agreed that Dorney Parish Council will purchase 2 new polo shirts and a cap with the new DPC logo on for John Farrell, The Chair will investigate this.

PC/38/21 To discuss the overdue tree survey

Landmark last carried out a tree survey in 2017. **It was agreed** that The Clerk will order a new survey as it is now overdue and will keep it on a two year cycle going forward.

PC/39/21 To discuss the new recycling box and bin procedure from Bucks Council

The new box procedure was discussed and although the view is that to increase the possibility of card and paper being recycled is the priority, the box is too small. The Parish Council will review this in the future after some settling time.

PC/40/21 Update on Dorney Lake following the Dorney Lake Liaison Group meeting

The Chair attended this meeting w/c 13.9.21. The group confirmed Dorney Lake will re-open and the parking charges on site will remain in place. It was agreed that it is great to have a good working relationship with the group. We anticipate that there will be parking issues in Court Lane and this will be reviewed at the next meeting with the group in January.

Parking Permits for certain postcodes can be renewed or applied for directly from Dorney Lake.

PC/41/21 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 19th October 2021

Marsh Lane mud on the road from tractors in the field – The Chair has been in communication with the farmer and will continue this contact.

Potholes in Boveney Road.

Road resurfacing including Dents Corner, Lake End Road and Marsh Lane.

Meeting ended at 9.25 pm.

Chairman **Date**