



DORNEY

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 26th APRIL 2022, 7.30 P.M. AT DORNEY SCHOOL

Present

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair) Cllr. Anna Palmer Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford
Cllr. Robert Stopford Cllr. Stephen Baker Cllr. William Voaden
Ms Ruth Senior (Parish Clerk) and 7 members of the public

Open Forum

Lyndsey Oliver from Playground Management Group reported that they now have two new Trustees for the Group and Dorney School have sent out information to parents asking for volunteers. The Parish Council confirmed that once the accounts have been examined and any questions they have answered, they will put forward a representative. Anyone else interested in stepping forward, should contact the Playground Management Group directly.

Residents requested an update on the Thames Water field re-wilding project. The Parish Council confirmed that the latest update on information was published in the April Dorney Parish News, there is no further news. **It was agreed** the Clerk will contact Thames Water with the details of Charities in Dorney.

PC/42/22 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Euan MacLennan.

PC/43/22 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March and matters arising

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

PC/44/22 Items of business carried forward

44.1 The Orchard Herbs Site

Cllr. Stopford reported that Mitchel Pugh, Enforcement Officer is aware of the new concrete mixing business on the site and he does not believe it is lawful in line with the inspector's comments, he will be seeking to remedy the issue at the earliest opportunity. Cllr. Stopford attended the Burnham Parish Council Planning meeting, they will be submitting their own objections on the site. There is currently no update on the Enforcement Notice or hotel plan.

44.2 M4 Smart Motorway

Nick Cooper and Jim Stacy from the project were unable to attend this month but sent an update. The project is still on track for completion by the end of Spring 2022.
It was confirmed that there will be a 2 week closure of Lake End bridge from 9th – 20th May (not including the weekend of 14th 15th).

It was agreed the Clerk will contact M4 Smart Motorway to question; the work still to be done on the sound barriers as there are gaps at Marsh Lane and Jubilee River, during the weekend of road closure will be it be single lane or both open, a bump/lip in the road surface which has appeared on the Marsh Lane bridge.

44.3 The Emergency Plan

The Chair confirmed that there is now a draft Emergency Plan and thanked the team for putting this together. It was agreed the Clerk will circulate the draft plan on receipt from Cllr. Palmer for discussion at the May meeting.

PC/45/22 Planning

Cllr. Stopford and Cllr. Baker updated on planning applications; 17 Harcourt Road has been refused, the Parish Council have submitted an objection to the Harcourt Close plan however there are currently no objections to this plan from residents. There are no objections for any other Dorney applications.

It was agreed the Clerk will contact the Burnham Parish Council Clerk and Taplow Parish Council to agree a meeting for working together on any future large plans which will affect the area.

PC/46/22 Finance - To agree/ratify expenditure and income to date

The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

PC/47/22 To update on Slough Treatment Works and the impact on Dorney

Cllr. Stopford confirmed that the latest plans/update on the project will be available in June.

PC/48/22 To discuss traffic speed across Dorney Common

Following the deaths of 2 cows in 2021 and 1 accident this year, the question of reducing the speed limit across the common during the season when the cows are out was raised. **It was agreed** the Clerk will make enquiries of the possibilities and the option of having 'cattle on the road' signs erected at each end of the common.

PC/49/22 To discuss the Dorney Annual Parish meeting (17th May @ 8pm) and invites

The Annual Parish meeting is open for anyone to attend. There will be no refreshments at this year's meeting due to the high covid cases and expected low attendance.

PC/50/22 To discuss Councillor training opportunities and costs

It was agreed the Clerk will make the bookings and payments for Councillor training.

PC/51/22 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents

Residents have questioned the disappearance of footpaths across the farm fields (North Field and the field behind Lake End Road) as the fields have been ploughed for planting. **It was agreed** the Clerk will contact the farmer to request the paths are fully reinstated asap.

PC/52/22 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 17th May 2022

- RJC Landscape's plans for landscaping around the welcome to Dorney signs and concrete troughs. **It was unanimously agreed** to increase the RJC monthly invoice by £25 to cover the cost of cleaning the road bollards monthly (to ratify at May meeting).
- Parking problems on Lake End Road.
- Cllr. Voaden has been investigating the process and advantages of Dorney having a Neighbourhood Plan. He will circulate this prior to the May meeting for discussion.
- For tickets to the Jubilee Celebration at the Palmer Arms, please contact them directly.
- Dorney notice board replacement options as the existing board is becoming unsafe.
- Cllr. Westcott-Wreford confirmed that there will be new, larger rubber pads fitted in the cattle grid to combat the noise problem.

Meeting ended at 8.40pm

Chairman Date