



DORNEY

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 16th May, 6.30 P.M. AT THE BOATHOUSE, DORNEY LAKE

Present

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair)

Cllr. Anna Palmer

Cllr. Euan MacLennan

Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford

Cllr. Stephen Baker

Cllr. William Voaden

Clerk Ruth Senior and 6 members of the public

Public Forum

No comments

PC/52/23 To elect a Chairman and Declaration of Office of Chairman

Cllr. Baker proposed, Cllr. Westcott-Wreford seconded, Jill Dax as Chairman, who accepted the role. **AGREED** – all in favour. Declaration of office completed.

PC/53/23 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Robert Stopford

PC/54/23 To elect a Vice Chairman

Cllr. Baker proposed, Cllr. Palmer seconded, Martyn Westcott-Wreford as Vice Chairman, who accepted the role. **AGREED** – all in favour.

PC/55/23 Declaration of office signed by each elected Councillor

This was duly completed.

PC/56/23 To elect a Finance Chairman

Cllr. Baker proposed, Cllr. Dax seconded, Euan MacLennan as Finance Chairman, who accepted the role. **AGREED** – all in favour.

PC/57/23 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda

None disclosed

PC/58/23 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2023

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

PC/59/23 To receive the Clerk report

There was no update this month.

PC/60/23 Items of business carried forward

60.1 The Orchard Herbs Site

Continuous efforts are being made from Dorney Parish Council and County Cllr. George Sandy with the support of Taplow and Burnham Parish Councils. Dorney Parish Council received a

response from Joy Morrissey confirming that the hotel appeal is being taken to the Secretary of State for review.

60.2 The Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Voaden thanked Council for the timely flyer distribution to publicise the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. There has been a successful response rate so far of over 60, it would be great to hit 100. Cllr. Voaden would like to encourage residents to complete the questionnaire or contact the Clerk for a hard copy.

The main comments so far include the problem with road surfaces and speed limits.

PC/61/23 Planning

There have been no new applications this month.

Orchard Herbs – refer to minute PC/60/23 60.1.

Boveney Court Farm – no update since 1st March.

PL/21/1884/HB – this application has been ‘called in’ for review by the Buckinghamshire Planning Committee.

PC/62/23 Finance

62.1 The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

62.2 Cllr. MacLennan presented the latest update on Council finances. We are awaiting payment from Buckinghamshire for the 2 MVAS, all other spend is mainly the same each month, Clerk services, grounds maintenance, streetlighting and subscriptions.

The draft AGAR was circulated and will be sent for internal audit soon.

There has been no increase in the Parish Council Precept again this financial year.

It was agreed that we will instruct RJC Landscapes to an extra 2 days to have a full tidy of the grounds now the weather has improved.

PC/63/23 To receive and update on the problem with the Jubilee footpaths and bikers

Cllr. Dax met with the Environment Agency, police and Slough Borough Council regarding the ongoing problem. One of the main entry points is the bridge over the from Mercian Way, Cippenham. It is a very difficult situation as access cannot be blocked for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc but options are being considered. It was agreed that the restricted access at Roundmoor Ditch and Old Lake End Road has helped considerably.

Discussions will continue but in the meantime, reports must be made to 101 of sightings and encounters.

PC/64/23 To consider insurance renewals

The Clerk reported that the Insurance renewal quote has increased from £1145.70 to £1421.54 this year which is largely due to the claims on the MVAS accidents. Unfortunately as a result of the claims, two insurance companies who specialise in Parish Councils have turned down our quote request, we are awaiting one more.

It was agreed that unless the last company offer a better quote, we will stick with Gallagher again this year.

PC/65/23 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents

We have received a number of requests for information/help this month:

Deer signage around Court Lane/Dorney Lake - this will be investigated with Buckinghamshire County Council.

Memorial Garden trees – the works reported on the tree survey in 2021 have all been completed, there will be a new survey at the end of this year and any further recommendations will be undertaken.

Barrier to Trumpers Field – this barrier was installed by Buckinghamshire County Council, and neither Dorney Parish Council or Dorney Village Hall are responsible for its use or maintenance. Buckinghamshire CC will be notified that its reinstatement has been requested by residents.

PC/66/23 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 20th June 2023

Pension scheme.

Dorney Village sign at Eton Wick end of Dorney Common, which has rotted and possibly been knocked down by the cows.

Speeding review.

Meeting ended at 7.10 pm

Chairman Date