



DORNEY

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 20th JUNE, 7.30pm AT DORNEY SCHOOL

Present

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair)
Cllr. Robert Stopford

Cllr. Anna Palmer
Cllr. Stephen Baker

Cllr. Euan MacLennan
Cllr. William Voaden

Clerk Ruth Senior and 1 member of the public

Public Forum

We would love to see more Dorney residents and members of the public attending the Parish Council meetings. Anyone is welcome to attend and the meeting dates are published on the website.

The first 15 minutes of every meeting are open to the public to bring things to our attention or comment on existing issues.

The Parish Council were informed of a problem where the BT cabling has been cut on Harcourt Road due to the building works, this has been reported to Planning at Bucks to determine responsibility.

PC/67/23 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford

PC/68/23 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda

Due to personal connections, Cllr. Stopford declared an interest in item 10 on the agenda (Parish Boundaries) and Cllr. Palmer on item 6.1 (Planning) and will refrain from voting on these items.

PC/69/23 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2023

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

PC/70/23 To receive the Clerk report

The Clerk presented the report which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

PC/71/23 Items of business carried forward

71.1 The Orchard Herbs Site

It was agreed that it is critical that the Parish Council continue to push for the closure of the site.

Cllr. Stopford reported that he has made contact with Stephanie Penney – Bucks Enforcement however no response has been received as yet.

It was agreed that the Council will submit an official response to Darran Eggleton's email of May 23rd including up to date site photos, information on the fires on site and the new concrete mix business – we will request support from Taplow and Burnham Parish Council's.

There was a hotel planning appeal site visit today, we will await the report from the inspector. MP Joy Morrissey has written to the Secretary of State, Michael Gove and Minister of State, Rachel Maclean raising her objections to the planning application and appeal.

The Certificate of Lawfulness is still being processed, there is no update.

Cllr. Dax is speaking with the Fire Service to get their official report on the latest fires that they attended, this will continue to be pursued. These have been flagged to the Environmental Health Department of the Council.

71.2 The Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council received 113 responses to the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire which is very good news.

The results are now being analysed and Mark Brand has presented an outline report of the findings which will be used to produce the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan hopefully by September.

It was agreed that the timeline chart from Mark Brand will be put on the website with the disclaimer that dates are guides only and are subject to change.

There will be a full presentation of the initial findings of the questionnaire and future of the Neighbourhood Plan on 18th July, 6.30pm at Dorney School, all welcome.

PC/72/23 Planning

72.1 There has only been one planning application of note this month at Squirrel Corner PL/23/1614/FA. Two objections have been made so far, **it was agreed** that the Parish Council will support these objections due to the size of the development and the new windows overlooking neighbours. Cllr. Dax also questioned the ownership of the Black Locust tree next to the property which Cllr. Palmer will investigate.

72.2 The 3 Ward Councillors have 'called in' the applications to Boveney Court Farm, which will now go to the planning committee. **It was agreed** that Cllr. Stopford will attend the meeting and make our 3 minute objections subject to availability, Cllr. Dax will attend otherwise.

PC/73/23 Finance

73.1 The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting, some minor amendments were made to a previous cashbook, these will all be approved at the next meeting.

73.2 Cllr. MacLennan has completed the AGAR ready for the Internal Auditor. This will be submitted to PKF Littlejohn by July 31st and open for public review from 3rd July to 11th August.

PC/74/23 To discuss meeting dates for 2023 and 2024

In line with other local Parish Councils, it was proposed by Cllr. Stopford and **unanimously agreed** to move the Parish Council meetings to every other month. Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov.

Should there be an emergency/new situation where a decision must be made urgently, we will seek a majority agreement over email and ratify at the next meeting, however, wherever possible decisions will only be made at meetings and Extraordinary Meetings can be called where needed.

It was agreed that when an email is sent from the Clerk to ask for opinions/agreement, ALL Councillors must respond by the date requested in the subject matter.

PC/75/23 To consider Dorney Parish Council joining the Local Government Pension Scheme through Bucks

As the Clerk qualifies for joining the scheme, **this was agreed**. More information will be brought to the next meeting with figures and timescales.

PC/76/23 To discuss the Community Governance Review on Parish Boundaries

Cllr. Stopford will be submitting a request for review as a resident to push the boundary from Roundmoor Ditch to the M4. **It was agreed** that should Buckinghamshire agree to the review, Dorney Parish Council will support.

PC/77/23 To consider replacing the entry to Dorney signs that have eroded and been destroyed by the cattle

It was agreed that we will revisit this next month with more information. The Clerk will establish ownership of the signs, Cllr. Dax will explore costs and Cllr. Westcott-Wreford to provide photos.

PC/78/23 To discuss speed controls on Lake End Road, Common Road and Marsh Lane

It was agreed that there needs to be a review on speed limits across the parish, this was also apparent from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire results. The Clerk will look at the processes for review.

PC/79/23 To confirm extra days for RJC Landscapes

There are no areas currently that the Parish is responsible for that are causing a problem. **It was agreed** to wait until the end of summer and review. **It was agreed** that Cllr. Palmer will investigate hedge trimming near the Dorney Lake entrance.

PC/80/23 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents

None

PC/81/23 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 18th July 2023

Lake End Common and Dorney Common floods.
Posts outside Pineapple and Ashford Lane.
Annual Plan for the Parish Council.
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 update.

Meeting ended at 8.55 pm

Chairman Date