



# DORNEY

## PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY, 7.30pm AT DORNEY SCHOOL

#### **Present**

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair)            Cllr. Euan MacLennan            Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford  
Cllr. William Voaden

Clerk Ruth Senior and 5 members of the public

#### **Public Forum**

The Clerk confirmed that the dead tree on Harcourt Road should be reported on Fix My Street.

#### **PC/82/23 Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Anna Palmer, Cllr. Robert Stopford, Cllr. Stephen Baker

#### **PC/83/23 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda**

There were none

#### **PC/84/23 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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

#### **PC/85/23 To receive the Clerk report**

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

#### **PC/86/23 Items of business carried forward**

##### **86.1 The Orchard Herbs Site**

Darran Eggleton responded to our email for an update on the site on 28<sup>th</sup> June:

*Further to our previous correspondence I write to advise that we have now received legal advice in relation to this matter. We will now be acting upon that advice and taking action accordingly. I hope you are able to understand that for operational reasons, I can't go into any detail about what that action is, but I can provide assurance that we have a direct of travel and we are pursuing it. We will be able to tell you more once we have clarified a few other points and once the relevant action has been instigated.*

*In the meantime thank you for the images below and I write to advise that we are pulling together response to the question you raise below. Our priority at the moment is acting on the legal advice but we will pick up the answer to your questions with you in the coming weeks.*

*Kind regards,*

**Darran Eggleton**

*Head of Planning Policy and Compliance*

**It was agreed** that the Clerk will chase for the latest update.

Cllr. Dax confirmed that a response was received from the Chief Fire Officer regarding the fires on site however this was not very useful as the specifics were not recorded however this has been forwarded to Bucks to log.

##### **86.2 The Neighbourhood Plan**

Thank you to everyone who attended the presentation prior to this meeting.

The analysis of the questionnaire continues.

Cllr. Voaden has received some detailed parish maps from Bucks which will help with the next steps.

There will now be some further analysis into the pros and cons for possible development sites within the parish.

**There will be a presentation of the next steps of the Neighbourhood Plan on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 5-8pm at Dorney Village Hall, all welcome.**

### **PC/87/23 Planning**

The applications on the Boveney Court Farm site have been called in and are going to the Planning Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr. Dax confirmed she will attend and speak on behalf of Dorney PC.

### **PC/88/23 To discuss the flooding problems on Lake End Common and Dorney Common**

Cllr. Devon Davies (Eton and Castle Council) spoke about the flooding problems which are suspected to be coming from the Slough Treatment Works;

Some work has been undertaken to remove weeds by the Eton Wick Waterways Group to increase flow.

The Environment Agency are keen to fence off areas to stop the cattle from entering the water as they are breaking the banks and the silt in the water reduces flow.

Thames Water have agreed they could contribute towards improving the situation.

**It was agreed** that the Environment Agency should be chased to improve flow and clear blockages.

### **PC/89/23 To update on the possibility of installing posts outside the Pineapple pub**

It has been confirmed that unfortunately Bucks do not have the funds available to install posts to stop parking on the pavements and recommended that the Parish Council and residents seek funding from elsewhere.

**It was agreed** that we will speak with County Councillors and the Community Board regarding the situation as this is becoming very dangerous particularly for the Ashford Lane residents exiting the lane.

### **PC/90/23 To consider an Annual Plan for Dorney Parish Council**

Cllr. Dax has drafted an Annual Plan as we are now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the new Parish Council. We would like to have a proactive approach to current and future matters within the Council and hope this will help towards that.

Draft:

Current Matters

- Progress Neighbourhood Plan 'journey
- Continue to pursue Bucks (work with Burnham PC) for injunction and revert to permitted usage
- Memorial Garden tree survey
- Work with Slough, EA, police to prevent trail bike incursion on Jubilee River/local fields & footpaths
- Meetings with Dorney Lake to gain summer access for residents
- Support parish boundary change - Lake End
- Pressure on Bucks to repair potholes
- Pursue previously agreed resurfacing of certain roads
- Resolve dangerous parking at junction of Ashford Lane/Lake End Road
- Make good Village Road cattle grid
- Pursue reduced speed limits Lake End Road (60 down to 40mph)/Common Road (60 down to 40mph) Boveney Road (60 down to 30mph) Marsh Lane -from entry to Dorney and Court Lane from 40mph down to 30mph
- Replace sign on entry to Dorney from Eton Wick and also on Lake End road entry to Dorney
- White entry gates Marsh Lane & Lake End road entry points

Matters to discuss and consider 2023/24

- Review of Boveney conservation area and possible expansion
- Review of Dorney conservation area and possible expansion
- Review management of roadside verges - how to manage less manicured look

- Planting at Dents Corner, Marsh Lane/Harcourt Road
- Ditto for Memorial Garden
- Establish ownership of Trumpers Field, Dorney Reach
- Review usage
- Footpath Audit - ensure useable
- Encourage volunteer litter pickers
- Consider re-entering Best Kept Village (2025) - involve Horticultural society
- Annual street furniture and signage review
- Investigate flooding on Lake End Common (Ashford Lane)

**It was agreed** to discuss this further in the September meeting.  
 The Parish Council would like to thank the litter pickers for their hard work across the Parish.

**PC/91/23 To update on the Local Government pension scheme**

**It was unanimously agreed** that the Dorney Parish Clerk will be enrolled into the scheme.  
 Dorney Parish Council resolved to contact the LGPS to begin the process.

**PC/92/23 To update on the broken Dorney Village sign**

It has been confirmed by the Local Area Technician that the sign can be replaced. It was agreed that we will go ahead with this and the replacement/installation of the same signs at all entrances to the parish.

**PC/93/23 To update on the review on speeding throughout Dorney parish**

The Clerk circulated information on Bucks speeding reviews prior to the meeting and confirmed that it will be the responsibility of the Parish Council to fund any reviews or changes following changes made in 2013.  
 Current guidelines suggest that approximate costs would be:  
 £550 for speed survey on each road/site  
 £1100 for a speed limit assessment per site  
 In excess of £10,000 to change road speed

**It was agreed** that we should contact the farmer at Boveney to confirm the number of cow deaths in recent years.

**PC/94/23 Finance**

The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

**It was agreed** that the Clerk will confirm the SSE streetlighting price increase, how many lights are still to be changed to LED and report the light not working on Harcourt Road.

**PC/95/23 To review the constitutional documents and policies**

There are no amendments this year.

**PC/96/23 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents**

None

**PC/97/23 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

- Lake End Common and Dorney Common floods.
- Annual Plan for the Parish Council.
- Dorney Village entry signs.

**Meeting ended at 8.30 pm**

**Chairman .....** **Date .....**