



DORNEY

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2023, 7.30pm AT DORNEY SCHOOL

Present

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair)

Cllr. Anna Palmer

Cllr. Robert Stopford

Cllr. Euan MacLennan

Cllr. Stephen Baker

Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford

Cllr. William Voaden

Clerk Ruth Senior and 4 members of the public

Public Forum

No items raised.

PC/114/23 Apologies for absence

County Cllr. Paul Kelly

PC/115/23 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda

Cllr. Palmer and Cllr. MacLennan registered interest in item 16 on the agenda - Dorney Village Hall transfer.

Cllr. Palmer registered interest in a planning application.

PC/116/23 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2023

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

PC/117/23 To receive the Clerk report

There was no update from the Clerk for this meeting.

PC/118/23 Items of business carried forward

118.1 The Orchard Herbs Site

Cllr. Stopford reported that the Enforcement Notice is still expected by the end of November. The appeal for the hotel application could possibly be ongoing to the middle of 2024.

Any responses on the site will be posted on the Parish Council website.

118.2 The Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan presentation in October was very well attended and the main questions were in relation to Eton College plans and the number of houses planned for Dorney.

The plan has been reviewed following resident and Council comments and the draft has now been submitted to Buckinghamshire for review.

There are further questions over two areas of the plan; the extension of the conservation area to include more of Lake End and the Common and in our draft, it states up to 20 new developments however in the Bucks Local plan up to 2036 it suggests less. These two areas will be reviewed further.

PC/119/23 Planning

Cllr. Stopford asked the Clerk to check the objection submission for PL/23/2744/FA as it was not showing on the planning portal.

It was reported that Eton College may ask for a public hearing to the Boveney plans.

Outstanding applications

Application	Address	Application	Comment
PL/23/3328/PNE	15 Marsh Lane	Notification under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015	Within permitted development allowance. No comment to be made.
PL/23/2744/FA	59 Harcourt Road	Demolition of building, replace with 6 bed house	Objection based on visual character, overshadowing, loss of privacy and car parking. County Cllr. George Sandy agreed and suggested a 'call in' if required.
PL/23/3576/FA	Dorney Court	Replacement of derelict pool house and pool equipment structure with a single storey pool pavilion	No comment to be made.
PL/23/3165/SA	4 New Boveney Court Farm Cottages	Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey rear extension	No comment to be made

PC/120/23 To receive an update on the Thames Water rewilding field

Harcourt Road resident, Andrew Oliver (Ollly) presented plans to become more involved in the Thames Water rewilding field project.

Thames Water were looking for charity support to take on the project but this has so far not been successful.

Ollly requested support from the Council on engaging with the local community and pushing the project forward, which was given. **It was agreed** that Cllr. Dax will make contact with Rebecca Elliot and Ollly.

PC/121/23 To update on the installation of posts and safety outside the Pineapple pub

Maydencroft have quoted £660+VAT for the installation of new posts outside Ashford Lane.

It was suggested that for extra safety we should install a wide angled mirror opposite the entrance to Ashford Lane on an existing post. Initial investigation suggests a maximum cost of £350.

Proposed Cllr. Dax, seconded Cllr. Westcott, all in favour after Cllr. MacLennan confirmed we have the funds available for this project.

PC/122/23 To update on local policing issues

Cllr. Dax reported on the update from PCSO Ange O'Connell.

The Roads Policing Officers attended Lake End Road on Sunday 5th November although being a Sunday, there were not many speeding offences recorded.

PC/123/23 To update on communications with the Local Area Technician

The Clerk reported that at the recent Clerk's Forum, she raised the problem of the lack of contact from the LAT for Dorney and also raised this with the Management Team.

As a result, from December 12th the Clerk will meet with the LAT every other month to discuss the outstanding issues, examples could be from road safety, Fix My Street reports, street signage etc. It was agreed the Clerk will compile a list for the first meeting and chase the information on the gullies report.

PC/124/23 To discuss funding for white gates and villages signs

PC/125/23 To update on the broken sign and new entrance signs to the village

These items were combined.

Graham White from the Beeches Community Board presented on what the Community Board is and examples of what they can fund. In Buckinghamshire there are 16 boards with £1.9 million split across them. The Beeches board has £95k allocated to it.

The Clerk confirmed that Buckinghamshire will fund the replacement sign at the Eton Wick end of the Common which has rotted.

It was proposed that we should apply to the Beeches Community Board for funding for the white gate entry signs on Lake End Road and Marsh Lane as these have been proven to work in speed reduction and would be a welcome addition to the village. All in favour of this proposal, **it was agreed** the Clerk will begin the application process.

PC/126/23 To discuss and finalise the Annual Plan for Dorney Parish Council

It was agreed that this will be moved to the January Agenda. Cllr. Dax will re-circulate the plan with suggestions of areas which could be allocated to Councillors to manage.

PC/127/23 To ratify the £30 spend on printing for the Neighbourhood Plan presentation

This was ratified.

PC/128/23 To discuss Clerk hours increasing from 5 to 8 per week

The Clerk presented the reasons for the increased workload including; an increase in communications from Buckinghamshire, more in person meetings, increased demand from Council.

As overtime has been previously claimed monthly, the increased cost to Council will be minimal but will be more stable and better for budgeting purposes. **This was agreed**, all Councillors in favour.

PC/129/23 To consider the transfer of the Dorney Village Hall charity to DPC

Dorney Village Hall (DVH) have contacted DPC with regards to DPC becoming sole trustees of DVH and taking over the management and charity.

It was agreed that this will be considered, all in favour and questions will be asked of DVH with regards to the charitable status, audits, and transfer process. The Clerk will write to DVH and this will be discussed further in January.

PC/130/23 To consider the proposed price increase from RJC Landscapes

Although the contract between the Council and RJC was for 3 years, overall costs have increased and the demand from Council for extra work has also increased therefore RJC have requested an increase to £565 per month.

It was agreed that the Clerk will request a full schedule of works from RJC and confirm the increase. All in favour of accepting the increase with immediate effect.

PC/131/23 To consider the speed limits in Dorney particularly Dorney Common

It was agreed that we should request a speed limit change on Dorney Common from 60 to 40mph following documentation provided by Cllr. Dax suggesting there should be no need for the £10k speed surveys as per other Common Land speed change projects in the UK. All in favour.

PC/132/23 To discuss litter picking equipment

It was agreed that this will be added to the January Agenda.

PC/133/23 Finance

The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

Cllr. MacLennan will begin budget planning and precept request for 24-25 to present in January.

PC/134/23 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents

We have had a request to install wildlife warning signage around Court Lane into Marsh Lane following the recent deaths of 3 deer. There is a post already in place which may be suitable. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will investigate signage costs and report back in January and will confirm this to the resident.

There have been several reports made on pothole issues on Fix My Street which have been closed off without repairs undertaken. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will investigate this further with the LAT.

PC/135/23 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 16th January 2024.

- Annual Plan
- Playground update
- Litter picking equipment
- Wildlife signs
- LAT meeting
- DVH transfer to DPC

Meeting ended at 9.20 pm

Chairman Date