



# DORNEY

## PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 7.30pm AT DORNEY SCHOOL

#### **Present**

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair)

Cllr. Euan MacLennan

Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford

Cllr. Robert Stopford

Cllr. Stephen Baker

Cllr. William Voaden

Clerk Ruth Senior and 1 member of the public

#### **Public Forum**

Peter Bowman raised a concern that the telephone box on Harcourt Road (belonging to the Parish Council) which is used as a community library is regularly emptied. It was confirmed this is not by the Parish Council and we are unaware of who does this. Peter agreed to put a sign up to ask that it is not emptied.

#### **PC/136/23 Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Anna Palmer

#### **PC/137/23 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda**

There were none declared.

#### **PC/138/23 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023**

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

#### **PC/139/23 To receive the Clerk report**

The Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting.

One point of interest was noted that the Clerk and Chairman had a successful meeting with the Local Area Technician and his Manager in December to discuss outstanding and future issues within Dorney, this was very positive and well received.

#### **PC/140/23 Items of business carried forward**

##### **140.1 The Orchard Herbs Site**

Cllr. Stopford reported that the Enforcement Notice that was served at the beginning of January has been appealed. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will contact Stephanie Penney to make a response at the appeal hearing.

There has been significant construction development on site since the notice was issued which will be reported and monitored.

The hotel planning application appeal is still with the inspector who is preparing a report for submission.

## **140.2 The Neighbourhood Plan**

The draft NP was submitted to Buckinghamshire in December and we have been asked questions and for clarification on certain points, the draft of this is being prepared by Cllr. Voaden and Mr Brand, both have been thanked again for their dedication and work on the project. Cllr. Dax questioned the need for extra manpower Cllr. Voaden has asked for this to be put on hold for now. **It was agreed** that Cllr. Voaden will provide Council with a list of the requests from Buckinghamshire asap and then the draft response for agreement.

**It was agreed** that the minutes from the Working Party meeting will be circulated to Council.

**It was agreed** that time must be taken with the overall project and not submitted before it is completely ready.

### **PC/141/23 Planning**

Cllr. Stopford expressed concern that the planning reports being sent from Buckinghamshire are incorrect and not up to date. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will check the planning portal for all outstanding applications.

### **PC/142/23 To update on the broken sign and new entrance signs to the village and consider contribution to the Community Board application**

The Clerk confirmed that the broken sign is being replaced by Buckinghamshire although there is no current timescale.

Two quotations have been sought and one more needs to be found for the new white gates in order to submit the Community Board application. **It was agreed** that the Parish Council will potentially be running over budget for the next financial year and no funds will be available for contribution.

### **PC/143/23 To discuss and finalise the Annual Plan for Dorney Parish**

Cllr. Dax circulated a draft plan before the meeting. All unallocated roles were allocated to Councillors and **it was agreed** that the completed version will be sent out and a copy to Dorney Parish News.

### **PC/144/23 To consider and adopt th Biodiversity policy**

Following Government guidelines, all Parish and Town Councils must have a Biodiversity policy in place.

The Clerk circulated the template policy before the meeting and **it was agreed** that a scaled down version, with relevant items, will be adopted by Dorney Parish Council.

### **PC/145/23 To update on the Thames Water rewilding field**

There is no update on this project despite Cllr. Dax requesting information from Thames Water. This will be followed up and Andrew Oliver kept informed.

### **PC/146/23 To receive an update on Dorney Lake**

Cllr. Dax presented a plan to Dorney Lake for the safe and manageable use of Dorney Lake by residents in the closed season however this was turned down.

### **PC/147/23 Finance**

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

147.2 It was agreed that the precept for 2024/25 will be set at a 5% to 8% increase, whichever is most inline with other local Parishes.

**It was agreed** that the Clerk will inform Councillors of this information as soon as available for a final decision to be made and submitted by the end of January.

### **PC/148/23 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents**

PCSO Angela O'Connell reported that there has been an increase in theft from motor vehicle reports in the area which is being monitored.

A resident reported that cars and vans are parking inconsiderately on the entrance to Oak Stubbs Lane, blocking pavements and obstructing the view. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will respond to advice these parking matters are forwarded to the enforcement team through Fix My Street.

**PC/149/23 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Playground update

Dorney Village Hall update

**Meeting ended at 8.45 pm**

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