



DORNEY

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 19th March 2024, 7.30pm AT DORNEY SCHOOL

Present

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair)

Cllr. Anna Palmer

Cllr. Robert Stopford

County Cllr. Paul Kelly

Cllr. Euan MacLennan

Cllr. Stephen Baker

Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford

Cllr. William Voaden

Clerk Ruth Senior and 1 member of the public

Public Forum

Peter Bowman commented that the telephone box on Harcourt Road has once again had all the books removed and we ask if anyone knows who is responsible for this, please let the Council or Peter know.

PC/01/24 Apologies for absence

There were none

PC/02/24 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda

Cllr. MacLennan and Cllr. Palmer expressed an interest in considering the transfer of Dorney Village Hall to the Parish Council.

PC/03/24 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2024

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

PC/04/24 To receive the Clerk report

The Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting.

PC/05/24 Items of business carried forward

5.1 The Orchard Herbs Site

Cllr. Stopford reported that only 21 residents objected to the appeal which was disappointing. We are awaiting a date for the appeal hearing (possibly June/July), **it was agreed** that the Clerk will inform Stephanie Penney that a member of the Parish Council would like to speak.

The hotel planning application appeal is due by 8th April.

5.2 The Neighbourhood Plan

The Working Party met on 4th March and Cllr. Voaden confirmed the plan is at the final stages of answering the questions from Bucks Council, which were mainly on planning policy. When this is complete, **it was agreed** that the updated draft will be circulated for Council approval before submission.

A question was asked if local land owners will be consulted on the plan, **it was agreed** that Cllr. Voaden will confirm this.

PC/06/24 Planning

No new plans of note.

Cllr. Stopford confirmed that the Boveney Court development has gone to appeal, DPC submissions will be circulated to all before the closing date of 3rd April. **It was agreed** that the Parish Council will object and support the original decision made by Bucks planning.

It was also reported that the Court Farm development is progressing and the residents have been served notice.

PC/07/24 To ratify the £150 fee for inclusion in Dorney Parish News

Ratified.

PC/08/24 To update on and consider the transfer of Dorney Village Hall (DVH) to Dorney Parish Council (DPC)

DVH Trustees approached DPC with a view to DPC taking over the DVH charity and management. Another option being proposed is that the charity is closed down and the monies transferred to DPC, DPC will then manage DVH which is very common for small Parishes.

The Clerk has asked the Charities Commission for further information on the options as requested.

PC/09/24 To update on the Thames Water rewilding field

Cllr. Dax confirmed that Thames Water are not willing to engage with an individual for the field project but are looking into options such as a local land owner.

PC/10/24 To receive an update on Dorney Playground

After being awarded a Community Board grant, the playground now has a new piece of equipment and have passed the annual check with only low risk maintenance suggestions.

Everyone is invited to attend the official opening on 1st May, 4pm – refreshments will be available. The Playground has also requested that any local Tesco shoppers consider the blue token scheme (open now) for them as they may receive another grant for more equipment and fencing.

PC/11/24 To update on speeding through Dorney, particularly Dorney Common

Cllr. Westcott-Wreford informed Council of a serious accident, allegedly due to speeding and dangerous driving, on the Common on Saturday 16th March, police are appealing for witnesses.

Cllr. Dax attended the recent Commoners meeting where James Palmer and the Commoners approved the request to ask for the speed limit to be reduced across Dorney Common.

It was agreed that we will write to Eton Wick Council to ask for their support.

Cllr. Dax is preparing a response to Buckinghamshire Council.

PC/12/24 To update on Trumpers Field

David Stowe at Buckinghamshire Council has taken over the management of Trumpers Field and is investigating; re-instating the ditches, disabled parking at DVH, road surface and barriers.

PC/13/24 To confirm plans for the May Annual Parish and Parish Council meetings

CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION – Wednesday 15th May @ Dorney Rowing Lake.

6.30pm Dorney Parish Council meeting

7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting – including guest speakers and refreshments

All Dorney residents are welcome.

PC/14/24 Finance

The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

Cllr. MacLennan circulated the revised, agreed budget including an advertising fee and Clerk salary increase.

It was confirmed that a precept of £27,000 was requested, which is 8% higher than last year and is a £4.33 increase annually for each Band D Council Tax payer.

PC/15/24 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents

PCSO Angela O'Connell sent an overview of crime in the local area. There was one theft from motor vehicle and one burglary reported in Dorney.

The trial bike problems arose again last weekend and were reported to the police.

The clear up Dorney day on 17th March was very successful, 14 people helped and over 35 bags of rubbish were collected.

PC/16/24 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 15th May 2024

Thames Water Treatment Plant update from Cllr. Kelly.

Meeting ended at 8.30 pm

Chairman Date