

Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	Wednesday 14 th August 2019. 4.30 p.m.
Venue	Datchet Parish Office
Attendees	Fiona Cryle (Chair), Marjorie Clasper, Jane Simpson, Ewan Larcombe, Alison Crampin Sandra Needham was also present as a member of the public.

Agenda Item		Action
1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence and announcements</u> Apologies received from Janet Kennish, Jo Stickland (Treasurer), and Nick Goddard.</p> <p>Fiona advised that she had just moved into rented accommodation in The Drive, Datchet so would still be available to act as Chair if the SG wished her too but thought it would be a good idea to have a co-chair. JS suggested having a project plan which would see the Neighbourhood Plan completed before FC moved away. Agreed FC to continue on the basis people would reflect on there being a co-chair.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u> Approval of the minutes of the Steering Group held on 12th June was held over until the next meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Datchet Design Guide – General Update</u> Jody Slater of Spindrifft Consulting had spent yesterday(13/8) seeing Vicky Gibson, FC, AC, MC and had produced a first rough draft of the Guide. At the meeting at 4.30p.m. that day with the Group she asked for feedback on the night-time look of Datchet with photos; commercial premises and their use of A boards, shutters, bins, etc and felt a list of positives and negatives of the character assessment area would be useful together with a planting palate. Her timetable was to produce a shareable draft by mid September and a presentation to the Steering Group/RBWM at the end of September. Therefore she would be grateful to have feedback by 9.9.19 please.</p> <p>I wasn't at the 4.30 meeting so can we check with those who were as to the accuracy.</p>	All

<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Potential Policy Areas</u></p> <p>(a) Housing and Built Environment – It was agreed that once JSt’s comments were in that AC would produce a manageable document, circulate for comments, and then send it to Chris Bowden.</p> <p>(b) Green and Blue Environment – It was agreed to look at this next. AC/MC to circulate their respective previous documents for all on comment on. JS said that Wild About Datchet group were doing a lot regarding this topic. At the seminar which FC/MC attended tree planting was encouraged.</p> <p>(c) Way forward – JSt to produce her comments and all to then write down their views on Green and Blue Environment before the next meeting.</p>	<p>JSt AC</p> <p>AC/MC</p> <p>JSt ALL</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Clean Air Day and Link Article</u></p> <p>The Clear Air Day and the stand at the Datchet Village Fete produced almost 250 responses to the questionnaire which was excellent. AC had collated all this information and it was on the website. It was agreed to send the excel sheet to the DPC and Wild About Datchet for information.</p> <p>AC had sent off the latest article for The Link and Sally-Anne Jarvis had replied praising the group for all the work being undertaken.</p>	<p>AC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Future Training and Consultancy Arrangements</u></p> <p>FC to ask Vicky Gibson for a contact for coming to give us a training session on planning issues.</p> <p>With the pending involvement of Chris Bowden, FC agreed to ask him in writing for his consultancy terms and conditions so we had a clear picture of what to expect.</p>	<p>FC</p> <p>FC</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>DPC Engagement</u></p> <p>Following Monday’s unexpected decision not to object to the airport car parking which undermined all we were doing on behalf of the residents to reduce traffic and pollution, it was agreed that MC would draft a letter to the DPC expressing our dismay.</p> <p>FC enquired what David Cannon had said at the DPC meeting about his current objectives? Without referring to notes, those who attended the meeting couldn’t recall if he left before the planning section. It was agreed FC would invite him to meet before our next meeting so he could advise.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>FC</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>No items arising</p>	

<p>9.</p>	<p>Wild About Datchet</p> <p>Hannah and her colleague Niamh Young addressed the meeting advising us of the outcome with the Butterfly, Bee and Wild Flower surveys and coming events which hopefully included a tree planting survey around Christmas. EL advised that DPC last planted trees in 2003 with a few more since but not enough. AC advised about recording notable trees with fr the Woodland Trust and also grants from the Urban Tree Challenge Fund. Sandra Needham gave Hannah a copy of the Old Windsor's Biodiversity Resources Report which had been produced by Acorn Ecology Consultants for their NP. It was reported that grass verges are no longer being mowed as frequently by RBWM and are to be allowed to grow wild. Hannah explained growing wild flowers needed a specific planting regime. It was agreed that the survey of trees would be extremely good as then TPOs could be asked for in certain circumstances – EL had already photographed trees in the village. EL will share photos on NP photo library on Google Drive. EL said he had been turned down when he applied for a TPO on a tree in Jubilee Way but MC's Redwood tree now has a temporary TPO. Numerous locations in the village were mentioned for planting new trees including, Holmlea Road, Cobb Close, Penn Road, Ditton Road, London Road, Horton Road opposite Tesco's and the concreted pavements at the corner of Eton Close. Discussion also took place about the Datchet land on the other side of the M4 and the DPC's proposals for the ditch across the Recreation Ground. Hannah also mentioned that a lady in Ditton Road was keen to start a residents' garden with fruit trees, herbs, salad and vegetables.</p> <p>Hannah asked if we were doing anything on Car Free Day – 22.9.19 which turns out to be a Sunday. JS suggested DPC should arrange something. Hannah also advised of the new Climate Emergency Group established in Ascot and suggested perhaps the DPC should be discussing this. Hannah got such a bad reception at the last DPC meeting that she was reluctant to go again but felt she must. The Group encouraged her to contact Katy and get put on the agenda so that she had a slot in which to advise them of her ideas.</p> <p>FC thanked Hannah and Niamh for coming. Unfortunately Alex didn't make it so it was agreed to invite them again to the next meeting at a time to suit him.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>EL advised that he had been appointed onto the River Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. Scheme which had a budget of £1 billion for protecting 40,000 homes. The extended Jubilee River Scheme was still on the table but partnership funding had to be found first so we are talking many years before anything happens.</p> <p>FC mentioned the Eel Screening which was costing £1.5 million.</p>	

11.	<u>Date of Next Meeting</u> Monthly Steering Group Meeting – Wednesday 11 th September at the Parish Office, commencing at 5.30 p.m. with Wild About Datchet coming in at 6.30 p.m. – apologies from JS.	
	<u>2019</u> meetings are provisionally scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month (9 th October, 13 th November, 11 th December)	