

Meeting Notes

Date & Time	Friday 10 th May 2024 3.15 – 5.00 p.m.
Venue	Datchet Parish Council Offices
Attendees	Alison Crampin, Marjorie Clasper, Jo Stickland, Cllr. Ewan Larcombe
Secretary	Jane Simpson
Guest	Susan Young, Datchet Parish Councillor (until 4.15pm)

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1	<u>Apologies for absence and announcement</u> No apologies or responses had been received from Cllr Tim O’Flynn. No announcements.	
2.	<u>Working with DPC/Discussion with Susan Young</u>	
2.1	SY advised that a proposed DPC Strategic Planning Group had met twice, 23.4.24 & 9.5.24, and the Terms of Reference and Visions and Values had been drafted. These will be presented to DPC at its Annual Statutory Meeting (ASM) on 13.5.23. SY explained that the group’s draft vision and values include fostering a vibrant community. The group would have a community focus, be heritage guardians and sustainability and environment champions. Transparency and collaboration were key, with improved communication with residents; respectful leadership, and an empowered community. DPC Cllrs currently on this group are SY, Andrew Clemens, TO’F, Steevan Glover and Ian Bacon. AC said she thought their proposed vision and values echoed the DNP’s vision and objectives.	
2.2	Going forward SY said the group hopes to invite representatives from community groups to meetings to discuss issues. These might include Wild About Datchet, Datchet Village Society, Fete team, Women’s Institute, Church Groups, Businesses, The Bridge, Sports Clubs, etc. The British Legion was also suggested.	
2.3	AC enquired about the proposed Village Strategic Working Group on the May DPC Agenda, and the Conservation Area Working Group. There seemed to be overlap between these and the new Strategic Planning Group. It was suggested that it could be productive if a working group tried to establish links with local businesses so that matters can be discussed by them and Conservation Area issues addressed. MC said	

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	it would be helpful if new businesses were informed about the Conservation Area and Design Guide, etc, before they spent money on signage, etc. This might be done through landlords or estate agents.	
3.	<p><u>Notes and Matters Arising from the last meeting held 4 April 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AC had updated the website with DMG details/meeting notes. - Funds – Judith had submitted figures and JSt advised that there was £6759.26 (including interest accruing = £46.19). - AC had requested and been granted a slot to speak at DPC’s Annual Parish Meeting on 22.4.24. See Item 5. - AC had given DNP archive papers to Sonia for DPC’s use/archive or the Records Office. MC had retained the Character Assessments. <p>Notes agreed – AC signed.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Housekeeping</u> (emails, website, funds etc.)</p> <p>There had been no messages to the DNP email addresses.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Annual Parish Meeting feedback</u></p> <p>AC and JSt attended the APM on 22.4.24. The meeting had been poorly publicised to residents. No councillors’ reports were given in person; the chairman’s report, properties and highways reports were available as printouts or online. Six local groups were represented (DNP/DMG, DVS, WAD, Police, Datchet Border Morris). Only a few councillors attended and there were only three people in the audience, two of whom were DVS Committee members. The local groups each made presentations about their activities. AC gave a brief summary about the DNP/DMG and mentioned the deterioration of the London Road wall.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Status of group members (Annual Statutory Meeting) 13.5.24</u></p> <p>At the ASM, the council will decide which councillors will be lead/deputy lead of each ‘department’ and members of which Working Group. EL said he was willing to continue on the DMG and this was supported. As the group has had no contact from Cllr Tim O’Flynn, it was suggested that we seek help from another councillor; possibly the deputy lead member for Planning because of the overlap between the DNP and Planning. This is currently Darren Sanders. AC to ask if he is planning to stand as Deputy LM for Planning again and, if so, whether he would also consider putting himself forward to join the DNP DMG.</p>	AC
7.	<p><u>Delivery of objectives/discussions with Cllrs.</u></p> <p>It was agreed to invite the Lead of Highways, currently Caroline Wise, to our next meeting. An invitation could be issued after the ASM.</p>	AC
8.	<p><u>Membership of DPC Conservation Area Working Group</u></p> <p>Representatives of the DNP had previously been on this group. It was not known if it would be continued after the ASM. If it is, AC to ask if DMG can be included.</p>	AC

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9.	<p><u>Planning Applications and Enforcement Issues (JSt.)</u></p> <p>JSt's weekly lists were well received, and a discussion took place as to whether DMG should submit comments (in relation to the DNP) to RBWM or leave it for DPC to do. JSt. said it wouldn't take too much effort. It was agreed to do this.</p> <p>JSt queried why DPC's cut-off date (for which planning applications to consider each month) is so early. The May DPC meeting has a full agenda so JSt. to query this in June.</p> <p>Current planning enforcement/applications included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retrospective application at Liquid Leisure. This was discussed and EL advised that there was no connection to the main drainage system at this site. - 129 The Myrke – very unusual design, out of character. Piles of bricks have been reported. - 14 Eton Road – this went through on Appeal. - 1 White's Lane – new fencing suggests the land might be used for a horse paddock. - 12A High Street – enforcement ongoing re: unofficial car repairs. - 29 Slough Road – refused on Appeal. 	JSt.
10. 10.1 10.2 10.3	<p><u>Flooding and flood defences – Southlea Bund etc.</u></p> <p>AC/JSt. had met Ben Crampin, RBWM Flood Risk Manager, on 1.5.24 and had had a good meeting. JSt. had sent him some of the flood photos he asked for but he had not acknowledged her emails. JSt. to email him before sending more images.</p> <p>AC said they had discussed under-reporting of flooding as people did not want their insurance to be affected. This has an impact on funding. The number of properties affected by flooding affects the funding available for flood prevention measures. Ben Crampin said information about property flooding submitted to them was strictly confidential and protected from release under Freedom of Information requests, etc.</p> <p>EL/AC are on the Datchet to Hythe End Flood Improvement Measures Community Liaison Group (DHEFIMCLG). The EA is planning to hold some public events soon to present their proposals for Flood Improvement Measures between Datchet and Hythe End, and is hoping for help from the Group to promote awareness of these events.</p> <p>EL thinks that the Development Consent Order for the RTS will not be granted.</p>	JSt
11.	<p><u>Publicising progress/delivery</u></p> <p>The DNP states that a progress update must be given at each APM but this was very poorly attended (see Item 5.) The deadline for <i>The Link</i> is 26.5.24 but we agreed we didn't have sufficient material for an article.</p>	

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12.	<p><u>LNRS Local Nature Recovery Strategy</u></p> <p>AC and MC had attended different presentations/consultations on this subject and thought there was some support for the strategy.</p>	
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14.	<p><u>Date, Time, Venue of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Next meeting to be arranged after the outcome of DPC's Annual Statutory Meeting is known.</p>	