

Meeting Notes

Date & Time	Wednesday 7 th August 2024 3.30 – 5.00 p.m.
Venue	Datchet Parish Council Offices
Attendees	Alison Crampin, Marjorie Clasper, Jo Stickland, Cllr. Ewan Larcombe and Parish Cllr. Darren Sanders
Secretary	Jane Simpson
Guest	

Agenda Item		Action
1	<p><u>Apologies for absence and announcement</u></p> <p>No response received from Tim O’Flynn. No announcements but a welcome to Darren Sanders, DPC lead member for Property and Deputy for Planning</p>	
2.	<p><u>Notes and Matters Arising from the last meeting held 15th July 2024</u></p> <p>Item 5. Both 14 Eton Road and Hardware House had been called in. Eton Road application had since been refused. We need to monitor the agenda for the Windsor & Ascot Development Panel to see when this comes up.</p> <p>Item 9.5 – should read Windsor View Lakes and not Liquid Leisure.</p> <p>We briefly discussed changes to the NPPF, ‘Grey Belt’, Housing numbers, BLP. Also RBWM’s Sustainability SPD.</p> <p>Notes agreed – AC signed.</p>	All
3.	<p><u>Housekeeping (emails, website, funds etc.)</u></p> <p>No emails received. AC had posted July notes on the website. AC gave DS the Locality Guide on monitoring and delivering NPs. JSt advised that the accounts as at 30.6.24 stood at £6805.60.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Introduction & Overview for new DMG member, Darren Sanders</u></p> <p>AC ran through the history of the Datchet Neighbourhood Plan and the Datchet Design Guide.</p>	
5. 5.1	<p><u>Planning Applications and Enforcement Issues (JSt.)</u></p> <p>Relevant DNP policies/DDG guidance for current applications:</p>	

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5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Datchet Court – windows upvc ‘wood’ effect – DAT2 Design & Character, DDG Windows 4.2, Conservation Area - Manor House – rear roof infill extension/new detached garage – DAT2 and DAT10 Flooding; DDG Historic Core / Roofs 4.3; Listed Building in the Conservation Area. Refer to Conservation Officer. - Hardware House – frontage and signage. DDG Chapter 5 and DAT3 are relevant. EL had called this in. JSt has asked RBWM Enforcement why the case regarding signage has been dropped when the government planning inspector had refused this. - 14 Queensmead – new side boundary treatment to extend rear garden. DAT2, especially DAT2b, FZ3 relevant. Back gardens have a different status; ask for a condition requiring no hard standing. - 16 London Road – side extension. 12sqm demolished, 34sqm to be built. DAT2 & DAT10, FZ2 relevant. - 96 London Road – rear extension - DAT2, DAT10, FZ3. 36sqm extension in addition to recent extension. AC queried build quality. - 129 The Myrke – Discharge of Condition 3, partial discharge of Condition 4. Ecological Method Statement to be supplied for approval. <p>Other development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Koala House, 12A High Street – The unauthorised car workshop appears to have been closed down; windows boarded, gates chained, signs saying property is closed, trespassers will be prosecuted. This is one of two properties advertised as service addresses for Manorsupportandhousing.co.uk, the other is the grade II listed Manor Green Cottage. Whether this would be ‘change of use’ depends on their current status which is difficult to ascertain. Both properties understood to be owned by the Gills of the Manor Hotel. (The website says Manor Support was “set up to cater for the needs of adults 18 + with a wide range of diagnosis including but not limited to mental health, physical disabilities, dementia and other co-morbidities.”) Directors are M Gill and E Mbianda. JSt and AC visited a neighbour with DB on 2/8/24. - Poplars / Woollacombe – DB’s photos from the river show work appears to have been done to the bank/bund at Poplars. Works on swimming pool and riverside structure at Woollacombe continue. It is an eyesore from the Riverside Garden. No current planning permission for this work has been found. Brianne Vally told AC that the EA were aware of unauthorised work to the bund at Poplars. (EA is supposed to be officially notified of work within 8m of the Thames.) BV also said the historic flood protection bund at Southlea is being considered in the Datchet to Hythe End Flood Improvement Measures. - Photographic evidence had been obtained showing airport parking behind Ocean View. JSt had submitted an enforcement request. - JSt had also submitted an enforcement request about Shisha Bar at Sienna, open until 2am. - Datchet Food and Wine –building under new ownership. Architect Ian Benbow had told AC that they hope to change offices to flats and add new signage for shop. 	

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	DS said he would be pleased to receive a copy of the spreadsheet JSt. produced as it would help him formulate DPC's responses to planning applications.	JSt.
<p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p>	<p><u>Working with DPC and stakeholders to deliver DNP objectives.</u></p> <p>At July DPC meeting, AC had highlighted which DNP policies were relevant to applications being discussed. These were included in the minutes but not in the responses to RBWM. EL said it was a matter to be raised with the clerk. AC said this was making the DMG's role to deliver the DNP very difficult. DB had indicated that he did not wish DMG to write to RBWM each month with details of which DNP policies and DDG guidance were relevant to applications (not to object/not object), but DPC was not providing RBWM with that information either.</p> <p>AC explained to DS that the DMG had been setting up meetings with DPC councillors to discuss sections of the DNP which are relevant to their 'portfolio'. We had already invited Susan Young (Strategic Planning) and Caroline Wise (formerly Highways). AC referred DS to DNP Chapter 10, non-policy actions. Future invitees to be discussed.</p>	EL/AC
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Heritage and the Conservation Area, signage</u></p> <p>AC will advise DPC at Monday's meeting that DMG is investigating producing a guide explaining what a conservation area means. This could be as printed copies, added to DPC's website, DNP website, links on Datchet Eye, articles in The Link, etc. Other areas produce guides for residents/businesses. JSt and AC had found a number of guides from different areas. It was agreed to circulate these.</p> <p>We discussed the lack of protection for Conservation Areas but thought this wasn't a reason to not do a guide. We agreed it was important that residents should understand what and where the CA is, and how it affects people living or owning businesses in the area. It was thought that there could be better signage for the Conservation Area, perhaps on street signs. The last Datchet CA Assessment carried out by the Borough and Janet Kennish (DVS) was in 1995 so an update is due, however, some areas of RBWM still do not have their first CA Assessment. It was felt that the update could include better guidance on how to manage and protect the CA. (In 2021, Sarah Harper, former principal Conservation Officer at RBWM, had told DNPSG that local groups might be able to update the CA assessment using a template.)</p>	AC AC/JSt
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Publicising progress/delivery of DNP</u></p> <p>AC had published the notes on the website and will continue attending DPC meetings. A CA leaflet would help to show residents that work is being done on their behalf, as per survey feedback.</p>	
<p>9.</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>EL commented on the poor state of the grade II listed London Road Wall. Bricks are falling out. Enforcement Officer involved but no action apparent to date.</p> <p>EL advised of the current state of Montrose Avenue, with hedges being ripped out and frontages concreted over.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Date, Time, Venue of Next Meeting</u> W/c 2nd September 2024 – TBC.</p>	AC