

Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	Thursday 10 th September 2020 4.00 – 5.35 p.m.
Venue	Video conference meeting
Attendees	Alison Crampin, Fiona Cryle (part), Marjorie Clasper
Secretary	Jane Simpson

Agenda Item		Action
1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence and announcements</u></p> <p>This meeting was called at very short notice as FC due to go away. Ewan Larcombe, Jo Stickland, David Buckley and Janet Kennish were unable to attend.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Additional Meeting to discuss the Matrix Proposed Local Green and Open Spaces</u></p> <p>Further to the meeting earlier in the week with Chris Bowden it was agreed to have this meeting to go through the Matrix.</p>	
2.1	<p><u>Proposed Local Green Spaces</u></p> <p>Sabatini Land and the Recreation Ground agreed. It was further agreed that The Village Greens and The Cut should also be included. The Sabatini Land was gifted in Trust to DRCCT. There is an 1895 covenant covering the Village Greens and The Cut (described as Recreation Ground) – AC has a copy. This land is also held in Trust.</p> <p>CB said that The Riverside could be protected as a local green space of tranquillity for the whole of the community.</p> <p>Other spaces were discussed: Willow Fields; Land at Mill Place, and South of Mill Place; Slough Road Allotments and Open Space North of M4. Once EL has a contact name in Slough B.C. FC will make enquiries.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Cemetery Ditton Road and the Churchyard already had protection. The other sites listed already had Green Belt protection and/or in private ownership.</p> <p>We agreed we would like to see the LWS recorded in the DNP.</p> <p>Quite a lot of development, authorised and unauthorised seemed, to be happening in LWS and green belt generally, including a recent application at Windsor View Lakes. It was agreed to ask David Cannon if he could explain further what is happening with this area. We decided this would be better as a separate meeting rather than as part of the monthly meeting.</p>	FC

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2.2	<p><u>Verges</u></p> <p>Datchet’s verges are a key characteristic mentioned in the RBWM Landscape Character Assessment and important for biodiversity. We would like new developments to include verges but designed in such a way, with planting to discourage parking on them and screen pedestrians from car fumes.</p> <p>It was thought that enhancement of the semi-derelict woodland area at Majors Farm Road/Ditton Road could be a project involving Wild About Datchet. (NB This is near AL39)</p> <p>The woodland areas in Ruscombe Gardens are in private ownership so happy to leave.</p>	
2.3	<p><u>Local Wildlife Sites</u></p> <p>It was agreed to send the TVERC information to CB – LWS Datchet Common and gravel pits; LWS Upton Wetlands; LWS Datchet Reservoir (in Colne Valley Regional Park). Ditton Park is a listed registered park and garden so is protected.</p>	
2.4	<p><u>Biodiversity Opportunities/areas for enhancement</u></p> <p>We agreed to discuss biodiversity opportunities/enhancement with CB for sites such as LAMP and LSMP.</p> <p>We liked CB’s suggestion to require new development to include wildlife-friendly features</p>	
2.5	<p><u>Green Corridors</u></p> <p>AC though we could focus on the railway line and the M4 corridor – planting alongside AL39. Railway line mentioned in RBWN Green and Blue Infrastructure Study – opportunity to protect and enhance railway line as ecological corridor. Also DPC applied unsuccessfully for grant funding to improve that area – there is a plan put forward by BBO Wildlife Trusts.</p> <p>Other corridors listed had other protection – Environment Agency, Thames Water, etc, The smaller corridors listed could perhaps be covered elsewhere or with a general policy.</p>	
2.6	<p><u>Blue Environment</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the public area of The Riverside is an important access point to the river for local residents using non-powered, non-polluting craft. CB advised us to link opportunities for riverside access to improving walking/cycling.</p> <p>Horton Road Lakes, Datchet Common Brook, Linchfield Brook, Recreation Ground Ditch, Myrke Stream needs wildlife and biodiversity protection Discussion ensued regarding the Jubilee River and the fact that Scott Salmon was keen to include this in the plan for the future. FC agreed to email Scott and ask him for more information. Cleaning of water drainage ditches to be</p>	FC

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	removed from this section and covered under sustainability/flooding. Rec ditch to be covered in LGS description.	
2.7	<p><u>Community Assets</u></p> <p>This needs more work. We have MC's list of community assets which was compiled as part of our early evidence. Slough Road Allotments is in this list although these are not open to Datchet residents (TBC). We need to look at what we're missing in the village, what we need at AL39. We also have feedback from the Open Spaces survey at Christmas.</p> <p>With such good facilities on the recreation ground, we need to consider what additional future open spaces could provide e.g. Rose Gardens, Communal Gardens, sensory play area, etc. FC mentioned the wooden play area in Wraysbury which, she said, was better than the wooden ship in Windsor Great Park near the obelisk. We also need to think about the football pitches mentioned in RBWM's study and the use of school fields.</p> <p>FC thought the land behind St. Augustine's church would be a good area for a play area for children in west Datchet but JS thought the church would require a lot of money for the land and maybe a retirement village would be more appropriate - although this is in Flood Zone 3. The village is also short of a new cemetery plot.</p>	
2.8	<p><u>Local Green Space Designation Proposal Forms</u></p> <p>AC ran through the forms required. FC is going away so unable to take on one of these but she will read and supply feedback:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Riverside – JS produced a draft – MC agreed to tweak. 2. Sabatini Land – MC completed, take in CB's comments 3. The Recreation Ground – AC completed but need to add the ditch and take in CB's comments 4. Willow Fields – MC 5. Land at Mill Place 6. Village Greens and The Cut - AC <p>It was agreed to send CB the general notes and the forms if they're ready in time.</p>	MC/AC