

Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	Wednesday 13 th April 2023 3.30 – 4.20 p.m.
Venue	Video conference meeting
Attendees	Alison Crampin, Marjorie Clasper & Jo Stickland
Secretary	Jane Simpson
Guests	Kirsty Hunt and Wendy Allum, RBWM Electoral Services

Agenda Item		Action
1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence and announcements</u></p> <p>Fiona Cryle, David Buckley and Ewan Larcombe</p>	
2.	<p><u>Referendum Arrangements</u></p> <p>Kirsty welcomed all to the meeting and started by giving the powerpoint presentation which she gave earlier in the week to all the candidates. As from next Monday RBWM’s Counting Officer will be Stephen Evans.</p> <p>Kirsty outlined the dos and don’ts during this time. Her team were dealing with the postal votes at the present time and invited us to attend these sessions if we would like. We are welcome but she said it is quite boring as there isn’t much to see.</p> <p>With regards to the spending limit for NPs, KH confirmed that there was no official requirement or deadline to submit a statement of expenses. JSt suggested then that we just keep the information on file. KH said it was advisable to do this in case of any queries.</p> <p>The polling station will be open from 7a.m.-10p.m. on 4.5.23. KH confirmed we can be at the polling station with rosettes (plain ones, preferably without a ‘Vote for...’ slogan) but asked that we don’t mention the ID requirement as this was being monitored by them.</p> <p>KH said that there could be no messages out on that day. AC asked if we could have copies of the DNP available for the public to see if they asked. KH said she would have to look into this and come back to us. WA wondered if we could set up a campaign office. The use of the Parish Office is a no-go as it is too close to the polling station.</p> <p>AC asked if we could use The Bridge for drop-in sessions to show people the DNP, even though the building is owned by DPC, as historically we had used it for this purpose. KH couldn’t see a problem of doing that.</p> <p>AC asked also if we could put a poster on the public side of the Notice Board on The Green. KH said we could.</p> <p>KH ran us through the verification process which will begin after 10.00 p.m. on 4.5.23 which we were more than welcome to attend, plenty of free car</p>	

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	<p>parking available at the Braywick Centre, but we would need to submit our names beforehand to gain entrance. We thought that, after being at the polling station throughout the day on Thursday, we would probably just attend the count in The Desborough Suite, Town Hall, Maidenhead on the Friday 5.5.23. KH happy to text AC on numbers of votes received which would be appreciated. KH advised that there was no car parking at the Town Hall and suggested using the Sainsbury/Hines Meadow Car Park and also the Library across the road for refreshments. JS asked how long it would take on Friday and KH hoped that they would be finished by 6.00 p.m. but the DNP would probably be allocated to one of the five teams earlier on. AC thanked KH and WA for arranging this zoom meeting and giving us the information.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> Wednesday 26th April 2023 @ 2.30 p.m. @ Costa.</p>	