

Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	Wednesday 14 th April 2021 4.30 – 6.10 p.m.
Venue	Video conference meeting
Attendees	Alison Crampin, Fiona Cryle, Marjorie Clasper, Jo Stickland and Ewan Larcombe
Secretary	Jane Simpson
Guests	

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1.	<u>Apologies for absence and announcements</u> David Buckley	
2.	<u>Minutes of the previous meetings and matters arising</u>	
2.1	Minutes of the DNPSG meetings held on 10.3.21 (Monthly meeting) were agreed for accuracy and signed.	
2.2	Item 2.4 –EL confirmed he had no further comments on the previous draft of the DNP document. DB had said he would email his comments but has not done so yet. We await his comments.	DB
2.3	Item 2.7 – It was understood that DB is now Lead Member for Highways so hopefully he will be able to tell us which DPC committee will be dealing with footpaths and rights of way.	
2.4	Item 2.12 –EL confirmed he was happy with the propose wording: ‘In Flood Zones 2 and 3, floor levels should be situated a minimum of 300mm above the 1 in 100 year river flood level, including allowances for climate change (see SFRA)’	DB
2.5	Item 2.13 – It was hoped that DB had written to RBWM with respect to the new concrete frontage at the garage and copied in DC. JSt. advised she had reported it and that it had been picked up by Enforcement.	
2.6	Item 4.2 JSt. is still collecting data for GRT Survey and DNPSG offered help.	
2.7	Item 6.2 – As MC had had no response from Chris Pearse at RBWM regarding the designation of their section of the riverside as an LGS, she has now written to Vicky Gibson.	MC
2.8	Item 6.5 - AC advised that Tomas Pugh-Cook had now left RBWM but in his last correspondence he advised that ‘Whenever we seek to implement new walking or cycling infrastructure we clearly need to understand ownership. Should areas not be adopted by the council, this can prove a challenge unless we can come to an agreement on right of access. This is relevant to	
2.9	Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th April 2021 to discuss NDHAs were agreed for accuracy and signed.	

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2.10	Item 3 – FC had established that the Parish Office had a file on the Riverside drinking fountain and another on the cemetery and grounds. When allowed FC will look at these files. It was agreed that it would be too costly to ask the Berkshire Records Office in Reading to search the parish records for details of when the cattle trough was move to Churchmead School.	FC
3.	<p><u>Housekeeping</u></p> <p>EL form of acceptance duly received. No correspondence has been received.</p>	
4. 4.1 4.2	<p><u>DDG/BDG SPDs</u></p> <p>The DDG SPD, adopted in February was on the neither Parish nor Borough websites. DB had said he would arrange for it to be added to DPC website but this has not happened yet.</p> <p>It was agreed that AC would write to Adrien Waite, Head of Planning to ask if he would be able to action this, copying in Katy Jones at DPC, and the three Borough Councillors.</p> <p>MC suggested that a copy should be sent to local developers and architects.</p>	DB AC
5.	<p><u>Trees</u></p> <p>Permission has been granted to fell the Sequoia on Southlea Road even though it was in the conservation area, had a TPO, was listed in the Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Inventory, and pre-dated the building – a converted stable block - which it may be affecting. The build quality of the building was also discussed. It was agreed to ask David Buckley if the planning conditions to investigate other options had been met. EL said he would look into it and perhaps speak to the local press.</p> <p>All agreed that it was important to do what we can to retain trees in the village, especially ones as important as this one.</p>	DB/EL
6.	<p><u>Air Pollution and monitors</u></p> <p>DPC’s article in The Link was discussed. We were disappointed that the chair had written that ‘A few council members <i>and others</i> monitored harmful substances in the air’ and had not mentioned the considerable work done in this regard by the DNP who had brought the matter to DPC’s attention.</p> <p>FC advised that after DNP’s initial Friends of the Earth test results revealed worrying levels of pollution, she arranged a meeting for Cllr Tim O’Flynn and herself to meet with Feliciano Cirimele at RBWM. This resulted in additional monitoring tubes being installed in the village. The first set of results from these had registered an annual mean higher than 40 micrograms by the Bridge before adjusting for distance.</p> <p>As far as she was aware no further work on this had been done by DPC and it was beyond the remit of DNP. It was hoped that DB, as DPC LM for Highways, would continue to monitor this and follow it up.</p> <p>The team was interested to know how the pandemic had affected this year’s pollution results.</p>	DB

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7.	<p><u>DPC/Borough Councillors engagement</u></p> <p>There was another RBWM consultation coming out asking residents being to put forward proposals for cycling and walking improvements. The Borough had a grant of £335,000 and the outcome of the consultation will then allow the council to upgrade its 'Cycling Action Plan' to a 'Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan'. FC had spoken to Sue Fox who advised that DNPSG should respond to all consultations. JS thought it would be good to get a cycle path from Datchet to Slough which could link up with the NCR61.</p> <p>EL advised that Margaret Lenton had submitted a petition with more than 1500 signatures asking RBWM to honour its commitment to partnership funding of the RTS scheme. It was going before the Council in two weeks' time and that he would update us on this afterwards.</p> <p>EL advised that the DNPSG group should continue to communicate with DPC/RBWM Cllrs even if there was little engagement in return, so that there would be a written record.</p>	EL
8.	<p><u>BLP update – Inspector's comments</u></p> <p>The inspector's latest recommendations were discussed. Some of these were relevant to AL39. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5% requirement for self-build plots to be selectively applied. • Percentage of affordable housing on Green Belt reduced from 40% to 30%. • Preservation of agricultural land could compromise layouts and there are better ways to secure allotment provision. <p>The planning requirements for AL39 currently include 5% self-build plots, 40% affordable housing, and preservation of Grade I agricultural land for allotments.</p>	
9.	<p><u>DNP publicity</u></p> <p>Deadline for the next Link article will probably be mid-May, around the same date as the next DNPSG meeting which will not allow much preparation time. Group to think about suitable subjects to cover before the next meeting.</p> <p>AC has put previous Link article on the DNP website. AC offered to put JSt.'s GAT survey on DNP website and FB page if that would be helpful.</p>	All
10.	<p><u>Policy draft v5 from CB – sections to complete</u></p> <p>2.1 – AC advised that she had reduced the history text.</p> <p>2.28 – Traffic and movement 'high level summary paragraph'. AC will take this from information previously submitted.</p> <p>2.29 – Main issues and challenges – it was agreed to take text about what the Plan can't address from the original flyer. MC suggested we could insert the leaflet.</p> <p>4.0 Housing need – FC advised that housing needs figures have drastically changed and FC will be speaking to Lindsay Megson this coming Friday and</p>	AC AC AC FC

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	<p>will ask her to explain the changes. 749 was the number of applications for people to live in Datchet – this has gone down to 268 on 31/3/21.</p> <p>JSt advised that Radian is now Abri.</p> <p>JSt. agreed to draft a paragraph about the Gypsy and Traveller Community incorporating the sentence we had agreed previously about alternatives to bricks and mortar.</p> <p><u>Heritage NDHAs</u> - AC/MC were progressing with these. We will need to write a summary for each, with a photograph and details for mapping.</p> <p><u>Local Green Spaces</u> – Riverside LGS designation – MC is waiting to hear from Vicky Gibson on this matter for advice on who to approach.</p> <p>7.3 CB suggestion to split The Cut and The Greens was discussed. It was agreed to keep this as one unit as they are currently. Both were gifted from Lord Montagu. We had originally written them together as we believed they would be safer under one umbrella. We would discuss this with CB.</p> <p><u>Flooding</u> – Scott Salmon had arranged for Natalie Ford from the EA to send us a map of all the watercourses in Datchet. The map was well received. FC has also requested a map of the surface water system from Sue Fox, RBWM Principal Commissioning Officer.</p> <p>AC is waiting for the outcome of our discussions on land drainage infrastructure and will add this to our notes and prepare text to send to CB. AC suggested that Paul Temple might be able to produce a map of the land drainage infrastructure, ditches, etc.</p> <p>Sue Fox, advised FC that the Council was responsible for the Barrel Arch, along with ordinary water courses and groundwater; EA – Rivers, and TW - sewerage. Volker dealt with RBWM problems and riparian owners are responsible for their land.</p> <p>EL advised that RBWM’s Lead Flooding Officer was Simon Dale who lived and worked from up north. <i>[Interim Head of commissioning infrastructure, transferred from Highways April '21]</i></p> <p>EL advised that the Environment Agency was applying to the Secretary of State to have it designated a national infrastructure project but it would only include from Chertsey to Teddington. EA will apply to the Inspector for a development consent order.</p> <p>AC asked all to focus on what the DNP can do about flooding. We agreed that Datchet’s land drainage needed to be properly mapped, indicating who was responsible for what, so that RBWM/DPC can ensure that these are maintained.</p> <p>The suggestion to install a flap valve was discussed along with linings for the barrel arch. JSt. asked if DPC had received the barrel arch inspection report. No.</p> <p>FC agreed to gather together all the relevant information available to us and draft a paragraph to submit to David Cannon and the EA for their consultation about alternative means of flood prevention.</p>	<p>JSt.</p> <p>AC/MC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>FC</p> <p>AC</p> <p>FC</p>

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	<p><u>Slough Sponge City</u> – The national media had run with an article about Slough using permeable road coverings, creating more verges, and planting roadside trees, etc, to slow the water flow. This is relevant to us as it affects the Myrke and the Datchet Common Brook. DNP survey results indicate that residents would like to see more verges and planting in Datchet.</p> <p><u>Key Movement Routes</u> – Figure 9.1. Map – all happy with this.</p> <p>AC said she would draft a table of priorities (including bike parking) taken from the information we had supplied to CB</p> <p>It was noted that the No. 10 bus route had been withdrawn. JSt. advised that the school 10F bus was still running. FC had made enquiries into Wraysbury’s community bus which we all thought Datchet could do but MC advised of the complications involved regarding training, insurance, volunteers, organisation, etc. We should not underestimate the work involved. EL said he would make enquiries as to usage/routes/fares etc.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>EL</p>
11.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>FC advised she had been in contact with George Fussey, Eton College, who was looking into what could be done to maintain/create Eton’s land by the Jubilee River into a biodiversity area.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday 6th May 2021 at 4.30 p.m. to look at the DNP V5 in detail.</p> <p>Wednesday 12th May 2021 @ 4.30 p.m. – monthly meeting.</p>	