

Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	Thursday 18 th February 2021 10.30– 12.05 p.m.
Venue	Video conference meeting
Attendees	Alison Crampin, Fiona Cryle, Marjorie Clasper, Jo Stickland, Ewan Larcombe and David Buckley
Secretary	Jane Simpson

Agenda Item		Action
1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence and announcements</u></p> <p>Apologies - none</p>	
2.	<p><u>Purpose of the meeting</u></p> <p>2.1 The purpose of the meeting was to go through Table 10.1 – Non-land use issues to be addressed. This was carried over from the DNPSG meeting held on the 10.2.21.</p> <p>2.2 Attached to the end of these minutes is the amended document but comments made with respect thereto are listed below.</p> <p>2.3 EL advised the meeting that the Datchet Design Guide was before Cabinet on 25.2.21 and would be happily supporting it. He didn't require any further information.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Biodiversity and green spaces</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to mention the DPC's Environmental Awareness Group. • Focus was needed in ensuring any new planting was maintained. FC recalled 'please water me' signs. • AC agreed to ask CB if there could be included a policy on trees. • There was a need to promote under use of North Datchet and it was hoped that access to Cemex by linking foot and cycle paths would assist in this. AC thought there was currently an opportunity for DPC to consider this as there had been something in Wraysbury PC's minutes about a consultation on Public Rights of Way. AC had written to Boro' councillors and copied in DB about the Cemex permissive paths connecting PROW. • JSt said when she was on DPC, she used to walk the PROW and footpaths several times each year to report back on maintenance required. This does not appear to be happening at the moment. • DB said he would find out whether it was DPC's Grounds or Highways that dealt with footpaths/right of ways. • 	<p>AC</p> <p>DB</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DPC's flyer on paths was raised and DB agreed to follow this up. • It was hoped that the Crown Estate would do more to protect the riverside gardens from unauthorised encroachment and incremental development and commercialisation. • Highways England is responsible for replanting along the M4 but it was hoped that the opportunity to plant a lot of trees wouldn't be missed. 	DB
4.	<p><u>Transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the need for bus services. EL advised that Wraysbury PC has its community bus which perhaps Datchet could consider. The Peoples to Places bus had to be booked in advanced but was available. Also Heathrow and Computer Associates (now Botanica) used to operate bus services. • It was agreed that a width restriction for the Conservation Area would address a lot of problems, e.g. reduce traffic congestion in the village, vehicles mounting kerbs on narrow roads, protection of listed properties and structures and improved safety for pedestrians. If this could be implemented then clearer signage would be necessary too. • It was agreed that Datchet residents should be consulted about the location of crossing points in appropriate locations, and also dropped kerbs as, currently, wheelchair users and parents with prams are experiencing difficulties • AC had discovered that Datchet St. Mary's School had undertaken a School Travel Plan 2014-2016 in which the following objectives were noted: More people choosing to walk to school; a safer environment outside the school access road for pedestrians; a car free zone directly outside the school on the access road, zig zag or double yellow lines to help enforce the car free zone and a safe crossing on Horton Road. This was due to be revisited in March 2017 after a repeat survey had been carried out. JS will enquire as to the present position. 	JS
5.	<p><u>Heritage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After our meeting with Sarah Harper it was hoped that a local community group or Heritage Committee might be set up to work with RBWM to update the Conservation Area Appraisal and the Local List of NDHA. • MC had been assessing Cookham's and would circulate findings. • It was agreed that better signage for the Conservation Area would enlighten people. • AC will ask CB about having an Article 4 Area. 	MC AC
6.	<p><u>Flooding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EL said the maintenance of watercourses and ditches was a very good idea but it doesn't happen in practice. RBWM as the Lead Local Flood Authority needed to address this serious problem. The maintenance of the land drainage infrastructure is of paramount importance. 	

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7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC to ask CB if we can consider introducing Article 4 directives to remove some permitted development rights in the flood zones. <p><u>Planning enforcement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the residents had a part of play in reporting unauthorised developments to RBWM. 	AC
8.	<p><u>Streets and Street Furniture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was hoped that DPC would provide more benches on key movement routes. • The removal of broken lamp-posts, redundant bus stops signs, a tidy up of signage and removal of unwanted ones was added to the list, along with roadside cabinets. • Entrances to Datchet were discussed and it was agreed that all the ‘entrance gates’ needed attention and a set erected on London Road. 	
9.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>JSt mentioned the bad state of roads and footpaths which weren’t being repaired properly and should be address. DPC also should look at the private roads in the village and try to get repairs undertaken.</p> <p>The Highways England works at The Mykre were mentioned and JS agreed to write and enquire what they were doing.</p> <p>EL advised of the installation of a 30m high telecommunication mask on the triangle at London Road/Ditton Road junction.</p> <p>AC said she would add Heathrow Airport and River Thames Scheme to the History section and re-circulate for comments before sending to CB.</p> <p>All happy with the additions to the Vision Statement and play areas</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>AC</p>
10.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 1st March 2021 @ 4.30 p.m. – to discuss flooding</p> <p>Wednesday 10th March 2021 @ 4.30 p.m. – monthly meeting.</p>	