

Datchet Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting Notes

Date & Time	Tuesday 21 st July 2020 11.00 – 11.55am. Green and Blue
Venue	Video conference meeting
Attendees	Fiona Cryle, Marjorie Clasper and Alison Crampin
Secretary	Jane Simpson

Agenda Item		Action
1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence and announcements</u></p> <p>None. Further to May's DNPSG meeting, and clarification from Chris Bowden about Local Green Space designation, FC, MC, JS and AC were meeting separately to do preparatory work on local green/open spaces.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Matrix proposed local green and open spaces</u></p> <p>A draft list of potential sites in the village had been produced and laid out as a matrix, as suggested by Chris Bowden This listed details such as current designation, and NPPF and RBWM requirements for designation as local green space or open space. Version 4 of the above was discussed page by page.</p> <p>Green Belt land already has protection and CB had advised that designating it as local green space would not provide additional protection. Also, designation should not frustrate development, for example an NP cannot designate an allocated site to try to prevent development.</p> <p>If DNP proposes green and/or open space designation then we also need to notify the owners. Designation can affect the value of land.</p> <p>The proposed spaces were discussed. JS suggested adding the Thames Path which is really overgrown and we discussed whether this was more a maintenance issue or project than a planning/designation issue.</p> <p>We discussed whether additional allotments in the village were required as those on Slough Road are understood not to be available to Datchet residents; and considered potential uses for the land owned by Michael Shanly in Ellesmere Close. Alison mentioned that designation is intended to protect what we have now and suggested that proposals for new uses of land should be covered separately. (See also Open Spaces survey results.)</p> <p>Verges were discussed and whether they could be listed as amenity green spaces as they were an important characteristic of Datchet. This led onto the verges along Slough Road and the wooded area on London Road and in</p>	

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	<p>Ruscombe Gardens (which JS confirmed as being privately owned, along with the Dell and the Crescent areas of land). Churchmead School playing fields, the cricket club, golf club, rugby club, fishing lakes and Liquid Leisure are all in the green belt. St. Mary's school playing fields are not in GB but are protected by NPPF.</p> <p>FC mentioned the areas of green along London Road which had no protection, along with the green areas in Talbot Place, Southlea Road lay-bys and Beaulieu Close verges and even the green patch in the centre of Mill Place.</p> <p>MC agreed to contact RBWM and enquire about the amenity green spaces in Datchet and whether it makes a difference if they are private or public. Also to investigate status of proposed additions to the GB (2009/2013).</p> <p>Local wildlife sites were discussed and sites for enhancement. It was agreed to chat to Georgie Ellis (Wild About Datchet) about these when a zoom meeting is arranged. We wondered whether being in the Colne Valley Regional Park would give a site any additional protection. Hannah from WAD used to work for the Colne Valley Regional Park and it was hoped we could get some information from her about that.</p> <p>It was agreed to have a go at completing the Local Green and Open Space Designation Proposals template forms by 31.7.20 to see if there are any difficulties using the form:-</p> <p>Sabatini Land – MC Cemetery, Ditton Road – FC Recreation ground – AC Riverside – JS</p> <p>We would then present the Matrix and sample forms to DNPSG before the August meeting with a view to then asking Chris Bowden for advice and to confirm whether we are on the right track.</p> <p>We discussed briefly the DNP article in The Link's September issue as copy is due by 14th August. AC had asked for ideas from DNPSG and there was support for JSt's idea to ask for Getting Around feedback. AC highlighted that, due to Covid-19, this might be the last chance to consult with the village before Christmas so we should make the most of it and get feedback on Getting Around plus other topics we're currently working on where we need to consult with residents, and update residents on our progress.</p>	<p>MC</p> <p>MC FC AC JS</p>
11.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>DNPSG monthly meeting 4.30pm - 12th August 2020 by video link.</p>	