

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic Durley Parish Council are not able to hold face to face Meetings, but have been meeting virtually. We have been carrying out business as usual where possible and supporting residents who require help.

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meetings on Tuesday 13th October, 2020. Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Also in attendance were Cllr Childs, Cllr Watts, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Brenchley, Cllr Rappini and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). Our County and District Councillors sent their apologies for the Meeting.

Cllr Delmege has reviewed Speed Indicator sign locations and there might be possible locations at both ends of the village. HCC approval will need to be given and Cllr Delemege is working with HCC to see if these sites can be used.

Cllr Delmege, Cllr Brenchley, Cllr Childs and the Clerk attended a Meeting with the HCC Broadband Team to see if there is a possibility for Durley to have fibre to the property and thus make the broadband speeds in Durley better. It was a positive Meeting and it was felt that the Gigabit Voucher Scheme might be the best option for Durley residents. Each property would receive a voucher worth £3,000 to use on the Scheme provided they sign up to the faster broadband. Councillors agreed that this Scheme will be put into the Parish Plan Questionnaire to see how much support there would be from residents. We need to have a group of residents to support the Scheme to make it viable.

Older childrens' play equipment was discussed at a Site Meeting with a play provider at Durley Recreation Ground. Cllr Delmege, Cllr Watts, Cllr Rutherford and the Clerk attended and discussed plans. It was agreed that we might be able to locate 6 pieces of gym equipment on the ground if we can get the funding in place. The Clerk will apply for a County Councillor Grant and apply for any remaining Section 106 funds, but there will be a shortfall. Councillors agreed that if any businesses in Durley, or residents would like to sponsor a piece of equipment then they should get in touch with the Clerk. Each piece would cost around £2,000 so the more funds we can raise the more pieces of equipment we can purchase. Although this is primarily for the older children and teenagers, this equipment can also be used by adults.

The WW2 commemorations and exhibition in Durley is on hold at the moment, due to the Covid-19 restrictions. However, if anyone does know of someone in Durley who was involved in WW2 then please get in touch with the Clerk.

The Revised Durley Parish Plan Questionnaire is being prepared at the moment and we hope to be able to get it out to residents during November. There are some urgent issues that we need to get views from residents, these are mainly on planning, communication (broadband and mobile phone signal) and climate change. Please return your form when you receive it because we need to know what your view is when the New Winchester Local Plan becomes available, along with being able to respond regarding the broadband scheme for Durley.

The Clerk informed Councillors that Gemma Miller has resigned as a Parish Councillor. Gemma was thanked for all her work whilst with Durley Parish Council and Councillors wished her well for the future. The Clerk has advertised for a casual vacancy.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended the Southern Parishes Group Meeting on 5th October. CC Rob Humby was the Speaker and other issues discussed included the Climate Change Action Plan, The Planning Government White Paper, Enforcement, the withdrawal of the green waste bags and an update from HALC. Future speakers were also discussed.

HGV advisory signs have been approved by HCC and will soon be placed at the end of Chancellors Lane to deter heavy lorries from using this unsuitable lane.

Cllr Watts gave a Neighbourhood Watch Report. The burglaries in the Winchester District have increased, and car number plates are being stolen from outside of properties and in car parks.

Cllr Rappini said that there were no major issues at the moment to report on the highways, but he will go round the village and see if any pot holes need reporting. The Clerk has been following up on the flooding again in Stapleford Lane after the recent rainfall. HCC have said that they are not able to bring the maintenance work forward which is due to be carried out in January, 2021.

The Hall is continuing to be used by some hirers who can comply with the Covid-19 Government Guidance. More cleaning is being carried out and some of the Hall is not in use at the moment. A wasps nest has been destroyed which was causing a problem.

A Financial Report was given by the Clerk for October.

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