

## **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 9th February, 2021. Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Also in attendance were Cllr Childs, Cllr Watts, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Brenchley, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Taylor and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). District Councillor Mclean and 1 parishioner were present for part of the Meeting. County/District Councillor Humby and District Councilor Miller sent their apologies

An Update was given by the Clerk on the funding available for the gym equipment at the Recreation Ground. Two substantial donations have been received and a further £500 Grant has been applied for. If the latest Grant is successful it is hoped that 5 pieces of equipment can be purchased. Any further donations would still be welcome.

District Councillor Mclean informed Councillors about the new green recycling bins, flytipping and enforcement issues.

Cllr Rutherford reported that everything was fine at The Sawmills play area. A tree which fell over the road at Millway has been removed by Hampshire County Council and taken away for their use. A willow tree will be replanted in the space, along with some bulbs by Cllr Rutherford which has been agreed with Winchester City Council.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended a Meeting where WCC gave an outline of how the Local Plan Consultation process was going to be carried out. The Consultation opens for comments on 15th February and it will end on 12th April. Over the 8 week consultation period it is hoped that residents and Parish Councils will give their comments. Details of the Consultation can be found on the Durley Parish Council website, village noticeboards, village facebook page and in the local press. Cllr Delmege is compiling the results of the planning questions answered in the recent Parish Plan Questionnaire to see what development residents would like/or not like in Durley so that the Parish Council response can be made.

A request has been received about purchasing a piece of land at The Sawmills by a resident. Further investigation will be required before a response can be made.

Councillors were circulated the HCC Local Transport Plan Engagement Consultation Paper and any comments will be sent to HCC.

A letter was received from Neil's Electrical Services saying that the Company would like to donate the lighting that went around the Hall during the Durley Lights over the Christmas time. The Hall Management Committee had anticipated paying for the lights so this was a most welcome donation from Neil. The Clerk was asked to write to Neil thanking him for this generous gesture to the village.

Cllr Watts gave a Recreation Ground Report saying that silver canisters are still being found at the Recreation Ground. If any residents see people using these silver canisters could they phone 101 and inform the Police as these canisters are dangerous if they get into the hands of young children.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts. Cllr Watts circulated a 4 page document detailing the scams which are circulating at the moment. This information will also be put onto the Parish Council website.

Cllr Rappini reported that some pot holes have now been repaired and he will check to see if there are any more which need attention. Clerk has reported flytipping in Chancellors Lane, Netherhill and Wangfield Lane. Additional flooding in Mincingfield Lane has been reported after some earth moving works at Maxwell House.

The Clerk gave a Financial Report for February and said that she had applied for, and was successful in receiving a further Grant towards the loss of Hall hire income. The ¾ year Internal Audit has been carried out and was successful.

Durley Memorial Hall is still closed due to the latest lockdown. The replacement outside lights have now been put up to replace the light which was damaged during a car accident last year. The new lighting will not get knocked over if there are any future accidents, and the cost will be covered by the Insurance Claim.

Durley Parish Plan Update.

**Broadband** – Cllr Brenchley leading. Cllr Brenchley has received a response from BT Openreach and although they are not accepting any new applications at the moment, there is a new scheme coming out in the next financial year which it is hoped Durley will be able to be included in. Some residents have come forward to help with this Project and they hope to hold a Meeting shortly to move forward. If there are any other residents who would be willing to help, then please get in touch with the Clerk on [durleyparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:durleyparishcouncil@gmail.com).

**Mobile Phone Signal** – Cllr Childs leading. Cllr Childs has drafted a letter to go out to the 3 main mobile phone providers. This was agreed at the Meeting and will be sent out.

**Greening Campaign** – Cllr Rutherford/Cllr Taylor leading. A Climate Change Meeting is being held in conjunction with WCC. A representative from Durley Parish Council will attend. It is hoped that inspiration will be gained about projects that could work in Durley.

**Flooding Risks** – Cllr Rappini leading. A response has not yet been received from HCC regarding a request asking who is responsible for the ditches and roadside hedges as this is not clear. Once this information has been received residents will be asked to cut back hedges which are their responsibility and also clear ditches which have been not cleared for some time or have been filled in. Clerk will follow up this request again.

Many enforcement issues have been brought to Durley Parish Council over recent months and these have been reported to WCC for action.

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