

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 March, 2021. 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). District Councillor Mclean was present for part of the Meeting. County/District Councillor Humby, District Councilor Miller and Cllr Taylor sent their apologies

An Update was given by the Clerk on the funding available for the gym equipment at the Recreation Ground. Clerk reported that a recent Grant application for £500 towards the cost of the gym equipment was unsuccessful from WCC so this would leave a shortfall if we were to purchase 5 pieces of equipment. Councillors will decide on whether to purchase 4 or 5 pieces after the Clerk has received a response from the provider to see if some installation costs could be brought down a little. Any further donations would still be welcome from any businesses or residents who would like to contribute towards this project.

Cllr Taylor and the Clerk attended a Climate Change Workshop on 23.2.21 and a Report was given. There will be information available shortly about the carbon footprint of each parish and this will help us to see how much we could reduce the carbon footprint of Durley. Further initiatives and information will be forthcoming over the next few months. The HCC Solar Together Hampshire information is available if any residents are interested in placing solar panels on their roof. Litter picking initiatives are also being investigated and it is hoped that residents will participate in trying to keep Durley free of litter. Adverde are offering a litter pick support service if parishes would like it.

District Councillor Mclean informed Councillors about recent fly tipping, the new brown waste bins and the bottle bank recycling bins at Durley Memorial Hall.

The WCC Local Plan response from Durley Parish Council was discussed and a response will be made giving consideration to the responses made by residents in the recent Durley Parish Plan Questionnaire. Residents are also invited to make their comments known to WCC.

Cllr Rutherford reported that everything was fine at The Sawmills play area. The green area outside of Millway where a tree was blown over has been reinstated by Cllr Rutherford.

Cllr Watts gave a Recreation Ground Report saying football matches are re-commencing again on 29th March and the playing season will be extended to the end of June.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts. Cllr Watts reported that there have been 26 crimes carried out locally, but only 1 in Durley. Scams are still being circulated and a suspicious van has been seen in the Upham area which might be used to steal dogs.

Cllr Rappini reported that there are no particular highways issues at the moment and the Clerk has reported damage to the roadside edges in the lay-by opposite Durley Church.

The Clerk gave a Financial Report for March. Budget until the end of February was circulated.

Durley Memorial Hall is still closed due to the latest lockdown. The Clerk has been successful in receiving a further Grant towards the loss of revenue from WCC.

Durley Parish Plan Update.

Broadband – Cllr Brenchley leading. Cllr Brenchley has held 2 Meetings with 3 residents who have offered to help with this project. Once the Budget is known for BT we will see what BT has to offer.

Mobile Phone Signal – Cllr Childs leading. Cllr Childs has sent letters to the 3 main mobile phone providers. Vodaphone has responded and tried to tweek the current signal. EE responded and could not understand what the issue is in Durley and 02 have not responded at all.

Greening Campaign – Cllr Rutherford/Cllr Taylor leading. A Climate Change Meeting was attended by Cllr Taylor and the Clerk and many ideas were suggested. A village litter pick will be undertaken when restrictions allow and the HCC solar panel initiative has been advertised for residents to participate if they wish.

Flooding Risks – Cllr Rappini leading. A response has still not been received from HCC Highways regarding our request to see who owns ditches etc. Clerk will follow this up again.

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