

## **DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL AGM MEETING REPORT**

Durley Parish Council held their AGM on Thursday 6th May, 2021 at 8.00 p.m. virtually as it was not safe to hold a face to face Meeting in the Ken Stainer Suite. Members attending were Cllr Delmege, Cllr Watts, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Brenchley, Cllr Taylor and Mrs Anne Collins (Clerk). Apologies were received from Cllr Childs, Cllr Rappini, County/District Councillor Humby, District Councillor Miller and District Councillor Mclean.

The following Officers were Elected:

Cllr Delmege – Chairman

Cllr Childs – Vice Chairman

Highways Officer – Cllr Rappini

Footpaths Officer – Cllr Brenchley

Recreation Ground Chairman – Cllr Watts

Sawmills representative – Cllr Rutherford

Transport representative – Cllr Childs

It was agreed that the Hall Management Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman would be elected by the Hall Management Committee at their Meeting on 13th May.

The Income and Expenditure for 2020-21 were agreed and will be signed by the Chairman and Clerk to send off to the External Auditor. The Internal Audit was completed and the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2020-21 were agreed.

## **DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 11th May, 2021. Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Also in attendance were Cllr Childs, Cllr Watts, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Brenchley, Cllr Taylor and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). County Councillor Humby was in attendance and was congratulated on being re-elected. District Councillor Kurn attended the Meeting and was congratulated on being elected as our new District Councillor. Kirstie Baines and Nick Apps attended the Meeting to give a School Report. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Miller, District Councillor Mclean and Cllr Rutherford.

It was agreed that we would review the seating and new tables for the Sawmills Green now that restrictions are being lifted. Councillors also discussed and agreed a memorial tree should be planted in memory of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh on the Green at The Sawmills. Other replacement trees will also be planted in this area. If any resident feels that would like to donate a tree then please get in touch with the Clerk.

The installation of the new gym equipment at Durley Recreation Ground is still scheduled to be carried out on w/c 21st June.

CC Humby gave a County Council Report. He commenced with saying that he was happy to be elected and looking forward to serving Durley residents again. He outlined the positions that the elected County Councillors will take on, although the Leader and Deputy Leader will be agreed by a vote. CC Humby agreed to follow up on some issues which Durley Parish Council feel need some input from HCC to move forwards.

DC Kurn said that although he has only just been elected he was looking forward to following up on items raised by Durley residents and Councillors.

A letter was read out from Durley Primary School to the Parish Council thanking them for all their hard work in obtaining the new School Crossing outside of Quob Stables. This has been a project for many years and funding was secured via the CIL Funding.

Kirstie Baines gave a School Report which included the ways in which the School has adapted during the Covid-19 crisis. At present there are 133 children attending the School and class sizes are about 30, apart from the year 6 children who have a smaller class number.

Cllr Watts gave a Recreation Ground Report and said that everything was fine at the Ground, apart from hardcore is needed at the entrance as it is getting worn away.

Cllr Rutherford was not able to attend the Meeting but informed the Clerk that the Sawmills play area was fine. The Clerk reported that a tree was damaged in the recent storm and had split, so it needed to be removed by the Parish Lengthsman.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was circulated to Councillors by Cllr Watts.

Cllr Rappini gave a Highways Report and said that he had reported 2 large pot holes in Mincingfield Lane, and one in Netherhill Lane and Mill Lane.

A Financial Report for May was given by the Clerk.

The Hall is re-opening for some smaller bookings on Monday 17th May, and it is hoped that the remainder of hirers can go back on 21st June provided that Government Guidance at that time allows.

Updates were given on the Durley Parish Plan:

**Broadband** – Cllr Brenchley is waiting for a re-quote from BT Openreach so that he can work out how much each household would need to contribute. CC Humby offered to ask Patrick Blogg of HCC about timescales which would also be helpful.

**Mobile Phone Signal** – Cllr Childs has written to all 3 main providers for a second time 3 weeks ago and has not received any responses. This is frustrating and is disappointing. He agreed to write again and copy in our MP Flick Drummond in the hope that she will also follow this up.

**Greening Campaign** – Cllr Taylor updated Councillors on the Solar Together Scheme which HCC are running at the moment. A Durley Litter Pick will be organised now that restrictions are being lifted. Fly-tipping was highlighted and residents are reminded that if they find any fly-tipping they should report it via the WCC on-line system and not touch any of the rubbish as it might hinder any future prosecution.

**Flooding Risks** – Cllr Rappini is continuing his efforts tackling specific flooding areas in Durley. Landowners are reminded that they should keep ditches clear so that water can flow easily.

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