

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 13th July, 2021 virtually as it was not safe to hold the Meeting in the Ken Stainer Suite. Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Also in attendance were Cllr Childs, Cllr Watts, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Taylor and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). District Councillor Mclean was also in attendance. County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Miller and District Councillor Kurn sent their apologies.

The Clerk reported that the gym equipment at Durley Recreation Ground is now fully installed. It is hoped that this new equipment will be well used and enjoyed by residents.

Cllr Taylor reported that the Durley Litter Pick was not well supported on the week of the Litter Pick, but it was agreed that perhaps there was no much notice and also the football was on during one of the evenings. Many residents do already pick up litter in their patch and Councillors appreciate this. The Durley Litter Pick will be a regular event and it is hoped that more residents will join in when future events are arranged either in a Group event or as an individual picking up litter in their area.

Cllr Delmege attended the Southern Parishes Group Meeting on 12th July. The main speakers were Julie Pinnock, Rob Anslie and Barbara Holyone to talk about Planning issues. Parish Councillor training and updates from NALC and HALC were given.

A Report was given by the Clerk on the Local Parish Briefing which was held on 21st June. The updates included the Council Plan for 2021-25, Election results, the new Cabinet, Winchester Leisure Centre, Planning, Covid, Economy, Carbon neutrality, Budget and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Although CC Humby was not able to attend the Meeting he was in contact with the Clerk helping to get HCC Highways to visit Durley during the recent flooding incidents. He has also agreed to ask the Flood Management Team of HCC to visit Durley and discuss how flooding can be controlled in the Stapleford Lane/Durley Brook Road/Beech Corner area.

District Councillor Mclean gave a report on the recent flooding in Bishops Waltham and also offered to take up with WCC the flooding issues in Durley. The removal of the bottle banks in Bishops Waltham and a sign which has gone up at the Jubilee Hall directing residents to the Durley bottle banks was discussed. It has been a concern for some time that the bins we have in Durley are getting over-filled.

A memorial tree for the Duke of Edinburgh was discussed, along with other trees that could be planted in Durley. The Clerk gave Councillors a quote which showed various available trees and Cllr Taylor said that there was a tree planting initiative with the Woodland Trust. Clerk will look further into the Woodland Trust and Councillors will look at various locations for additional planting in Durley. If residents would like to plant trees in their garden then please let the Clerk know.

A yearly donation was agreed for the CAB and Churchyard maintenance at Holy Cross Church.

It was agreed that the Clerk should response to the Boundary Commission with a view that Durley would like to be in the Winchester Constituency rather than Eastleigh, if the Meon Valley Constituency is to be disbanded as we work closely with the Winchester parishes and this is within our local City Council.

Cllr Watts gave a Recreation Ground Report stating that Peter – our Lengthsman, will carry out some maintenance work on the Pavilion. There has been some minor vandalism at the Ground with someone putting paint in various places. If anyone sees this happening or has any information then please do contact the Clerk as this is not acceptable behaviour. Specifications are being sought from the ROW Team for a kissing gate at the entrance.

Cllr Rutherford reported that there were no issues in The Sawmills play area.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts. An up-to-date summary of the crimes within the local policing areas was given.

Cllr Rappini reported that the major issue has been flooding in various areas of Durley.

The Clerk gave a Financial Report for July.

Cllr Rappini gave an update on the flooding in Durley and the Clerk said that Mincingfield Lane has had work carried out, but it is not completed yet. Cllr Rappini will check for pot holes once the wet weather is over.

The Durley Memorial Hall Management Committee have discussed a new boiler for the Hall and a County Councillor Grant will be applied for to help with the cost. This will be purchased as soon as possible so that the Hall heating can be used when the weather is colder. The re-opening is going well and future bookings are being made. The Hall car park renovations are still being planned and 4 quotes have been received. Concern was brought up at the Hall Meeting about the bottle banks, which are getting over-filled.

Durley Parish Plan Update:

Broadband – Cllr Brenchley leading. Cllr Brenchley had no further update.

Mobile Phone Signal – Cllr Childs leading. Cllr Childs reported that he has now received a response from O2 stating that if residents have concerns they should report it via My Network App or customer services. He hopes to receive responses from the other mobile phone companies soon.

Greening Campaign – Cllr Taylor/Cllr Rutherford reported on the Durley Litter Pick. Cllr Taylor updated Councillors on the Webinar he had attended.

Flooding Risks – Cllr Rappini leading. Cllr Rappini said that he had nothing further to add which had not been already covered within the Highways Report on recent flooding.

It was agreed that Durley Parish Council will not be holding a Meeting during August, unless a Planning Meeting is required to meet deadlines.

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