

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2021 WHICH WAS HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 p.m. AS IT WAS NOT SAFE TO HOLD A FACE TO FACE MEETING IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE AT DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, DURLEY.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Childs, Cllr Watts, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Brenchley, Cllr Taylor and the Clerk, Mrs Anne Collins were present. Also attending - County Councillor Humby who was congratulated on his re-election, and District Councillor Kurn who was congratulated on being elected as our new District Councillor. Kirstie Baines and Nick Apps attended the Meeting to represent Durley Primary School.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Rutherford, District Councillor Mclean and District Councillor Miller.
2. ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT. Declarations of Interest were made on items 17 (Planning Application 21/00910/OUT). Cllr Brenchley is a neighbouring property owner and Cllr Taylor is a School Governor.
3. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2021 AND 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2021 WERE AGREED AND WILL BE SIGNED AT THE NEXT AVAILABLE MEETING.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
  - (a) Review of table/seating at The Sawmills. It was agreed that this project could now be moved forward. Cllr Rutherford will be asked if she wished to start pursuing this issue again now that restrictions are being lifted.
  - (b) Locating SID sign in Parsonage Lane and Durley Street proposals. Cllr Delmege to report on any progress with HCC. There is no further update.
  - (c) Update on footpaths/Meeting with ROW Officer. Deferred until a visit is possible. Cllr Brenchley will get in touch with the ROW Officer to carry out a visit now that restrictions are being lifted.
  - (d) Installation of gym equipment at Durley Recreation Ground update – Clerk reported that the deposit has been paid and the Open Spaces Funding applied for. The installation date is w/c 21<sup>st</sup> June and a site visit will be made prior to installation to check the siting and mark the ground for the herras fencing and equipment.
  - (e) WW2 commemorations in Durley. Deferred at the moment. There is no further update.
  - (f) Any further advice on selling of Parish Council land. Clerk has written to the HALC Legal Team, but the response was not helpful. A letter was then written to our Solicitor and he advised that as there were conditions on the original transfer we would need to get approval from the original owner to change the conditions. We would also need to get approval from WCC. He advised that we ask WCC first and then if they agree that this is a better option, he would write a formal letter to the previous land-owner to see if they would be willing to lift the condition on the land. Councillors agreed that this would be the best way forward.
5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: CC Humby reported that he was happy to be re-elected to serve Durley residents once again. It appears that the County Councillors will remain in their current positions, although a vote has not been taken yet for the Leader or Deputy Leader of HCC. CC Humby will still focus on highways – mainly strategic transport and green recovery. He said that the Budget will be challenging due to the Covid-19 emergency. Lobbying is continuing to enable HCC Highways to get more funding for pot holes and road maintenance projects as HCC are managing a declining network. CC Humby offered to follow up on 2 large pot holes in Mincingfield Lane. The Clerk will send through details. He will also follow up on information regarding the selling of former woodland in Church Copse. After a question from Cllr Brenchley CC Humby offered to ask about plans in the Budget for the faster broadband initiative from HCC.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS: DC Miller and DC Mclean. DC Kurn said that he was looking forward to working with DPC and although he had big shoes to fill, he will be following up on issues that matter to Durley residents.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. There were no additional issues raised by members of the public which are not already on the Agenda.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Suggestion to plant an oak tree in Durley in memory of Prince Philip the late Duke of Edinburgh. Councillors agreed that this would be a good idea. The Clerk had received an e-mail from our Parish Lengthsman who had to take down a tree which had split in the recent windy weather on The Sawmills Green. He asked if a replacement tree could be planted, along with 2 other trees which had to be taken down some time ago. Councillors agreed that these trees could be replaced, with one as a memorial to the Duke of Edinburgh. The Clerk will ask A E Roberts who are operating from Woodlea Nurseries if they would be able to provide us with suitable trees.
- (b) Letter from Durley Primary School thanking Durley Parish Council for their hard work in securing the new School Crossing along Durley Brook Road was received. This was noted.

9. SCHOOL REPORT: Kirstie Baines (Headteacher) to report. Kirstie reported that the School has had no Covid cases and most staff have had their first vaccination. All staff are taking a lateral flow test twice a week, along with many parents. The staggered start and end times have worked well and might continue as it eases traffic congestion and parking problems outside of the School at these times. At present there are 133 children at the School, and Kirstie explained how the year groups are split to make class sizes of around 30, apart from Year 6. Kirstie said that the School has been approached by Reilly Developments about the proposed new development and they have been talking to them about the parking provision which is being offered and the proposed new School Crossing. There is funding from the developer available for a contribution towards the School Travel Plan.

10. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that all was working well at the Recreation Ground. Hardcore was still needed for the entrance which has a rut just off the roadside edge. It was agreed that hardcore will be purchased and Cllr Rappini will borrow wacker to make the area firm.

11. SAWMILLS REPORT: Cllr Rutherford to report on any issues. Cllr Rutherford informed the Clerk that there was nothing to report. Tree damaged during recent storm removed. Clerk said that Shawn had removed a tree which was blown over in the recent storm. Discussion about replacement trees was addressed in item 8(a) on the Agenda.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts sent through a Report which is attached to these Minutes.

13. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Cllr Rappini reported that there are 2 large pot holes in Mincingfield Lane and also pot holes in Mill Lane and Netherhill. These have all been reported.

14. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: A Financial Report for May, 2021 is attached to these Minutes and cheques were agreed.

15. HALL: Hall re-opening on 17<sup>th</sup> May for some smaller bookings. A Hall Management Meeting is being held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May so that the Hall can be ready for re-opening. The Clerk reported that the Hall Committee had been very disappointed that the Polling Officer from WCC had not stuck to the Covid-19 Restrictions at the Hall and that stickers had been placed onto the floor, despite being asked to use the ones that were left ready for use which would not have damaged the floor. Damage has now been caused to the floor as the varnish has been lifted in places where the stickers were placed. The matter was dealt with by the Clerk and WCC. WCC will pay for the damage as the floor will have to be revarnished before re-opening on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

16. UPDATING OF DURLEY PARISH PLAN. Updates on the following:

- (a) Broadband – Cllr Brenchley reported that he is waiting for a re-quote from BT Openreach and the average at the moment which each household might need to pay is £1,500. However, we need to see what funding might be available from HCC so that we can write to each household with a quote. CC Humby will ask Patrick Blogg at HCC about timescales as this would be helpful.
- (b) Mobile phone signal – Cllr Childs said that he wrote to all 3 mobile providers 3 weeks ago and to date has still not received a response from any of them, which is very frustrating. It was suggested that Cllr Childs write again and copy in our MP Flick Drummond in the hope that they will take the matter more seriously. Cllr Childs will do this.

- (c) Greening Campaign – Cllr Taylor informed Councillors that the Solar Together scheme has been taken up by some residents, but he felt that it might be too expensive for the return that you can achieve. A Litter Pick will be arranged now that the restrictions have been lifted. Fly tipping is still a problem in Durley (and many other villages) and residents are asked to report any fly tipping that they see to WCC on-line, and not to touch anything as this might hinder a prosecution .
- (d) Flooding Risks – Cllr Rappini reported that he will look at areas of Durley which flood the most as a start. Landowners should keep their ditches clear, but it is more difficult when ditches go across land and are blocked. Climate change has also contributed to the different weather patterns that we now experience which does not help. Stapleford Lane will be looked at as we regularly get flooding in this area.

17. PLANNING:

21/00910/OUT. Patrick Reilly and Beth Boyes. Outline application for the demolition of existing buildings and construction of 23 custom build plots together with open space, parking facility for Durley Primary School and Holy Cross Church including upgrades to Footpath 12 and a new crossing point at School entrance to provide an off-road “park and stride” route to the School (reserved matters of access, landscaping and layout included). Full application for Class E/F (community/commercial/business/service) building. Quob Stables, Durley Brook Road, Durley. Agree response after Public Meeting held on 4.5.21. After listening to the objections and comments put by residents at the Public Meeting an objection was agreed and will be sent to WCC. A request for this Application to go to Committee if the Officer is mindful to approve it should be made.

21/00658/FUL. Mr J Barney. Construction of two buildings to form three holiday lets. Coppice adjacent to Sunbank, Durley Brook Road, Durley. Councillors agreed that a similar objection to the previous Application will be made as this is fundamentally the same Application with a few minor amendments. The whole area should be reinstated as a Coppice as it was formally, and the entrance reinstated with hedging as there is no approval for an entrance into this area of land from Durley Brook Road.

21/00750/HOU. Mr & Ms Wotton & Jarney-Swan. Single storey front extension and front bay window. Bracken Cottage, 2 Kytes Lane, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

21/00766/HOU. Mr & Mrs Pfeiffer. Proposed first floor side and single storey rear extension and porch roof over existing front door. 2 Glenville, Durley Street, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

21/00723/FUL. Mr M Blanchard. Construction of covered horse walker and associated works. Trullingham Farm, Wintershill, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

21/00429/PNACOU. Mr S. Barker. Prior notification for a change of use for 1 dwelling. Hill Farm, Netherhill Lane, Botley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

21/00618/FUL. Mr T Jeffes. Application Number: 16/02860/FUL & 20/02472/NMA of Decision 29.12.16. Removal of Condition to regularise fenestration. Councillors agreed that these amendments do not affect the parish in general, but an objection should be made as this is yet another example of a developer flouting the approved conditions which were originally put on the Planning Approval. It was agreed that the removal of the Conditions might affect the neighbouring properties as windows overlooking and opening onto their land might not be acceptable. It is hoped that negotiations can take place to find a resolution with the adjacent landowner. Councillors also wished to highlight that a brick wall has been erected when it is believed that the previous owner was not able to put up a brick wall – this was inconsistent. Durley Parish Council would like to see the hedging put up as it is more in keeping with the countryside location than a brick wall.

18. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.45 p.m.