

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 Meeting on Tuesday 13th April, 2021. Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Also in attendance were Cllr Childs, Cllr Watts, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Rappini and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). District Councillor Miller was also in attendance.

At the start of the Meeting Cllr Delmege acknowledged the death of HRH Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh who has sadly passed away on 9th April, 2021, two months before his 100th birthday. Durley Parish Council recognised the tireless work and dedication which HRH Prince Philip has given over many years, and are thinking of the Queen and her family at this sad time.

Cllr Brenchley, Cllr Taylor, County/District Councillor Humby and District Councillor Mclean sent their apologies.

The Clerk stated that an Order has been placed for the gym equipment for the Recreation Ground and it is hoped that work will commence on 21st June – but this is to be confirmed.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended a Southern Parishes Group Meeting on 10th March, 2021 and reported that the main items discussed were enforcement at WCC, an update on the work of CPRE, an update on the Aquind Interconnector which is going through some of the southern Parishes (mainly Denmead), an update from HALC and discussion regarding the Winchester Local Plan Consultation.

District Councillor Miller was at the Meeting and reminded Councillors that residents should register for a postal vote if they did not wish to vote in person at the Elections on 6th May. A more detailed District Councillors' Report incorporating the work they have undertaken during the year will be produced at the Annual Parish Assembly which will follow this Meeting.

A manhole cover which has broken tarmac around it has been reported to HCC Highways for repair in Durley Street. After receiving a response from HCC Highways Cllr Rappini will follow up areas which flood in Durley on a case by case basis.

Cllr Watts gave a Recreation Ground Report stating that although most dog owners are picking up after their dog there are still a few who do not, and choose to ignore the signs which are placed around the Ground. Dog mess left on the Recreation Ground and in the play area is dangerous and not acceptable.

Cllr Rutherford reported that there were no issues in The Sawmills play area. The area around the tree on Millway has now been reinstated and it is hoped that the herras fencing will be removed shortly.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts. Cllr Watts reported that there have been 46 crimes carried out locally within the last month. There has been 1 theft in Kytes Lane and 1 violence offence in Kytes Lane during the month, along with 2 drugs related incidents in Gregory Lane. There will be a Beat Surgery on Saturday 8th May at Meon Valley Police Station, Bishops Waltham from 10.30 – 12.30 pm. The Police are also urging members of the public to adhere to the Government restrictions that are in force.

Cllr Rappini reported that fly-tipping has been reported, and dealt with in Durley. Pot holes have been reported along Netherhill to HCC Highways. Clerk has reported a tree which fell over the road in Chancellors Lane, so that it can be removed. A bollard which has been knocked over outside of Quob Stables on the School crossing has been reported for reinstatement. If anyone knows why this particular bollard keeps getting damaged then please let Durley Parish Council know.

The Clerk gave a Financial Report for April. Budget figures until the end of April were circulated.

Durley Memorial Hall is hoping to re-open again on 17th May when restrictions are lifted. A Hall Management Committee Meeting is due to be held on Thursday 15th April to discuss the re-opening of the Hall and the proposed car park renovations.

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 02, but they have checked the network and said that it is good. Cllr Childs will send evidence from the Parish Plan Questionnaire responses confirming that residents do not agree that we have a good mobile phone service.

Greening Campaign – Cllr Rutherford said that the Solar together scheme offered by HCC has a Contract in place and is writing to all those residents who were interested in participating. A Village Litter Pick will be organised once restrictions allow. Cllr Rutherford is compiling leaflet with useful tips to circulate to residents.

Flooding Risks – Cllr Rappini leading. Cllr Rappini is following up specific locations in Durley which have a flooding problem.

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