

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 12th October, 2021 virtually as some members were self-isolating and it was agreed that this was the safest way to hold the Meeting. Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Also in attendance were Cllr Childs, Cllr Watts, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Brenchley and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). Cllr Taylor, County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Miller, District Councillor Kurn and District Councillor Mclean sent their apologies.

Cllr Delmege reported that he has not had an opportunity to meet with DC Kurn to discuss the possible siting of a Speed Indicator sign along Durley Street. Hopefully a meeting can be arranged shortly.

Councillors suggested a variety of trees which could be planted as a memorial tree. Cllr Delmege will circulate details of each tree so that a decision can be made. Concern was expressed about how large the tree will grow and the location. It is hoped that the tree will be planted on the smaller green by the post box and noticeboard at The Sawmills.

A District Councillors' Report was read out by the Clerk. Enforcement at the Paddocks is being followed up by the District Councillors now that the recent Planning Application has been refused. The District Councillors are also following up the flooding along Stapleford Lane/Durley Brook Road with Durley Parish Council.

After receiving an e-mail with an offer of an additional footpath alongside Wintershill towards Bishops Waltham. Councillors agreed their support and thanked the landowner for their offer.

The Clerk updated Councillors on enforcement cases within Durley.

A letter was received from HCC Highways regarding the road closure in Durley Brook Road and Stapleford Lane for drainage works commencing on 18th October. Letters have been sent to residents who live in this area and also a Notice has gone onto the Parish Council website for information. Concern was expressed about the bus services, especially the School buses which appear to have not been notified. Clerk will make enquiries.

The HALC AGM is on Saturday 6th November. It is not sure yet if this is virtual or face to face. Cllr Delege will try and attend.

Cllr Watts gave a Recreation Ground Report. She said that everything is running smoothly, but dog fouling continues to be a huge problem. Dog owners are bringing their dogs to the Ground and letting them off the lead, then not picking up after their dogs. A footpath leading off the Recreation Ground also has dog mess along it where dog owners do not pick up after their dogs.

Cllr Rutherford gave a Sawmills Report saying that everything was fine.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts. Scams are still circulating and residents are warned to keep vigilant. The Bobby Scheme which is supported by the Police was included within the Report and if any elderly residents feel that they might require this service we would encourage them to get in touch with the Scheme.

Cllr Rappini reported that trying to resolve the flooding problems in Stapleford Lane is continuing. The Clerk has written letters to all land and house owners along the watercourse and everyone has been asked to check their ditches, drains to make sure that they are clear.

Only one response was received which was disappointing, so this information will be fed back to HCC. Durley Parish Council has paid for a cctv camera to be put down drains in Stapleford Lane to see if they are working correctly, or if there are any blockages. Once a Report is received we will be able to see any problems which need addressing, or eliminate this area from our investigations. Whilst carrying out the cctv work a drain owned by Southern Water was found to be blocked so Southern Water have been asked to clear this out. It is also hoped that the drainage work being carried out along Durley Brook Road/Stapleford Lane starting on 18th October will also ease the situation. Durley Parish Council are continuing to monitor the situation and will work with various agencies to try and resolve the flooding in this area.

The fly-tipping in Mincingfield Lane has been reported twice and Clerk will now follow this up with the District Councillors to try and get it removed. Fly-tipping in Chancellors Lane has also been reported by the Clerk.

The Clerk gave a Financial Report for October.

The Clerk reported that the Durley Memorial Hall floor will be re-varnished and re-sealed after the damage which was caused by the WCC Elections during December when the Hall will not be in use for a few days. The Hall Management Committee are disappointed that this needs to be carried out after WCC were informed not to put stickers on the floor for the Elections. Now that the seal has been broken there is no other alternative. WCC are paying the cost. Cllr Rutherford is finding out about a tin can recycling bin and will report back at the next Meeting.

Durley Parish Plan Update:

Broadband – Cllr Brenchley leading. Cllr Brenchley has written a report which has been put in the Parish Magazine updating residents on our progress. It is likely to be at least 6 months before we can update again.

Mobile Phone Signal – Cllr Childs leading. Cllr Childs reported that he has not received a response regarding a timeframe for the upgrade in Curdridge. 02 have said that there is due to be an upgrade within 6 months for the 5G rollout.

Greening Campaign – Cllr Rutherford circulated to Councillors a poster she had prepared which will give residents some ideas of how to help with climate change. The “Did you Know” Poster will be part of the Greening Campaign for Durley. A logo and introduction piece will also be produced. Cllr Rutherford is attending a Meeting on 30th October.

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 flooding.

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