

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 14th September, 2021 virtually as it was not safe to hold the Meeting at Durley Memorial Hall. Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Also in attendance were Cllr Childs, Cllr Watts, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Brenchley, Cllr Taylor and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). District Councillor Kurn was also in attendance. County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Miller and District Councillor Mclean sent their apologies.

Cllr Delmege attended the Southern Parishes Group Meeting on 13th September. The main discussions took place regarding HALC Management, the new Police and Crime Commissioner who will be invited to attend a Group Meeting, Planning feedback and Planning training for Parish Councils.

Clerk has purchased village litter picks and these will be stored with the high viz vests ready for further village litter picks in Durley. Cllr Rutherford and Cllr Taylor will organise these in the New Year and more notice will be given of the dates so that more residents are able to participate.

A potential siting for a Speed Indicator Sign is being looked into along Durley Street, but this will need to be agreed by HCC Highways. Cllr Delmege and DC Kurn will view the site.

District Councillor Kurn gave the District Council Report. He reported on the recent Planning Application for 23 dwellings at Quob Stables which was refused, the Enforcement Team at WCC now have some new Officers and the bottle bank in the Jubilee Hall car park has been reinstated.

The Clerk has applied for a Tree Planting pack from the Woodland Trust, and if successful trees will be planted at various locations in Durley. More hedging will also be planted at the Recreation Ground. Some residents have offered to have a tree planted in their garden and if there are enough trees these offers will be taken up. A memorial tree will be agreed to plant in memory of the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Parish Council Insurance was agreed and will be renewed for 1st October.

A letter was received from WCC stating that a fly-tipping prosecution had been successful after fly-tipping had been reported in Durley. Councillors were pleased with this outcome and hope that this will deter people from fly-tipping in our village.

A letter was received regarding the additional HGV lorries going through Durley to the developments in Bishops Waltham and One Horton Heath. Despite having advisory "unsuitable for HGV signs" at each end of the main route through Durley, some HGV drivers are taking no notice. Clerk will write again to HCC asking for an HGV ban through the village.

Cllr Watts gave a Recreation Ground Report saying that football matches have resumed again and the kissing gate has been installed next to the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

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

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts along with up to date crime figures and recent scams.

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. A mapping of the area will be sought by the Clerk from HCC. Further work is anticipated along Durley Brook Road to try and achieve more capacity over the winter months by HCC. The Flood Management Team are working with the Parish Council to try and resolve the flooding.

The Clerk gave Financial Reports for August and September. The External Audit has now been completed and is satisfactory.

The Durley Memorial Hall Management Committee have installed a new Hall boiler, and a Grant towards part of the cost was successful. The Hall is now fully re-opened and bookings are starting to come back, along with some new ones. The Hall car park renovations are progressing and it is hoped that funding can be applied for in the New Year towards the cost. The bottle banks in the car park are still being filled to capacity, but the situation will be kept monitored.

Durley Parish Plan Update:

Broadband – Cllr Brenchley leading. Cllr Brenchley gave a report on the costings as he has now received a quote. A separate article will be written by Cllr Brenchley outlining the details of the options.

Mobile Phone Signal – Cllr Childs leading. Cllr Childs reported that he has now received a response from EE stating that 4G and 5G should be better in the future as a site to the south of Curdridge is due an upgrade in this calendar year. Cllr Childs will go back to EE and ask when this upgrade is likely to happen so that we can carry out a survey to see if there is any improvement in signal.

Greening Campaign – Cllr Taylor/Cllr Rutherford reported that they hope to carry out village litter picks next year. Cllr Rutherford is looking at the possibility of having a recycling tin bin at the Hall. The Greening Campaign Phase 1 Pack has arrived and Cllr Rutherford is looking through this to see what we can do in Durley.

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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