

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 14th December, 2021 virtually. Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Also in attendance were Cllr Childs, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Rappini and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). Cllr Watts, County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Miller, District Councillor Mclean and District Councillor Kurn sent their apologies.

Cllr Delmege is still waiting to hear back from DC Kurn about installing a Speed Indicator Sign along Durley Street. It is hoped that we will be able to confirm this at the next Meeting.

Councillors have agreed that a Rowan tree will be planted in The Sawmills green area (near to the post box) as a memorial to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Highways work is continuing along Stapleford Lane and it is hoped that once work is complete it will ease the amount of flooding in this area. There will need to be a further road closure put in place to carry out the work planned in Durley Brook Road.

A letter was agreed to send to our MP regarding planning matters and powers that enforcement teams have.

County Councillor Humby sent a report highlighting the 20 mph Review which is being run by HCC, fairer funding for local government, the Winchester Movement Strategy, Grants available and the new Covid restrictions which are in place.

Winchester City Council are also reviewing and updating the Covid measures due to the new variant circulating in the District.

The Clerk read out a letter from Chris Brenchley stating that he would be resigning as a Parish Councillor. A letter of thanks will be sent to Chris for all the work he has done whilst with the Parish Council. The Clerk has advertised the 2 Parish Councillor vacancies to see if an Election is requested. WCC will inform the Clerk if an Election is required once the closing date has passed.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended the Local Council's Liaison Briefing on 25.11.21. The main issues discussed were the City Council Budget Options for 2022/23, a Local Plan Update and then questions were asked from Parish Councils to Winchester City Council Officers.

The Local Plan Workshops was held on 16.11.21 and was attended by Cllr Delmege and the Clerk. The Workshop was not what was expected as it was mainly about design of developments and properties, and how they fit into the community/landscape which is already there. Housing allocation numbers is what the Parish Councils actually need at the moment and these were not forthcoming.

A letter was read out from Bishops Waltham Parish Council ending the Shared Service Agreement for the Parish Lengthsman – Peter. Peter has been with Durley for half a day a week since 2013 and will be greatly missed. Councillors were disappointed that we were not consulted about the ending of a shared service and the Clerk was asked to write to BWPC expressing our disappointment.

Winacc wrote to the Parish Council offering a Presentation about Winchester SuperHomes – which is about making your home more energy efficient and low carbon footprint. It was agreed that rather than holding a Presentation at the Hall for residents in these difficult times,

it might be better to ask for an on-line Presentation that residents can log into via the Parish Council website. Clerk will ask if this could be done.

Cllr Watts sent a written report saying that Peter is trying to remove the graffiti on the side of the Pavilion. This is unacceptable behaviour and it was felt that the Parish Council should look at putting cctv cameras at the Recreation Ground to try and catch the culprits.

Cllr Rutherford said that everything was fine at The Sawmills.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was sent by Cllr Watts. There have been some thefts from vehicles at the Recreation Ground and Church car parks. Residents are warned not to keep valuables in their vehicles.

The Clerk gave a Financial Report for December, 2021.

The Hall Management Committee met on 8.12.21 to discuss the 100th Year Celebrations of the Hall. There will be various Events being held throughout the year including a Village Quiz Evening, a Dance, Flower Show, Village Picnic and Bingo Evening. More details will be available in the New Year.

Durley Parish Plan Update:

Broadband – There was no further update.

Mobile Phone Signal – Cllr Childs leading. A springtime survey will be carried out to see if residents have any improved mobile phone signal.

Greening Campaign – Cllr Rutherford has organised a Village Litter Pick for the February School Half Term week. More details will be available in the New Year.

Flooding Risks – Cllr Rappini leading. Cllr Rappini said that he had nothing further to add.

All Parish Council information can be found on the Durley Parish Council website, this includes Agendas, Minutes and Reports.

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