

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 11th October, 2022 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall. The September Parish Council Meeting was cancelled due to the sad death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Durley Parish Council sent their condolences and laid flowers from the parish. A Minute's Silence was held at the start of the September Planning Meeting.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Also in attendance were Cllr Watts, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Ellen and Cllr Childs. The Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) was able to attend via zoom. County Councillor Humby and County Councillor Adams-King were also in attendance for the Meeting. Apologies were received from District Councillor Mclean, District Councillor Miller and District Councillor Kurn.

Cllr Delmege reported that that speed indicator sign will be sited along Durley Street when new batteries have been obtained.

Clerk will place an order for a weeping flowering cherry tree as a commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations ready for planting. Hedging plants and tree saplings will arrive during the early part of November for planting in Durley as part of the Greening Campaign. Cllr Rutherford will co-ordinate a Working Party to plant these trees and hedging.

The blocked drains in Sciviers Lane which were reported to HCC have not been cleared yet so the Clerk has sent a further e-mail to ask that they be cleared as soon as possible.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended a Southern Parishes Group Meeting. Updates were given on NALC, HALC and the Winchester District Association of Parish Councils. The new proposed Articles were discussed for HALC, and future planning training is being organised. Other Parish Councils within the Southern Parishes are being encouraged to attend.

CC Humby gave an outline of what financial implications the County Council are having to deal with, and how they are trying to generate more financial security and also provide services. CC Humby introduced CC Adams-King who deals with the Highways at HCC. CC Adams-King answered questions from Councillors on road closures, road maintenance – especially along Wintershill and Heathen Street, communication to parishes regarding road closures and the reinstatement of ditches and verges once the Esso pipeline work has been completed in Durley.

No District Councillors were present at the Meeting, but DC Kurn has visited Wintershill with CC Humby to view the erosion of the road.

Reports of a mobile home being burnt on site in Durley Street were reported to the WCC Environmental Health Team for action as the smoke and smell was unacceptable for residents.

Cllr Watts reported that the fencing behind the Pavilion is now completed, along with the replacement of a broken rail in the car park.

Cllr Rutherford gave a Sawmills Report stating that everything was fine. Complaints were received about vehicles parking from the business units in the residential roads of The Sawmills. Clerk has written to the business units to ask that their workers park more considerately.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts. A Report of incidents over the past couple of months was read out, and scams are still circulating. Cllr Watts will attend a Police Meeting on Friday 14th October.

Cllr Rappini reported that he had checked the Durley Brook Road/Stapleford Lane area for flooding after recent heavy rain, and was pleased to see that all was working well. The area will be checked again over the winter months when there is heavy rainfall. Clerk has reported a bridge across a footpath at Durley Mill which needs repairing by HCC. An order has been placed by HCC for the Rangers to carry out the work. Cllr Pitter said that he had received a complaint about tractors going fast down Manor Road. Councillors agreed that this was a matter for the Police, not Parish Council.

Financial Reports were given by the Clerk for August, September and October, 2022. The External Audit has now been completed and is satisfactory.

Cllr Ellen gave a Hall Report from the Hall Management Meeting held recently. The dead tree in the Hall car park has been removed. The 100th Anniversary Events have gone well throughout August – which included the Flower Show, Village Picnic and Bingo Evening. The Fish & Chip Supper went well and we are now looking forward to the Hall Rededication which will take place at Durley Memorial Hall on Sunday 13th November at 10.30 a.m. as part of the Remembrance Day Service. The Clerk is looking at a further funding opportunity to make the Hall more energy efficient.

Durley Parish Plan Update:

Broadband – Cllr Delmege asked CC Humby for an update from HCC. CC Humby offered to look into this to see if there are any opportunities for Durley.

Mobile Phone Signal – Cllr Childs had no further update.

Greening Campaign – Cllr Rutherford is organising the Working Party for the tree and hedge planting in November. If you are able to help then please get in touch with the Clerk.

Flooding Risks – Cllr Rappini leading. Cllr Rappini had no further issues but will continue to monitor the flood risk areas in Durley over the winter months.

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