

## **DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT**

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 8th November, 2022 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Also in attendance were Cllr Watts, Cllr Ellen and Cllr Childs, along with the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). Apologies were received from Cllr Rappini, Cllr Pitter, County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Mclean, District Councillor Miller and District Councillor Kurn.

Cllr Delmege reported that additional speed indicator sign equipment has been purchased from Curdrige Parish Council as it fits with our system. Once the settings have been re-set a sign will be sited along Durley Street.

Councillors agreed that a Prunus Snow Shower weeping cherry tree will be planted at The Sawmills as a commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. A E Roberts have offered to help with the planting and will donate the tree. Clerk has received a plaque from WCC which will be placed at the base of the tree. Thanks were given to A E Roberts for their donation and help. Clerk said that the hedging and trees which have been donated by the Woodland Trust should arrive by 11th November. Cllr Rutherford will co-ordinate a Working Party to plant these trees and hedging once they arrive.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended a Southern Parishes Group Meeting. The main part of the Meeting was taken up by CC Rob Humby who spoke to all the Parishes about his role as Leader of Hampshire County Council and he outlined how the Budget is set and the challenging discussions that are needed to keep services running. HCC have forward planned for the next 2 years and are looking at different ways of working and dealing with enquiries, along with using the facilities they already have, and making more use of them, by perhaps renting out the space to generate more funds for HCC.

No District Councillors were present at the Meeting.

A thank you letter was received from CAB thanking Durley Parish Council for the donation and support. An article in the press was circulated to Councillors about a prosecution following the tree felling in Durley Brook Road.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk will attend a Local Parish Briefing at WCC on 15th November.

There were no issues to report from the Recreation Ground or The Sawmills.

Cllr Watts gave a Neighbourhood Watch Report and reported on a Police Meeting she had attended which was organised by Flick Drummond MP. There were various speakers at the Meeting and although it was interesting there was little time left at the end for many questions to be asked which was a pity.

A Financial Report were given by the Clerk for November, 2022. The first half year Internal Audit has now been completed and Cllr Delmege presented a spreadsheet of the half year accounts so that he could predict the Budget figures for 2023-24. Councillors agreed the Budget for the next financial year and Cllr Delmege proposed the Precept request which was agreed by all Councillors present. The Clerk's salary was agreed in line with the NJC rates which have just been agreed.

Cllr Ellen gave a Hall Report from the Hall Management Meeting held recently. The arrangements are going well for the Rededication of the Hall at the Remembrance Service to

be held on Sunday 13th November at the Hall. Councillors agreed to set up the Hall at 9.00 a.m. and refreshments will be served after the Service. The Clerk reported that she had applied for a Grant for an Energy Efficiency Report to be carried out at the Hall which was successful. Once approved the Clerk met with the Inspector at the Hall and a survey was carried out. It is hoped that the Report will be received shortly and then we will be able to make some energy efficiency savings at the Hall. It is hoped to be able to replace the current Hall lighting with LED lighting and put better insulation in the Hall roof.

Durley Parish Plan Update:

**Broadband** – Cllr Delmege asked CC Humby for an update from HCC. As no information has been received from CC Humby Cllr Delmege will follow up.

**Mobile Phone Signal** – Cllr Childs had no further update.

**Greening Campaign** – Cllr Rutherford is organising the Working Party for the tree and hedge when the trees arrive.

**Flooding Risks** – Cllr Rappini leading. There was nothing to report.

Clerk reported that the Public Consultation on WCC Local Plan commences on 2nd November, 2022 until 14th December, 2022. Notices can be found on the village noticeboards and on the Parish Council website.

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