

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER, 2022 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE AT DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Watts, Cllr Childs, Cllr Ellen and Mrs Anne Collins (Clerk) were in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Rappini, Cllr Pitter, County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Miller, District Councillor Mclean and District Councillor Kurn.
2. ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT. There were no Declarations of Interest made.
3. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11th OCTOBER, 2022 WERE AGREED AND SIGNED AS CORRECT.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - (a) Installation of SID along Durley Street and additional equipment – Cllr Delmege reported that surplus SID equipment has been purchased from Curdridge Parish Council for £100 and will be used for the Durley signs. Cllr Delmege will check the settings for the sign in Durley Street before putting it up.
 - (b) Ordering of Platinum Jubilee tree. It was recommended by the Tree Company that a Prunus Snow Showers weeping cherry would be ideal, and they would be happy to donate and plant it for us. Clerk has a plaque ready to site at the base of the tree. Councillors agreed that they would accept the offer from A E Roberts and plant the tree when they are available on The Sawmills Green. Clerk will notify Councillors of the date of planting. It was also agreed that the Clerk would obtain costings for a memorial seat for Queen Elizabeth II to be sited around the memorial tree for HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.
 - (c) Report on Southern Parishes Meeting (7.11.22) – Cllr Delmege/Clerk. CC Humby was the main speaker for the Meeting and he outlined the Budget situation with HCC and said that they have forward planned for the next 2 years. It was agreed that the Group would ask for 4 minutes to speak on Planning Applications at Committee rather than the current 3 minute allocated time.
 - (d) Response from Solicitor regarding land in The Sawmills buffer area. Clerk read out the e-mail from our Solicitor and it appears that after many e-mails asking for an answer the Solicitors acting for Persimmon Homes do not appear to respond. Clerk has now written to Persimmon Homes direct asking them for an answer so that we can either move forwards or take this item of the Agenda.
5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: CC Humby sent through a written Report.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS: DC Mclean, DC Miller and DC Kurn. A District Councillors' Report was not available.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. There were no members of the public present to raise any additional issues.
8. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - (a) Thank you letter from CAB for donation. This was noted.
 - (b) Prosecution article for tree felling in Durley Brook Road. This has been circulated to Councillors for information.

- (c) Agree on whether we need a December Meeting or not. Councillors agreed that we would hold one at the moment, but if nearer the time there are no planning applications or urgent items to discuss we would not hold a Meeting.
 - (d) Local Parish Briefing – Cllr Delmege and Clerk are attending on Tuesday 15th November.
9. SCHOOL REPORT: There was no School Report available.
10. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that all was fine at the moment, although a little wet and muddy.
11. SAWMILLS REPORT: Cllr Rutherford was not at the Meeting to give a Report.
12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts reported on a Police Meeting she had attended which was organised by Flick Drummond MP. Cllr Watts listed the speakers and said that there was a little time left to ask questions. Cllr Watts reported that there has been some incidents this month in Durley including a violent assault and suspicious vehicles.
13. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Any highways issued raised this month. There were no additional highways issues raised this month.
14. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and signed cheques as agreed. Agree Budget for 2023/4 and agree Precept request for 2023/24. Cllr Delmege proposed a Budget for 2023/4 and proposed a Precept of £34,000 which would be an increase of £2,000. The increase is mainly due to increases in energy costs, salary increases and Election costs for 2023. The Clerk's salary will also be increased in line with the NJC pay review. All Councillors present were in agreement with the Budget, Precept request and the Clerk's pay rise.
15. HALL: Hall Re-dedication on Sunday 13th November – Cllr Ellen reported that arrangements have been made after a Meeting with Jane Chamberlain, Cllr Delmege, Cllr Ellen and the Clerk at the Hall. It was agreed to meet at the Hall at 9.00 a.m. to get the Hall ready for the Service. The Service will commence at 10.50 a.m. and notices have been placed on the village noticeboards, website and in the Parish Magazine. Help needed with set-up and cakes/refreshments – Cllr Delmege and the Clerk offered to provide a cake and help with the refreshments after the Service. Cllr Ellen and Cllr Childs will also help with the setting up. Energy Efficiency Report for Hall and replacement lighting. Clerk applied for a Grant of £1,450 to cover the cost of getting an Energy Efficiency Report carried out at the Hall. This was successful and the Clerk met with the Inspector at the Hall to carry out the Survey for a Report. It is hoped that the Report will be received soon. We can then look at obtaining a further Grant to cover the cost of the ceiling replacement and replacing the current lighting system with LED lights to save on future costs.
16. UPDATING OF PARISH PLAN:
- (a) Broadband – Cllr Delmege – there was no further update. Cllr Delmege will chase CC Humby for a response to an earlier request regarding broadband speeds in Durley.
 - (b) Mobile phone signal – Cllr Childs – no further update until a survey is carried out.
 - (c) Greening Campaign – Cllr Rutherford. Arrival and planting of Trees/hedging. Clerk reported that the trees/hedging have not arrived yet, but should be here before 11th November. Cllr Rutherford is organising a team to plant the trees and hedging once they arrive. A date will be arranged when the trees/hedging arrives.
 - (d) Flooding risks – Cllr Rappini - there was no further update. Cllr Delmege said that he has used the network.one website to look at roadworks in the Durley area.

17. PLANNING:

22/02114/HOU. Mr Karia. Detached gymnasium for private residential use. Three Gables, Stapleford Lane, Durley. Councillors agreed that a comment would be made that there would be no objection provided the facilities were for personal use and not for a commercial venture.

Public Consultation on WCC Local Plan commences on 2.11.22 to 14.12.22. Notices have been put up on the village noticeboards and on the website.

18. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.35 p.m.