

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 14th February, 2023 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall.

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

Cllr Delmege and Cllr Rappini are installing the new speed indicator sign along Durley Street at the end of this week (17th February).

Councillors agreed a circular seat to go around the memorial tree on the Sawmills Green in memory of QEII. A Grant will be applied for towards the seat, along with some picnic benches which will be sited on the Sawmills Green.

The Clerk received a response from Hampshire County Council regarding the bus services through Durley. A notification was also received from Xelabus Company stating that after many years of providing a service through Durley they would not be able to continue after 31st March due to funding. Clerk will respond to HCC asking that notification be given well in advance of the services which will be offered to Durley residents, as any changes will cause disruption and unnecessary stress for those residents using the bus service. The bus services which are ceasing at the end of March are X10 and X9.

The Durley Parish Council Standing Orders were amended to reflect the change in Financial Regulations to include on-line banking.

Councillors agreed that for the King's Coronation a Church Service will be held in Durley Memorial Hall on Sunday 7th May followed by tea/cake for all residents who wish to attend. Further details will be published nearer the time.

The Clerk has arranged a Public Meeting at Durley Memorial Hall on Wednesday 22nd February at 7.00 p.m. with Southern Water representatives. Many complaints have been received regarding the frequency of tankers going to and from the Heathen Street Pumping Station and the damage which is being caused to the lanes and road in Durley. It is hoped that by inviting Southern Water representatives to a Meeting in Durley Councillors and residents would have an opportunity to ask questions, and perhaps a resolution could be agreed to the issues raised.

Cllr Delmege will be attending the HALC EGM on 23rd February to put the views across from Durley Parish Council regarding the revised Articles which are being discussed and voted on.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attend the Winchester District Association of Parish Councils' Meeting where the speakers were Julie Pinnock (WCC) and Cllr Jackie Porter.

Reports were read out from CC Humby and the District Councillors. DC Kurn is trying to arrange a Meeting in Durley with Donna Jones (Police and Crime Commissioner) for residents and Parish Councillors. A date has yet to be confirmed.

The Clerk has attended a Briefing Session with WCC Election Officers to hear about the new regulations that will come into force for the May Elections. The main change is that photographic ID will be required from anyone who wishes to vote. All households will be

notified and an information campaign will be starting soon to alert voters and inform them of what ID is acceptable.

Two nominations were received for the Mayor of Winchester Awards and Councillors will vote on which one to put forward from Durley within the next couple of days.

A letter was received outlining a newspaper deliver service to residents in Durley. Notices of the contact details will be put on the parish noticeboards so that residents are able to get in touch if they wish to have a newspaper or magazine delivered to their home.

Cllr Watts reported that there has been one violent assault in Durley over the last month and the Knottingham Knockers have been visiting properties in the area.

There have been some flooding problems over the last month and ice on the roads. Some residents have been using grit from the grit bins to put down on the roads and pavements which are icy. A damaged grit bin alongside Wintershill has been reported to HCC. A potential water leak onto Wintershill will also be reported. A bridge on footpath 14 will be repaired by HCC Rights of Way Team.

Clerk reported that the ¾ Year Internal Audit has been completed and is satisfactory. A Financial Report for February, 2023 was also given by the Clerk.

Cllr Ellen gave a Hall Management Meeting Report. The main items of discussion were the Hall car park renovations, the Events for 2023, the Hall ceiling and LED lighting. Some fly-tipping had occurred in the Hall car park, but the owner of the rubbish did pick it up after a letter from the Management Committee. A CIL Funding Application will be put in again for the car park renovations and another Grant will be applied for towards the LED lighting and ceiling costs.

Durley Parish Plan Update:

Broadband – Cllr Delmege reported that it appears that Giganet is carrying out a test for full fibre along Snakemoor Lane, Durley Brook Road and Durley Street. It is hoped that this will be potentially helpful for Durley residents.

Mobile Phone Signal – Cllr Childs had no further update.

Greening Campaign – Cllr Rutherford has organised a Village Litter Pick for the week of Monday 27th February to Sunday 5th March. Notices have been put up informing those who wish to take part of the details. It is hoped that residents will pick up litter in their lanes and roads as well as outside of their properties. A litter pick along the main road will take place with a van in front to make sure everyone is safe. More information along with litter picks, high-viz jackets and black bin bags can be picked up from Cllr Rutherford at 6 Mill Way, Parsonage Lane during the week.

Flooding Risks – Cllr Rappini leading. Outside of Durley School and Stapleford Lane appeared to drain well, but Parsonage Lane, Mincingfield Lane and Heathen Street did have flooding recently.

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