

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY, 2023 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE AT DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Childs, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Ellen and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Rutherford, District Councillor Mclean, District Councillor Miller, District Councillor Kurn and County Councillor Humby.
2. ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT. There were no Declarations of Interest made.
3. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY, 2023 WERE AGREED AND SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - (a) Installation of SID along Durley Street – Cllr Delmege reported that he and Cllr Rappini are putting up the sign this Thursday.
 - (b) Memorial Seat for HM QEII around the Duke of Edinburgh memorial tree. Clerk is hoping to apply for a Grant towards the seat, but an Application needs to be in by 27th February. It was agreed that as we could not find a recycled seat with a bank on it to fit around the memorial tree we would purchase a different circular seat. The design was agreed. It was also agreed to apply for a Grant towards the cost of providing some additional picnic benches at The Sawmills at the same time. Cllr Rappini offered to find out the cost of these benches and let the Clerk know. The Clerk will then apply for a Grant which will cover 75% of the cost of the seats.
 - (c) Response from HCC regarding bus service through Durley. Clerk read out a response from HCC, and also a response from Xelabus Company who are withdrawing their services at the end of March. There are discussions being held with HCC and an update will be available in April. It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to HCC asking if we could be given notification well in advance of any changes as interest from residents would be disrupted and cause unnecessary stress for Durley residents.
 - (d) Amend Standing Orders to reflect updated Financial Regulations. Clerk has amended the Standing Orders to reflect the date that the Financial Regulations were updated at last month's Meeting. This was to reflect the on-line banking arrangements which were agreed.
 - (e) Arrangements for the King's Coronation in Durley. Cllr Delmege said that Durley would be holding a Church Service in the Hall on the morning of 7th May and then tea/cake would be served to residents after the Service. The Clerk has tried to source prices for egg cups and spoons, but cannot find any that would be suitable. There are mugs available similar to those which we gave to Durley children for the Platinum Jubilee. It was felt that we did not wish to give out mugs again so near to the Jubilee mugs.
 - (f) Confirm arrangements for Public Meeting with Southern Water (22.2.23). This Meeting has been confirmed and the Clerk has put up Public Notices and put a notification on to the website. Residents who have complained to the Parish Council have also been informed of the Meeting. CC Rob Humby will also attend. Cllr Pitter will chair the Meeting. The Meeting commences at 7.00 p.m. so we will arrive around 6.30 p.m. to put out chairs etc and welcome Southern Water representatives.

- (g) Meeting with Donna Jones - DC Kurn offered a one hour slot before Donna goes to Bishops Waltham for a Meeting, but Councillors agreed that more time should be allowed and members of the Public should be invited. Clerk has given DC Kurn possible dates for a Meeting.
 - (h) HALC Meeting (23.2.23) – Cllr Delmege will be attending. All Councillors present agreed with opposing the New Articles as they stand. If amendments are accepted, then we would support them.
 - (i) WDALC General Meeting (8.2.23) – Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended. The Guest Speakers were Cllr Jackie Porter and Julie Pinnock from WCC. The Draft Parish Charter and the Local Enforcement Plan Review were discussed. A response was agreed to the revised Articles of Association which HALC are proposing. It was agreed that WDALC would oppose these Amendments as they stand and propose how they could be amended to be fit for purpose. All Councils present were in agreement.
5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: CC Humby. Clerk read out the main issues that CC Humby has highlighted in his Report.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS: DC Mclean, DC Miller and DC Kurn. DC Kurn reported that he is trying to arrange a Meeting with Donna Jones and also following up on the drainage jetting which is required at the end of Sciviers Lane.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. There were no further issues highlighted by members of the public.
8. CORRESPONDENCE:
- (a) Information regarding ID needed to vote in the May Elections. Clerk has had a Briefing on this by WCC Electoral Team and a publicity campaign will be starting soon to inform residents that photographic ID will be required at the May Elections. Letters will also be sent to every household.
 - (b) Mayor of Winchester Award nominations. Clerk asked if there were any nominations. Two nominations were put forward and if there are any other nominations Councillors will let the Clerk know within the next couple of days so that Nomination Forms can be completed.
 - (c) Response from HCC regarding damage to Heathen Street. Clerk read out response from HCC regarding damage caused to Heathen Street and the request for funding to carry out permanent works rather than keep just repairing the sinking road as it occurs. DPC was informed in 2018 that funding would be applied for, apparently it was but not successful, so temporary repairs have been carried out since, whenever the road sinks. Councillors agreed that this is not ideal, especially as tankers frequently use Heathen Street to go backwards and forwards to the Pumping Station.
 - (d) A letter was received offering a newspaper service to residents in the village. Clerk has put up notices on the noticeboards. There will also be a note in the Parish Magazine so that interested residents can phone for further details.
9. SCHOOL REPORT: There was no Report available.
10. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that all is fine at the Ground. The Clerk explained that a credit has been received from Business Stream for the over-payment of the water bills. We will now be billed by Southern Water rather than Business Stream as this appears to be where the confusion was.
11. SAWMILLS REPORT: Cllr Rutherford said that all was fine at the Play Area. However, the gate from the road to Gregory Lane needed repairing so Shawn is repairing this.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts informed Councillors that there has been one violent assault in Durley and the Nottingham Knockers have been seen in the village.
13. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Any highways issued raised this month. Grit bins in Durley and use of them in icy weather. Clerk has put a notice onto the website and via the Durley Good Neighbours Group that residents can take grit out of the bin to put onto the roads and pavements in Durley if they are icy. Many residents did put grit down where the surfaces were bad. Damaged grit bin alongside Wintershill – this has been reported by the Clerk. A potential water leak was reported alongside Wintershill as it has been wet for some time in this area. Clerk will ask the landowner if they are aware it, or where the water is coming from. Cllr Rappini said that some pot holes have been repaired, although the bad one at the end of Stapleford Lane in the middle of the road has not been repaired yet. Flytipping continues to be a problem. The bridge on footpath 14 will be repaired by HCC Rights of Way Rangers. Concern was expressed about Christmas trees which have been planted on the boundary of the field/footpath and that it will not be long before the trees will be encroaching onto the footpath. Cllr Rappini will try and find out who the owner is.
14. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and signed cheques as agreed. The Internal Auditor has just completed the ¾ year Internal Audit which was accepted. He did point out that we should re-consider having Cyber Insurance cover when we go over to on-line banking. Councillors agreed that we should have this cover so the Clerk will ask for a quote until the end of September when our current Insurance Policy cover is up for renewal.
15. HALL: Hall Management Meeting Report by Cllr Ellen. Cllr Ellen reported that a Meeting had been held on 31st January, 2023. The main items of discussion were the car park renovations and the quotes which were required as they had most probably increased since we last applied. The Events for 2023 were agreed. The clothes bank outside of the Hall will be repainted and have a new logo placed on it. Shelving will be put into the cleaner's cupboard so that space can be better utilised and then space will be available in the Hall cupboards for other items. LED lighting and new ceiling will be priced and a Grant applied for to cover the cost. Some fly-tipping which was dumped in the Hall car park has now been removed by the resident who put it there. The air conditioning units are not working correctly, and a quote is being sought for their repair or replacement.
16. UPDATING OF PARISH PLAN:
 - (a) Broadband – Cllr Delmege reported that it appears that Gigaset 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.
 - (b) Mobile phone signal – Cllr Childs – no further report.
 - (c) Greening Campaign – Cllr Rutherford. Village Litter Pick (27th February – 5th March). The Clerk has arranged for the bags of litter to be picked up from Durley Memorial Hall on 6th March or soon after. Cllr Rappini said that he has a van which will be in front of the litter pickers when picking up litter along the main road.
 - (d) Flooding risks – Cllr Rappini said that the School and Stapleford Lane appeared to drain well, but Parsonage Lane, Mincingfield Lane and Heathen Street did have flooding.
17. PLANNING:

22/02641/HOU. Mr Stoneman. Two storey side extension. Giles Farm, Greenwood Lane, Durley. PERMITTED.

Clerk was asked to chase up what progress has been made on Enforcement cases as some are still appearing on the Enforcement List with no further progress made. Concern was expressed about holiday lets and garages being rented out permanently rather than for holiday lets or ancillary to the main dwelling.

18. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.25 p.m.