THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2023 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE AT DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, DURLEY AT 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Watts, Cllr Childs, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Rutherford and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) were present. Also in attendance were Mike Miller the new Editor of the Parish Magazine and one parishioner.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Pitter, District Councillor Mclean, District Councillor Miller, District Councillor Kurn and County Councillor Humby.
- 2. ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT. Cllr Ellen made a Declaration of Interest regarding the LED lighting quotes in the Hall under item 15.
- 3. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 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 has not been able to move the sign yet, but this will be moved shortly with Cllr Rappini's help.
- (b) Memorial Seat for HM QEII around the Duke of Edinburgh memorial tree. Clerk has applied for a Grant towards 2 circular seats as agreed to go around the 2 memorial trees on The Sawmills Green.
- (c) Cllr Delmege outlined the schedule for Durley, which will include a Church Service which will be held in Durley Memorial Hall on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May followed by tea/coffee cakes for parishioners to celebration the King's Coronation. Cllr Delmege has prepared an item for the Parish Magazine.
- (d) Report on Public Meeting with Southern Water (22.2.23). The Clerk reported on the Meeting and said that it had been positive with around 60 residents attending. A Note of the Meeting was made and was circulated to Councillors and put on the Parish Council website for information. The fire hydrant water leak in Parsonage Lane is being repaired at the moment. Councillors have been informed that tankers are again going to the Pumping Station as it appears that there has been yet another break in the main sewage pipe. We were informed at the Public Meeting that smaller tankers could be used, but we are still having the large tankers and they are also working through the night. The diversion signs are not acceptable and do not work. Residents are being disturbed by the tankers again and the Clerk was asked to write and find out what is happening and what the Master Plan is for rectifying the situation. Cllr Rappini will also e-mail SW again to complain. It was agreed that a follow-up Public Meeting should be held by the end of April so that residents are able to be kept updated.
- (e) Meeting with Donna Jones DC Kurn to confirm date. DC Kurn was not at the Meeting and has not confirmed a date yet. Clerk will chase up again.
- (f) HALC EGM Meeting (23.2.23) Cllr Delmege reported that the amendment was not agreed as there was not enough majority. It is hoped that a further proposal will be put forward by the Winchester District which will be more democratic.
- (g) Update on water leak in Wintershill. Clerk reported that Portsmouth Water Company have carried out investigations, but they were inconclusive. However, another separate investigation has been done and the leak has been found and is now being repaired.
- 5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: CC Humby sent through a written Report which the Clerk summarised. Councillors wanted to thank CC Humby for attending the Public Meeting with Southern Water. His input and attendance was appreciated.

- 6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS: DC Mclean, DC Miller and DC Kurn. There was no District Councillors' Report available.
- 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. Cllr Delmege invited Mike Miller to the Meeting to introduce himself as he is now the Editor of the Durley Parish Magazine. Discussion took place about the delivery service which is good and how it could be used to distribute leaflets etc. to every household in Durley. Costings were also discussed as it would be good to be able to reach every property. Mike said that it is likely that the cost will go up this year to £12 per year. There were no other issues brought up which are not already on the Agenda.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Complaints about the loss of bus services through Durley after March. Clerk said that Upham Parish Council are putting a proposal to the Southern Parishes Group to ask if a Group of Parish Councils along the bus routes could work together to try and suggest ways of obtaining a better bus service for the more rural parishes.
- (b) Durley Parish Council and District Councillor Elections May, 2023. The Clerk confirmed that the Election will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 and Nomination packs have been forwarded onto Parish Councillors. A Notice of Election will be put up shortly, advertising the Parish and District Councillor Elections once it is received from WCC.
- (c) E-mail regarding village services. A resident attended the Meeting to discuss village services to Durley e.g. gas, water, electricity as they were inadequate. The resident explained that the water pressure is low, road repairs are in a poor state, the electricity transformers are not big enough and the lines to the gas services are near the end of their lives. It appears that Durley is forgotten and has infrastructure that is not coping. Councillors sympathised with these issues, but these are far larger projects than a Parish Council would be able to resolve. Clerk will ask our County Councillor for any advice.
- (d) Nominations for Mayor of Winchester Awards in Durley. Clerk confirmed that the nominations had been put in and the Awards Ceremony was being held this evening.
- (e) Cllr Rutherford said that some emergency services and delivery drivers had problems finding some properties as residents do not always put the name of their property in an obvious place which is easy for drivers to see. Residents are reminded to put a name sign outside their property which is visible.
- (f) Cllr Delmege said that he had booked a table at the Church Fete and asked if helpers could be made available to help on the stand during the day.
- 9. SCHOOL REPORT: School parking concerns. Cllr Delmege confirmed a rumour that had been circulating that the parking facilities at Quob Stables were no longer available for the parents to use. Councillors were disappointed, as this money for the School Crossing had come from money that could have been used for other projects in the village. Councillors agreed that it is even more important and urgent now to get the Hall car park improvements carried out to make more spaces available along with a better surface.
- 10. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that everything was fine.
- 11. SAWMILLS REPORT: Cllr Rutherford said that the play equipment was fine, but a seat needing repairing/replacing on The Green. Shawn has looked at the seat and it is beyond repair so it will need to be disposed of. The gate through to Gregory Lane also needs repairing Shawn has quoted £60 plus the materials. Councillors agreed that Shawn should repair the

gate and perhaps dispose of the seat for us. Clerk reported that the safer surface should be cleaned by jet washing. It was also suggested that some moss killer might do the trick. The only other alternative is to get a Company in to clean the surface. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should purchase some Patio Magic and see if this worked. It was also agreed that wild flower seeds could be purchased to be put into the wild flower area strip on The Green. The Pre-School would be asked if they would like to scatter the seeds.

- 12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that there were 3 incidents.
- 13. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Any highways issued raised this month. Cllr Rappini said that drains were still blocked at the end of Sciviers Lane (although a visit has been made by HCC), the drain was still blocked outside of White Owl Cottage, Parsonage Lane along with a drain in Stapleford Lane. These will all be reported to HCC. Cllr Ellen said that he had not been contacted by HCC regarding a footpath sign which is required. Clerk will chase this up again.
- 14. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and signed cheques as agreed.
- 15. HALL: Hall Management Meeting Report by Cllr Ellen. Cllr Ellen reported that the Hall Committee were disappointed that the Hall Caretaker is resigning due to personal circumstances. Donna has been caretaking at the Hall for many years and she will be greatly missed. The Clerk has advertised for a new Caretaker. If anyone is interested in fulfilling this role then please do get in touch with the Clerk as soon as possible. CIL Funding Application for Hall Car Park renovations Clerk has put in the Application and Councillors are hoping that this will be successful this time. LED lighting/ceiling Grant Application 3 quotes have now been received the quotes were for £37,000, £33,000 and £34,900 to replace the whole ceiling, replace lighting with LED lights and insulate the roof space. Once this work is done the Hall will be more energy efficient. The Clerk has sent all the quotes off to HCC so that we can apply for the funding. A Grant Application will then be put in. Damage to the lighting in the Hall is being followed up and the clothing recycling bin has been refurbished in the Car Park.

## 16. UPDATING OF PARISH PLAN:

- (a) Broadband Cllr Delmege had no more update other than investigation work appears to be going on in Durley Brook Road.
- (b) Mobile phone signal Cllr Childs had no more update until a village survey is done.
- (c) Greening Campaign Cllr Rutherford. Village Litter Pick Report was given by Cllr Rutherford. Litter was picked up along the main road and the bags were collected by WCC. Some parishioners also picked up litter in their local areas which was appreciated. The Clerk has given out some litter picks to residents who wish to continue picking up litter on their walks around the village. This help is appreciated.
- (d) Flooding risks Cllr Rappini said that there were no more additional flooding areas.

## 17. PLANNING:

22/02259/LIS & 22/02258/HOU. Mrs Campbell-James. Proposed installation of 18 solar panels to southwest elevation. Swallows Barn, Stapleford Lane, Durley. PERMITTED.

Clerk has still not received a response regarding outstanding enforcement cases in Durley. This will be chased up again.

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