

DURLEY ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Durley Parish Council held their Annual Parish Assembly on Tuesday 11th April, 2023 in Durley Memorial Hall at 8.00 p.m.

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

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Assembly held on Tuesday 12th April, 2022 were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising from these Minutes.

The Chairman – Cllr Steve Delmege gave a detailed Report of all the work that the Parish Council has carried out during the year. He also gave his thanks to his fellow Councillors, County and District Councillors and the Clerk for all their support and hard work. Special thanks were given to DC Mclean who is not re-standing as a District Councillor at the Elections. Cllr Mclean has been a District Councillor for many years and his dedication will be missed in the Bishops Waltham Ward. Thanks were also given to Cllr Childs who is not re-standing as a Durley Parish Councillor. Cllr Childs has been on Durley Parish Council for the last 4 years and has had to stand down due to personal reasons.

A Financial Report was given by the Clerk. The main difference in the Accounts for this year is that the Hall hire income has increased now that Covid restrictions have been lifted.

A Highways Report was given by Cllr Rappini. Flooding, pot holes and damage to the verges were the main items that have been highlighted this year. With work going on at the Pumping Station in Heathen Street by Southern Water and the Esso Pipeline replacement works it has been a difficult year with such heavy vehicles using our country lanes.

Cllr Ellen gave Hall Management Report. He said that the Hall has seen many events arranged this year to mark the Platinum Jubilee and the 100 Years of the Hall. The Hall has been well used and bookings are back up to the pre-pandemic hirings. It is hoped that Grants will be successful this year to improve the Hall car park and the ceiling/lighting and insulation. He also thanked the Hall Committee for all their hard work and Donna, our Hall Caretaker who will be leaving us shortly.

District Councillor Miller gave a District Councillor's Report. At the end of his Report he thanked Parish Councillors and the Clerk for all that they do for their community. The work is often unseen and goes on in the background to make sure that Durley residents are represented at all levels.

There were no questions to Councillors and refreshments were served during the Meeting.

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