

## **DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL APRIL MEETING REPORT**

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 11th April, 2023 in Durley Memorial Hall.

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). Apologies were received from County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Mclean, District Councillor Miller, District Councillor Kurn and Cllr Childs. One resident was also in attendance.

A Grant for 2 circular seats to be placed around the memorial trees on the Sawmills Green were refused by WCC. Councillors were disappointed at this decision and will have to look at other ways of raising funding for the seats if this project is to go ahead.

The Coronation Service to be held on Sunday 7th May in Durley Memorial Hall is being planned and it is hoped that many residents will attend the service and join Durley Parish Council for tea/cake in the afternoon. It is hoped that the refreshments will give an opportunity for residents to celebrate the Coronation Event together. If you would like to donate a cake then please let the Clerk know. Any donations would be most welcome.

There have been more complaints from residents about the tankers and Pumping Station works. The Clerk has asked Southern Water for an Update Public Meeting as these issues do not appear to be getting resolved. A response giving a date has not been received yet. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should ask for an Update on the situation.

The concern about the lack of bus services through Durley now that the X9 and X10 have ceased is affecting many residents. A group of Parish Councils are trying to suggest ways of obtaining a service to the rural parishes which connect up. A Meeting with the Passenger Transport Team at HCC has been requested.

The County and District Councillor Reports will be given at the Annual Parish Assembly.

The Clerk reported that the Durley Parish Council Elections were Uncontested and therefore the 7 candidates will be duly Elected and no Election will be held. There will be a District Councillor Election held for the Bishops Waltham Ward on 4th May.

The Clerk confirmed that a letter has been sent to Flick Drummond MP asking for her support in getting the Local Electricity Bill amended so that if a community energy project is wanted then parishes will have the opportunity to participate if this Bill is passed.

County Councillor Humby has asked our Flick Drummond our MP to look into the service infrastructure through Durley and he will pass on her response once he receives it.

Cllr Watts gave a Neighbourhood Watch Report and reported that there has been 2 incidents over this month. One theft of a bike and the other a violent assault. There will also be an emergency alarm alert sent to mobile phones on 23.4.23.

Cllr Watts said that everything was fine at Durley Recreation Ground and Cllr Rutherford said that there were no issues to report at The Sawmills.

A Financial Report for April, 2023 was given by the Clerk. The End of Year Internal Audit has now been completed and is satisfactory.

Cllr Rappini gave a report on highways issues. This included many pot holes in Durley which are causing concern and also a large hgv lorry that had got stuck at the end of Stapleford Lane/Heathen Street recently and caused alot of damage to the verge.

Cllr Ellen gave a Hall Report. There have been 3 applications for the post of Hall Caretaker and interviews will take place shortly. The Clerk confirmed that Grant Applications have been put in for the Hall car park improvements and the LED lighting/insulation and ceiling. No response has been received concerning the payment for the damage caused to the Hall lighting so the legal process will commence to claim for repairs.

Durley Parish Plan Update:

**Broadband** – Cllr Delmege had no further update.

**Mobile Phone Signal** – Cllr Childs had no further update.

**Greening Campaign** – Cllr Rutherford had no further update.

**Flooding Risks** – Cllr Rappini leading. Cllr Rappini said that there were no further flooding issues other than those already reported.

All Parish Council information can be found on the Durley Parish Council website, this includes Agendas, Minutes and Reports.

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