

THE MINUTES OF THE AGM OF DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2023  
IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE OF DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, DURLEY AT 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Watts, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Bailey, the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) along with District Councillor Kurn and District Councillor Williams were present. 1 resident also attended.

As this is a new Term of Office Cllr Delmege welcomed Cllr Bailey to the Meeting. District Councillor Williams was also welcomed to the Meeting. It was agreed that a letter of thanks will be written to Peter Childs for his work with Durley Parish Council over the last four years. A letter of thanks will also be sent to our former District Councillor David Mclean who did not re-stand at the recent Elections.

1. Signing of Declaration Forms and Election of Officers: Welcome to new Parish Councillor. All Councillors present signed the relevant Declaration Forms – including the Acceptance of Office and Register of Interest Forms.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS:

Chairman – Cllr Delmege was proposed by Cllr Rappini and seconded by Cllr Pitter. Cllr Delmege was duly elected.

Vice Chairman – Cllr Watts was proposed by Cllr Pitter and seconded by Cllr Rappini. Cllr Watts was duly elected.

Hall Management Committee Chairman – Cllr Ellen was proposed by Cllr Pitter and seconded by Cllr Rappini. Cllr Ellen was duly elected.

Hall Management Committee Vice Chairman – Cllr Pitter was proposed by Cllr Ellen and seconded by Cllr Watts. Cllr Pitter was duly elected.

Highways Officer – Cllr Rappini was proposed by Cllr Pitter and seconded by Cllr Delmege. Cllr Rappini was duly elected.

Footpaths Officer – Cllr Rutherford was proposed by Cllr Rappini and seconded by Cllr Ellen. Cllr Rutherford was duly elected.

Recreation Ground Chairman – Cllr Watts was proposed by Cllr Ellen and seconded by Cllr Pitter. Cllr Watts was duly elected.

Sawmills Representative – Cllr Bailey was proposed by Cllr Rappini and seconded by Cllr Delmege. Cllr Bailey was duly elected.

Transport Representative – Cllr Pitter was proposed by Cllr Delmege and seconded by Cllr Ellen. Cllr Pitter was duly elected.

Any other Officer appointments – Councillors did not propose any further positions to consider.

2. Congratulate newly elected District Councillor. Cllr Delmege informed Councillors that our new District Councillor is Jonathan Williams. DC Williams was welcomed to the Meeting.
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Miller and Cllr Rutherford.
4. ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT. Signing up agreeing to Code of Conduct as this is a new Term of Office along with the Register of Interest Forms. These Forms were signed at the Meeting. There were no Declarations of Interest

made for this Meeting. Cllr Rutherford will be asked to sign her Forms by the Clerk over the next month.

5. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023 WERE SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.
6. MATTERS ARISING:
  - (a) Arrangements for the Coronation Event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr Ellen and the Clerk reported that the Church Service and refreshments afterwards went very well. Around 40 residents attended the Memorial Hall and many positive comments were received. Thanks were given to the members who made cakes and helped with the preparations and serving refreshments. Coronation Booklets were available which were researched and printed by Shannon Abbott. The remaining copies will be available at the Church Fete on the Parish Council stand.
  - (b) Public Meeting with Southern Water – 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 at 6.00 p.m. Information regarding the Meeting have been put up on the village noticeboards, website and given to those residents who have made complaints to the Parish Council. 3 SW representatives are attending, along with our County and District Councillors. It is hoped that progression has been made to resolve the issues raised at the previous Meeting. It was agreed that we would meet at the Hall at 5.30 p.m. to get the Hall ready.
  - (c) Meeting with Donna Jones – DC Kurn to confirm. New possible dates will be given to DC Kurn for him to send to Donna.
  - (d) Progress on bus services through Durley. Cllr Delmege has put a note into the Parish Magazine for information and the Clerk has put bus timetables in the Hall foyer for those who wish to have one. The Southern Parishes Group are still working towards a Meeting with HCC to discuss ways of providing a better service through the rural parishes. Suggestions were put forward and Cllr Pitter will keep in touch with what the bus Companies are providing. DC Williams informed Councillors that HCC are reviewing the services in May so there might be a better service available after the review is carried out.
7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CC Humby sent through a written Report which the Clerk highlighted at the Meeting.
8. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – DC Miller, DC Kurn and DC Williams. A Report was given by DC Kurn who stated that he has been in touch with CC Humby about the state of Wintershill and the many pot holes in Durley. He has also asked that Durley be considered for CIL Funding for the Hall car park renovations this year as the rural parishes appear to be missing out because they have no development allocations. DC Williams also introduced himself and said that he is looking at various issues which affect Durley residents, which include problems with the pumping station, bus timetabling, banking services and provision of a doctors surgery for Bishops Waltham and the surrounding villages. He will also support and follow up on the CIL funding application for the Hall car park.
9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. There was one member of the public present who was there to listen to a planning application later in the Agenda for a Lawful Development Certificate.
10. CORRESPONDENCE:
  - (a) Grant received for HCC Parish Lengthsman Scheme 2023-24. This was noted.
  - (b) Consider whether we wish to join The Litter Partnership. Cllr Ellen had circulated this information, but it was agreed that as many residents do pick up litter in their areas and we

hold a yearly Litter Pick we would not want to ask residents to carry out litter picking on a more regular basis.

- (c) HALC & NALC fees for 2023-24. It was agreed to pay the fees for this year and see what services we get in the forthcoming year.
- (d) Clerk has received a response from Flick Drummond MP supporting our letter for the Electricity Bill.
- (e) After following up on the complaint from a resident last month about the poor infrastructure for our services in Durley the Clerk received a response from Flick Drummond MP for more information. Therefore, the Clerk has responded to the resident asking for more detailed information.
- (f) Concern was expressed about the selling of Well House in Bishops Waltham where the CAB Office is sited. DC Williams said that BWPC are considering where best to re-locate the CAB Office.

11. SCHOOL REPORT: There was no School Report available.

12. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that everything was fine at the moment.

13. SAWMILLS REPORT: Noticeboard – Clerk reported that the noticeboard is very near the end of its useful life. We should consider replacing it. Councillors agreed and it was felt that as it was in an exposed area it should not be made of wood and more sturdy. Clerk will obtain some costings.

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts said that there have been some thefts in Durley and 3 violent assaults over the last month. Scams are also still circulating, so residents should keep vigilant.

15. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Pot holes in Durley. Cllr Rappini reported that he has reported many pot holes which need repairing – some need urgent attention. Also, Heathen Street is a major concern, along with the blocked drains at the end of Sciviers Lane and Parsonage Lane. The blocked drains at the end of Sciviers Lane were reported 3 years ago and have still not been cleared out. The blocked drains in Parsonage Lane are causing flooding every time it rains. The Clerk has reported the 2 main pot holes in Kytes Lane again as these are now dangerous and are causing vehicle damage. Mincingfield Lane has a blocked pipe under the road which is not helping the flooding in this Lane.

16. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and signed cheques as agreed. End of Year Internal Audit is completed and satisfactory.

- (a) Agree for the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Annual Governance Statement for 2022-23 for the External Audit Annual Return. Councillors agreed the Statement and Cllr Delmege and the Clerk signed the Statement ready to send off to the External Auditor.
- (b) Agree for the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Accounting Statement for 2022-23 for the External Audit Annual Return. Councillors agreed the Statement and Cllr Delmege and the Clerk signed the Statement ready to send off to the External Auditor.

17. HALL: Hall Caretaker – a new Caretaker has been appointed and she will commence shortly. CIL Funding Application for Hall car park renovations – Clerk has not received a result of the Grant application to date. LED lighting/ceiling Grant Application – Clerk has chased up, and they are hoping to receive the funding for this financial year on 11<sup>th</sup> May so hopefully we will get a decision after that date. Cllr Ellen gave his thanks to those who helped with the Coronation Event at the Hall.

## 18. UPDATING OF PARISH PLAN:

It was agreed that as these issues are on-going they would be reported on as and when information is available or updated. Councillors agreed that an Agenda item on Climate Change issues would be a good idea. This will be added as a future Agenda item. Flooding issues will be included within the Highways Report in future.

- (a) Broadband
- (b) Mobile phone signal
- (c) Greening Campaign
- (d) Flooding risks

## 19. PLANNING:

22/01468/HOU & 22/01756/LIS. Mr B Kemp. Replace existing barn building with new pool room and gym area; minor alterations to the existing dwelling (affects the setting of a listed building). Greenwood Manor, Greenwood Lane, Durley. PERMITTED.

23/00728/HOU. Mr D Stoneman. Two storey side extension. Giles Farm, Greenwood Lane, Durley. Councillors agreed that this former dwelling is becoming very large as many extensions have been added since planning approval was given. Therefore, it was agreed that an Objection would be sent as a further extension was considered to be over-development of the original site.

A resident attended and presented Councillors with a Lawful Development Certificate Application which she had received. No details have been sent to Durley Parish Council to date. However, Councillors did look at the Application and agreed that as this is a legal issue it would be for the applicant to provide the evidence to support his application and unless residents have evidence to prove otherwise then there was little we would be able to do. When this application is received no comments will be made by Durley Parish Council unless there is further evidence to prove otherwise.

## 20. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.55 p.m.