

## **DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL JUNE MEETING REPORT**

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 13th June, 2023 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Attending were Cllr Watts, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Bailey along with the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). Also in attendance were District Councillor Kurn and 1 resident. Apologies were received from County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Miller and District Councillor Williams.

The Clerk confirmed that all Register of Interest Forms have been sent to WCC for inclusion on the WCC website.

Cllr Delmege outlined the arrangements for the Parish Council Stand at Durley Church Fete on 17th June. The remainder of the Coronation Booklets will be available for a donation towards Durley Memorial Hall.

The Notes made on the Southern Water Public Meeting held on 12th May were agreed and Councillors were informed by DC Williams that funding has been made available for work to be carried out. Clerk was asked to confirm this with Southern Water.

The Clerk read out an e-mail from HCC about the bus service changes in the area. A representative of the Southern Parishes Group is meeting with Stagecoach in July so it is hoped that an update will be received after this Meeting. Cllr Pitter is also trying to find out information. It was suggested that perhaps the BW minibus could be used to get residents outside of Durley to the Lunch Club if required. Durley Lunch Club will be asked for their comments.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended the recent Southern Parishes Group Meeting. The main speaker was Sharon Evans – the Monitoring Officer from Winchester City Council. Sharon was very interesting and outlined all the work that she carries out. Amendments to the Articles of Association of HALC were agreed and a representative from HCC has been asked if he would attend the next Meeting to discuss rural bus services.

The Clerk read out a response from HCC regarding the blocked drains at the end of Sciviers Lane. This matter has been reported many times and although an order has been raised the jetting work has not been carried out yet. HCC have stated that the work will be carried out as soon as resources allow, but they must manage our expectations that this may not be in the near future. There is also a blocked drain in Parsonage Lane which needs jetting. The Clerk will ask for a Work Schedule to see when we are likely to get these drains cleared.

County Councillor Humby and District Councillor Williams sent through a written Reports. DC Kurn gave a Report at the Meeting. Issues raised by the District Councillors included the state of Wintershill and the many pot holes, rural bus services, support for the CIL funding application that has been submitted for the Hall car park renovations, pumping station update, HCC Budget Consultation, the Freedom Parade and visit to Winchester by Princess Anne, enforcement issues and an increase in parking charges across the Winchester District – including Bishops Waltham.

Cllr Bailey and the Clerk are looking at a robust noticeboard to replace the one currently at The Sawmills. It is hoped that a Grant will be applied for to cover the cost.

Councillors agreed that a claim will be made to the Small Claims Court for damage caused to lighting at Durley Memorial Hall during a booking. Clerk will complete the necessary forms for submission.

A donation was agreed to help with the maintenance of Durley Churchyard for 2023-24.

An e-mail was read out from a resident about putting more road signs along Durley Street. Councillors agreed that when the Durley Parish Plan was activated many residents wanted to de-clutter the road signs and some unnecessary ones were taken down. However, it was agreed that a "Pedestrians in the Road" sign could be applied for from HCC to be sited along Durley Street where there is a narrowing.

Cllr Watts gave a Neighbourhood Watch Report and said that there has been one Public Order offence in Manor Road during the last month.

Cllr Watts gave a Recreation Ground report. The Clerk has been in touch with the Contractor as the grass was not cut during May and this caused the grass to get too long and during half term week the Ground could not be used. Many phone calls to the Contractor were made and Councillors agreed that this was not acceptable. The grass was finally cut on 1st June.

Cllr Bailey gave a report on The Sawmills and everything was fine.

Cllr Rappini gave a Highways Report and said that he has had discussions with HCC Highways about the state of Netherhill, various water leaks and many pot holes. A footpath which appears to be rediverted will be looked at.

A Financial Report for June, 2023 was given by the Clerk.

Cllr Ellen gave a Hall Report stating that the Grant Applications for the Hall Car Park renovations and LED lighting/ceiling will hopefully be heard shortly. A Country Market was suggested at the Hall perhaps once a month. Councillors discussed this idea and were supportive, but agreed that it needed someone to organise it. It was agreed to give this further consideration.

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

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