

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE AT DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, DURLEY AT 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Rappini, District Councillor Kurn, District Councillor Williams, along with the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). Jamie Balfour was also present.

Before the Meeting commenced Cllr Delmege presented Jamie Balfour with a Mayor of Winchester Award for all his support to residents and Durley Parish Council over many years by hosting village events at Wintershill Hall, helping with celebrations in Durley and for providing an additional footpath alongside Wintershill. In appreciation Jamie accepted the Award from Cllr Delmege and thanked Parish Councillors for the nomination.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Miller, Cllr Bailey and Cllr Rutherford.
2. ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT. Cllr Delmege made a Declaration of Interest on item 8(f) as his wife works for the CAB and he was a former Treasurer.
3. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023 WERE AGREED AND SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
  - (a) Funding from Southern Water to carry out works at Pumping Station enquiry. Clerk has received no further correspondence or a response to her original e-mail despite chasing. DC Williams offered to follow up and see what information he could get. Heathen Street is partially closed at the moment for one week and sleeving work appears to be taking place. Tankers have also been seen in the area again since we last had a Meeting with SW.
  - (b) Meeting with Donna Jones – DC Kurn to confirm. DC Kurn said that Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00 a.m. is a date and time that Donna is able to come along and speak to Councillors. The Clerk will check Hall availability, but the Meeting Room should be free.
  - (c) Progress on bus services through Durley. Cllr Pitter said that he has seen a Moores bus coming through Durley so he has enquired about this service, but no response has been received yet. Cllr Delmege and the Clerk discussed the rural bus services at the Southern Parishes Meeting and further details will be circulated of other services that are available from HCC Passenger Transport Team. Cllr Delmege also asked if consideration could be given to alternating a service that goes through Upham so that it goes through Durley some of the time. This was going to be looked at by HCC.
  - (d) Response from HCC regarding blocked drains in Durley. Clerk read out a response from HCC Highways stating that they had been cleaned out, however Cllr Pitter said that they have not. Photographs have been sent to HCC Highways.
  - (e) Small Claims Court Application made for Hall damage. Clerk confirmed that the process has commenced and the Hall hirers have been written to by the Courts and given time to put their case. No further update has been received to date.
  - (f) Report on Southern Parishes Meeting (11.9.23) – Cllr Delmege/Clerk. The main speakers for the Meeting were Nick Adams-King Lead of HCC Highways and Lisa Cook from the HCC Passenger Transport Team. Highways issues were discussed along with the revised bus services. Comments and suggestions from Parish Councils were taken on board and will be looked at. Updates from HALC, NALC and further training were also given. It was also noted that Nick Adams-King from HCC reported that there is £19 million in the CIL Funding pot.

- (g) Report on Winchester District Association Meeting (26.7.23) – Cllr Delmege/Clerk. The main items discussed included an Update on improving enforcement, training to be given by the Monitoring Officer when WCC update the Code of Conduct, HALC and NALC along with other issues that PC's wished to discuss.
5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CC Humby. Clerk highlighted items in the CC Report.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – DC Miller, DC Kurn, DC Williams. Both DC Kurn and DC Williams were concerned about the CIL Funding request being refused as Durley has no development we appear to not be supported in keeping our facilities up-to-date. As we get no developer CIL Funding it is even more important to get the CIL Funding from the "pot" at WCC. Other parishes appear to have large sums allocated along with CIL Funding direct from the developers and it is disappointing that the "pot" is not shared with all parishes who need/request funding. Cllr Delmege has put a question to WCC Cabinet and DC Kurn will follow up if required.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. There were no members of the public attending to ask any questions.
8. CORRESPONDENCE:
- (a) Volunteers helping in Hall Car Park. Clerk reported that a group of volunteers from a business in the Sawmills had offered to carry out work on the morning of 1<sup>st</sup> September. They weeded the Hall car park around the Hall which was appreciated. Clerk has written and thanked them for their efforts.
- (b) Presentation to Jamie Balfour for the Mayor's Awards. Jamie was not able to attend the Awards Ceremony on Winchester so Cllr Delmege presented the Awards to Jamie at the start of the Meeting.
- (c) Letter from Esso regarding potential drainage routing through woodland area. Clerk circulated the request to put in drainage through the woodland area owned by DPC. Clerk has responded with some questions and has not received any response to date. These questions need to be answered before a site visit is made.
- (d) Litter picking in the Winchester District offer. It was suggested that the main area for litter being thrown out of vehicles is along Snakemoor Lane, Durley Brook Road, Durley Street and Wintershill. This is also a difficult and dangerous stretch of road for local volunteers to pick up litter. Clerk will ask if this main road through Durley could be litter picked by the Litter Partnership as this would be a great help.
- (e) Insurance Renewal for 2023-24. As we are on a 3-year Agreement Councillors agreed to accept the quote.
- (f) Request from CAB for a donation towards their work. Councillors agreed that they would make a donation of £200 – the same as last year.
9. SCHOOL REPORT: There was no School Report available.
10. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Update on grass cutting. As the grass cutting from OCS was not satisfactory it was agreed that we should terminate the Contract and not renew it. Quotes were sought and it was agreed to ask Steve Comley to cut the grass and strim around the areas at the Recreation Ground.
11. SAWMILLS REPORT: Noticeboard update – as Cllr Bailey was not at the Meeting there was no further update. Painting of swing bar – Shawn has been asked to do this and the Clerk has purchased the preserver required and given it to Shawn. Buffer area update – there has been

no response to date from the Planning Department, but Clerk will chase again now that the holiday period is over. A replacement tree will be planted by AE Roberts when the weather is more suitable to replace the dead memorial tree on the Green.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts reported on the incidents over the past month – which were higher than Councillors thought.
13. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Cllr Rappini reported that many pot holes have been repaired and Heathen Street is closed for a week for work connected to the Pumping Station.
14. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and signed cheques/BACS as agreed. The External Audit has been completed and is satisfactory.
15. HALL: CIL Funding Application for Hall car park renovations update.- Clerk reported that we had been unsuccessful again, despite being encourage to put in an Application by WCC. A question will be put to the WCC Cabinet Meeting about how small rural parishes with little or no development do get any CIL Funding as this is getting very frustrating. LED lighting/ceiling Grant Application update – Clerk is hoping for an update on 25<sup>th</sup> September. Hall Management Meeting Report – Cllr Ellen said that a Meeting had been held about the Hall car park, but a further Meeting is being held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September to see where we go from here with the Hall car park renovations. There has also been a problem with the Hall floor as it is sticky for the dancers – advice is being sought from a professional company.
16. CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES: There was no further update.
17. PLANNING:

23/01042/FUL. Mr and Mrs Churcher. Change of use of part of existing dwelling to a day care nursery for children (use Class E(f); Single storey rear extension; Roof extension; Parking provision and associated works. Trullingham Farm, Wintershill, Durley. **Refused.**

23/01629/FUL. Mr and Mrs Churcher. Application Reference Number 19/02388/FUL. Date of Decision: 25/02/2020 – Condition Number(s): 7 Condition(s) Removal: Proposed dwelling reduce in size to meet applicants requirements. Reference to new drawings. Woodlands, Greenwood Lane, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

23/00798/HOU. Mr Ross. Ground mounted solar panels to the north boundary of the property. Block 1 will be duplicated to form Block 2 and Block 3. Hunters Moon, Durley Street, Durley. Councillors had no objection to the provision of solar panels on the land, but would like guidance to be given by SSE that this project will not cause any restrictions on other non-commercial properties in the surrounding area of Durley Street. Other property owners might wish to put solar panels on their roofs and we would not wish to jeopardize their opportunities of having cheaper electricity if SSE feel that the grid is not able to accommodate the additional electricity generated.

23/01081/LDC. Mr Hepburn. Use of land as residential curtilage. Cupressus, Durley Brook Road, Durley. **Lawful Development Certificate – Refuse.**

23/01336/FUL. Mrs Evans. Construction of a Barn, Menege and Walker following demolition of existing barn with associated landscaping and creation of wetlands (Part Retrospective). Barnhurst, Alma Lane, Upham. Although this Application is in Upham it comes under Durley parish. It was agreed that an objection would be made to this application as so much work has been carried out without planning permission retrospectively that approving this application will set a precedent for future retrospective planning applications, and make a mockery of the planning policies and procedures.

23/01612/HOU. Mr Maxey. Front and rear ground floor extensions (after partial demolition); new detached double garage. Durwin, Durley Street, Durley. Councillors agreed that no comments would be made on this Application. **Permitted.**

23/01411/HOU. Mr Marsh. Erection of a detached garage. Church Farm House, 2 Church Farm Cottages, Church Lane, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application. **Permitted.**

23/01175/HOU. Mr Barnet. Rebuild existing old forge using existing reclaimed bricks to annexe. Old Forge Cottage, Heathen Street, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

23/01343/HOU. Mr and Mrs Chalk. Extend existing conservatory to square it off and replace polycarbonate roof with tiles roof to match existing with velux windows, new glass balustrade. The Forge, Durley Street, Durley. **Permitted.**

23/01342/FUL. Mr Karia. Removal of Condition 2 of 22/01853/HOU for unrestricted helicopter landings. Three Gables, Stapleford Lane, Durley. **Refused.**

18. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.35 p.m.