

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 10th October, 2023 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall.

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

There has still been no response received from Southern Water to Durley Parish Council or District Councillor Williams. District Councillor Williams offered to follow this up again as we were told that Southern Water would keep us informed about work being carried out, and any progress which is made to resolve the issues at the Pumping Station in Heathen Street.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk have attended many Meetings and discussed the current bus services through Durley. Cllr Pitter is investigating where the Moores buses are coming from which appear to be going through the village. A letter was read out from a resident about the timetables at the bus stops being confusing. The Clerk will share this information with HCC Passenger Transport Team.

The Clerk gave a Report on the recent Winchester District Association of Parish Councils Meeting AGM that she and the Chair attended. The Election of Officers was conducted and Nick Adams-King was the Speaker from HCC.

County Councillor Humby sent through a Report which was noted at the Meeting. District Councillor Miller informed Councillors that 2 portacabins are being placed in the Bishops Waltham Surgery car park to increase the consulting room space available. Grants were also discussed.

Notification was received about the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023. Councillors agreed to write and support Durley Memorial Hall as a Polling Station for Durley residents to use as it was accessible and central for residents to reach. This Consultation will also be published on the noticeboards and website for residents to comment if they would like to.

A Consultation of Statement of Community Involvement from WCC was also received and this will be published on the noticeboards and website.

Cllr Watts reported that fencing damage had been caused at the Recreation Ground car park and a quote was needed to replace the fence. Clerk will source a quote for the work. The new Contractor is now mowing the Recreation Ground and all is satisfactory.

Councillors agreed a 3 bay noticeboard for the Sawmills Green to replace the old one. A County Councillor Grant will be applied for towards the cost.

Cllr Watts gave a Neighbourhood Watch Report saying that there has been one public order offence, one assault and one number plate theft in Durley over the past month. Cllr Watts also attend a Meeting on 6.10.23 where Donna Jones was speaking about scams, fraud and rural crime. There is also going to be a named Police Officer in each area shortly.

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

Cllr Ellen gave a Hall Report stating that after asking a question at the WCC Cabinet Meeting the CIL Funding Councillor has offered to meet with us to discuss the CIL Funding request made for the Hall car park renovation work. A quote for the fencing for the additional car parking area was agreed. Clerk reported that the Grant for the LED lighting, ceiling tiles and roof insulation was successful so work will hopefully be carried out early in 2024. This work will need to be planned in a two week window as the Hall will need to be closed whilst work is carried out.

Cllr Rutherford has organised the yearly Village Litter Pick for the week of 18th – 25th November. On 25th November everyone will meet at The Farmers Home at 10.30 a.m. to collect litter.

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

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