

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JULY, 2023 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE AT DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, DURLEY AT 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Bailey, District Councillor Miller District Councillor Williams, the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) and 3 parishioners were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from CC Humby and DC Kurn.
2. ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT. Cllr Rappini made a Declaration of Interest on Item 17 (Planning Application 23/01326/FUL) as he is a neighbour to the site being discussed.
3. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th JUNE, 2023 WERE AGREED AND SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - (a) Report on stand at Church Fete. Cllr Delmege gave a Report on the stand and said that it all went well and the competition was well supported and raised £67.00 for the Church.
 - (b) Funding from Southern Water to carry out works at Pumping Station enquiry. Clerk has written to Southern Water about the funding, but no response has been received to date. This will be chased up again and an update will also be asked for.
 - (c) Meeting with Donna Jones – DC Kurn to confirm. DC Kurn said that Donna is very busy over the next couple of months so some new dates will need to be provided. Clerk will send some dates to DC Kurn for consideration.
 - (d) Progress on bus services through Durley. Cllr Pitter said that he is following up with Stagecoach and has not received replies yet. He has also left messages. Clerk also sent a copy of an e-mail from a resident to Cllr Pitter regarding the services through Durley. It is hoped that when HCC attend the next Southern Parishes Meeting in September an update will be given by HCC as many parishes want to know what progress has been made.
 - (e) Response from HCC regarding blocked drains in Durley. Clerk read out a response from HCC stating that the drains have been jetted and unblocked. Photographs have been sent to HCC Highways showing the blocked drains at the end of Sciviers Lane. The Clerk also confirmed that the drains at the end of Sciviers Lane and outside of White Owl Cottage in Parsonage Lane have not been jetted as far as Parish Councillors who live in these areas are aware. HCC have responded again and are looking into the matter again.
 - (f) Small Claims Court Application made for Hall damage. Clerk has put in a claim to the Courts, but has no further update.
5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CC Humby sent through a written Report which was noted.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – DC Miller, DC Kurn, DC Williams. A Report was given by DC Williams and DC Miller spoke to Councillors about the CIL Funding Applications and the decision making dates which keep being moved. He also said about a Consultation which has just come out about the possible closure of Bishops Waltham House. This is a Care Home that many former residents of Durley have used so it is important that Durley Parish Council respond.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. Residents who attended the Meeting were all there to discuss their concerns about the planning application at The Paddocks, Durley Street.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) E-mail thanking DPC for donation towards Churchyard maintenance and stand at Fete. This was noted.
- (b) Mayor of Winchester Awards. Jamie Balfour was one of our nominations and was not able to attend the Awards Evening so the Certificate has been sent to the Clerk for presentation. It was agreed that Jamie would be invited to attend our Parish Council Meeting in September if he is available.
- (c) Dog fouling on footpath opposite Durley Primary School complaint. Clerk received an e-mail and Cllr Delmege did look at the footpath in question. It was bad and signs will be put up to ask dog owners to pick up after their dog. If the problem persists then the Dog Warden at WCC will be contacted.
- (d) Pan-Hampshire County Deal information from HCC. This was information sent through by CC Humby. This was noted.
- (e) Clerk read out an enquiry from the Merton Bowmen Archery Club as they are looking for new premises to hold their events and practices. Councillors agreed that this is not something that they would be able to help with.

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

- 10. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Update on grass cutting complaint – Clerk has followed up the complaint as the grass was not cut and the Recreation Ground was not able to be used during May half term week. Barry Nicholson will visit and give us a quote for future cutting if required. Tree cutting quote – Clerk has received a quote for cutting down dead trees and trees that are causing problems in The Sawmills and Recreation Ground. Councillors agreed that the work should be carried out as some trees are dangerous and other need to be taken out. Cllr Watts gave a report and said that everything was fine, apart from someone has taken off the football goal covers whilst the posts are down. These have now been replaced.
- 11. SAWMILLS REPORT: Noticeboard – Cllr Bailey said that she has been able to find a quote for a 3-bay composite noticeboard for around £2,000. Councillors agreed that this should be purchased and if the Clerk can apply for a Grant towards the cost then that would be great. Tree cutting quote – this was discussed and it was agreed to go ahead. Clerk reported on an update on the buffer area transfer with information received from Stuart DD at WCC (Landscape Officer) and the Legal Team at WCC. The Clerk will now make further investigations with Julie Pinnock (Planning Lead) to find out about the change of use etc. If WCC Planning looks positive then we can move forwards. Cllr Bailey said that the swing bar needed to be painted with a protector as it was starting to spilt. Shawn will be asked if he could paint this with a wood preserver.
- 12. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that there have been incidents in Gregory Lane and Church Lane last month. Cllr Rappini informed Councillors about an incident at his property where the Police were slow to react.
- 13. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Pot holes in Durley – Cllr Rappini reported that many have been repaired in Durley. Netherhill Lane has also had many pot holes repaired. Re-diverted footpath – Cllr Delmege said that he has looked at the footpath and has reported it to Rights of Way at HCC. A water leak in Durley Street has also been repaired, although it took a long time to complete the road repairs, which meant that the main road was closed for longer than it needed to be.
- 14. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and signed cheques/BACS as agreed. Signing the Conflict of Interest Confirmation for External Auditor.

Clerk said that this was an additional Form to complete this year as BDO have taken over the External Audit and as they are based in Southampton we needed to confirm if Councillors/Clerk knew anyone who worked at BDO. Councillors/Clerk confirmed that they did not know anyone who worked for BDO so the Clerk and Chairman signed the Confirmation Form and the Clerk will send it off to the External Auditor.

15. HALL: CIL Funding Application for Hall car park renovations update. Clerk read out an e-mail from the CIL Funding Officer as the dates keep being put back for Decision Meetings. It is hoped that a result will be known shortly. LED lighting/ceiling Grant Application update – Clerk confirmed that she has had to complete an HCC Form which will be considered. Apparently this is the final phase of the Application before we know a result. The Caretaker has been added to the HCC Pension Scheme from 1.7.23.
16. CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES: There were no new initiatives to discuss.
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. Councillors did not object to the change of use, but did have concerns about the additional traffic this day care nursery would have on Durley.

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. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

23/01326/FUL. Mr Castle. Change of use of land to provide eight residential Gypsy and Traveller pitches, each pitch to contain 1 x mobile home and 1 x touring caravan plus associated site works (retrospective). The Paddocks, Durley Street, Durley. Councillors listened to the views from residents and it was agreed that the Clerk would incorporate all the objections and comments into a response which would be circulated to Councillors. Once the response has been agreed an Objection will be made.

23/01342/FUL. Mr Karia. Removal of Condition 2 of 22/01853/HOU for unrestricted helicopter landings. Three Gables, Stapleford Lane, Durley. Councillors agreed that an Objection would be made to the removal of this Condition. In the previous Application the helipad was for “private” use and it appears now that it is for “client” use. We would like clarification as to who is using the helipad as we would be concerned if it was for business use or anything other than private use. We also feel that the current times are acceptable for a small rural village with many animals (horses and farm animals) sited near to the helipad. In fairness to residents who live near to Three Gables we would not wish to allow unrestricted hours or have no conditions attached to the hours. We would not want to disturb their tranquillity by allowing additional noise 24 hours a day. We do have small airfields in Durley and Upham and these should be utilised if additional facilities are needed. We agree that the current Condition 2 should remain to protect the rural character of Durley and the residents who live near to Three Gables.

23/00755/FUL. Mr B Dunning. Retrospective change of use from stables to dog grooming. Rozel Stables, Stapleford Lane, Durley. **Permitted.**

23/00728/HOU. Mr D Stoneman. Two storey side extension. Giles Farm, Greenwood Lane, Durley. **Permitted.**

23/00622/HOU. Mr & Mrs Taylor. Proposed single storey side and rear extension following demolition of conservatory. The Orchard, Manor Road, Durley. **Permitted.**

23/00906/HOU. Mr Fullwood. Proposed front and rear extensions, raise roof with side dormers to accommodate living space. Oakdene, Durley Brook Road, Durley. **Permitted.**

21/00658/FUL. APP/L1765/W/22/3296275. Appeal by Mr James Barney against WCC Decision at Coppice adjacent to Sunbank, Durley Brook Road, Durley. Proposed construction of two buildings for form three holiday lets. **Appeal Dismissed.**

18. Councillors agreed that there would be no Meeting in August, unless it was required.
19. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.55 p.m.