

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 14th November, 2023 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Attending were Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Bailey 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 and Cllr Rutherford. PCSO Owen Reeves and PCSO Stephanie Slater also attended for part of the Meeting.

As no response has still not been received from Southern Water regarding the funding for the work which is required in Heathen Street Pumping Station DC Williams is chasing up again.

A Report was given at the Meeting about a Meeting held with Durley Parish Council and Donna Jones (Police Crime Commissioner). Our District Councillors also attended the Meeting. Donna explained how the Police are working, and that she is in the process of recruiting more Police Officers. Every parish will also have a named Police Officer. It is hoped that we will know who our named Police Officer is before Christmas.

A new 3 bay noticeboard has been purchased with half the funding from CC Humby's Budget allocation from the County Councillor Grant. This noticeboard will replace the current one on The Sawmills Green.

Cllr Delmege gave a Report on the HALC AGM he had attended recently. At the AGM a Presentation was given on Planning by Steve Tilbury, and the finances of HALC were discussed, along with the raising of the Affiliation fees.

Discussions are continuing with WCC and HCC regarding suitable funding for the Hall car park renovation work.

The Clerk gave a Report on the recent Southern Parishes Group Meeting. Updates were given on NALC, HALC and WDALC, along with other issues that are affecting parishes.

County Councillor Humby sent through a Report which was noted at the Meeting. District Councillors Miller and Williams said that Emergency Planning, Audit, Housing – including building around 1,000 new council homes in the next ten years (some of which should be suitable for an ageing population along with being greener). Traffic Wardens are around more in Bishops Waltham and the coned off section of the main car park is for bin storage. Councillors were concerned that the EV Charging points are not used very much in BW and along with taking parking spaces for the bins this would make even less parking spaces available.

PCSO Owen Reeves and PCSO Stephanie Slater updated Councillors on the policing situation in the Bishops Waltham area. Questions were asked by Councillors to the PCSO's and Cllr Delmege thanked them for coming along to the Meeting.

Cllr Watts reported that apart from being a little wet at the moment all is fine at the Recreation Ground.

Cllr Bailey reported that there are some items which still need attention – painting of the swing bar, replacing a wooden post and removing a litter bin which is rusted. Shawn will be asked to carry out this work. Clerk has asked AE Roberts about replacing the memorial tree which has died on the Sawmills Green.

Cllr Watts gave a Neighbourhood Watch Report informing Councillors of the incidents within the last month. The Clerk has obtained packs for vulnerable residents which will be left in the Hall foyer and distributed at Lunch Club for information.

Cllr Rappini gave a Highways Report. Flooding does not appear to have been serious where repairs have been carried out, but now the repairs are coming out which is causing some issues. Cllr Rappini will report these to HCC Highways, along with the flooding outside of Durley Memorial Hall where is suspected that a drain has been filled in. HCC have also reinstated the ditch outside of Rodlands so that water is able to get away.

A Financial Report for November, 2023 was given by the Clerk. The Precept for 2024-25 was agreed, along with the Budget for next year. The half year Internal Audit has been completed and is satisfactory.

Cllr Ellen gave a Hall Report stating that progress is being made on the Hall car park, but finding suitable funding is a little difficult. However, preparations are still continuing. A slot in the Hall diary is being negotiated for early next year to carry out the replacement ceiling, insulation and LED lighting as the Hall will need to be closed for up to 2 weeks to carry out the work.

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.

It was agreed that there will be no Parish Council Meeting in December, but a Planning Meeting could be held if it is required to meet planning deadlines.

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