

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 9th January, 2024 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 Rutherford, Cllr Bailey along with the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). Also in attendance was District Councillor Miller. Apologies were received from CC Humby, DC Williams and DC Kurn.

As still no response has been received from Southern Water regarding the funding for the work which is required in Heathen Street Pumping Station the Clerk will follow up again, and also copy in our MP Flick Drummond.

The new 3 bay noticeboard has been installed at the entrance to The Sawmills.

Discussions are continuing with WCC and HCC regarding suitable funding for the Hall car park renovation work. A Meeting was held with Cllr Delmege, Cllr Pitter, the Clerk and the HCC Grants Officer, along with a representative from the HCC School Travel Plan. It was thought that applying for some smaller Grants might be the best way to secure funding. Cllr Delmege is also discussing with Cllr Porter if we can re-submit our CIL Funding Application with a view to getting some of the funding.

Reports were received from County Councillor Humby and District Councillors. A Consultation on Waste and Recycling Services in Hampshire has just gone live and residents are encouraged to participate with their views. This can be found on the HCC website.

Cllr Rappini informed Councillors about the recent flooding problems that we had in Durley. Many areas were flooded and roads/lanes were impassible. The School was flooded along with vehicles parked in driveways and some properties. The floods did disappear, but the rainfall was so heavy in a short space of time that it did not have time to flow away before damage was caused. Many residents do maintain their ditches regularly and keep them clear and Councillors appreciate their help and support. If you have a ditch that needs to be cleared then please make sure that it is as clear as it can be, because when we have these heavy rainfalls it does help with the flow of water through the drainage system.

Cllr Watts reported that apart from being a little wet at the moment all is fine at the Recreation Ground. The fencing around the car park has now been replaced.

Cllr Bailey reported that the Sawmills area was fine, apart from being a little wet.

Cllr Watts gave a Neighbourhood Watch Report informing Councillors of the incidents within the last month, which included thefts from vehicles. Scams are also still a major concern, so residents are asked to beware of any unfamiliar e-mails or post

Financial Reports for December, 2023 and January, 2024 were given by the Clerk.

Cllr Ellen reported that the car park renovations are continuing and various ways of obtaining the funding are being looked at. The Hall ceiling and LED lighting will be installed during 2nd April through to 13th April and the Hall will need to be closed during this time. All regular hirers will be informed that the Hall will not be available. The handrail outside of the main door has been repaired.

Cllr Rutherford said that the Annual Litter Pick went well, but litter is now building up again along the main road through Durley which is disappointing.

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

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