

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2024 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE IN DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, DURLEY AT 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Bailey and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) were present. Also in attendance was District Councillor Miller.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from County Councillor Humby and District Councillors Williams and Kurn.
2. ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT. There were no Declarations of Interest made.
3. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 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. No update from Southern Water has been forthcoming and flooding in Heathen Street is still occurring. The Clerk will write to Southern Water representatives again and ask for an update, and also copy in our MP Flick Drummond.
  - (b) Sawmills Noticeboard update – installed. This project is now completed.
  - (c) Update on CIL Funding resubmission with Cllr Jackie Porter – Cllr Delmege reported that he has not received any feedback from Cllr Porter, but will continue to chase up. He is also still in contact with the CIL Funding Officer about properties in Durley which have been built and should have contributed to the CIL Funding pot.
  - (d) Report on Grant Funding Meeting with HCC for Hall car park. Cllr Delmege, Cllr Pitter and the Clerk had a very informative Meeting with the HCC Grants Officer, HCC School Travel Plan Co-ordinator and DC Williams. It was felt that it might be possible to apply for several smaller Grants to fund the Hall car park renovation work. Once information is received from HCC Grants Officer we will see what can be applied for.
  - (e) School Report on Agenda – no response received. Clerk wrote to the Headteacher after our November Meeting, but no response has been received so this item will be taken off the regular Agenda.
5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CC Humby sent through a written Report and the Clerk highlighted the main items on the Report for information.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – DC Miller, DC Kurn, DC Williams. DC Miller reported that there is a Consultation which has just gone live regarding Waste and Recycling Services in Hampshire. The Budget at HCC needs to be cut and there is another Consultation which gives residents the opportunity to give their feedback on where cuts should be made. DC Miller also said that he had checked out recent potential flooding areas in Bishops Waltham where elderly residents live.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. There were no members of the public present, so no issues were brought up.
8. CORRESPONDENCE:
  - (a) Update on Bus Service suggestion from resident. Clerk updated Councillors on correspondence between HCC Passenger Transport Team and the resident making the suggestion. Bishops Waltham Parish Council are also supporting these initiatives. It is

hoped that bus services can be provided through Durley, but Councillors do appreciate that the buses do need to be used regularly to make a service viable.

- (b) Response on HCC Consultation on proposal for traffic calming in Boorley Green. Updates on the Consultation response from the resident we had asked for advice were given by the Clerk. It was agreed that this initiative would have little impact on Durley so no response would be made.
  - (c) Play Area Inspections 2024. Clerk has responded and asked for Inspections to be carried out by WCC at The Sawmills and Recreation Ground Play Areas.
  - (d) Flooding in Mincingfield Lane and Mayes Corner. E-mails have been received regarding flooding in these areas of Durley. However, since these have been received more Durley roads and lanes have been flooded and damage has been caused to the Primary School, vehicles and properties. Wee Holm in Durley Brook Road was also flooded. It appears that during one evening the rainfall was so heavy that residents had little time to prepare. Roads needed to be closed quickly, but the Police and HCC Highways did not close Durley Brook Road until a few hours later which meant that damage was caused by vehicles trying to rush through the water. Cllr Delmege checked that the ditch was clear to allow the brook to work correctly. It appears that it is and that the problem was the sheer volume of water coming down so quickly by the School. The Clerk was asked if Parish Councillors or the School could close a road in an emergency? DC Miller will follow this up, but it was felt to be unlikely due to the legal issues. It was agreed that the Durley Emergency Plan might need updating as it is now 4 years old. This will be put on the Agenda for next month.
  - (e) E-mail from HCC regarding Utility works on the highway – circulated. This was noted.
  - (f) Thank you letter from CAB re donation for 2024. This was noted.
  - (g) E-mail regarding footpaths 069/28/1 and 026/2/1 off Chancellors Lane. Response from ROW Officer. The ROW Officer confirmed that the footpaths were safe and it was the boardwalks which were a problem and slippery. The boardwalks are inside the Eastleigh BC boundary so Clerk will inform them.
  - (h) HCC Minerals and Waste Plan Consultation commences. This was noted and Councillors will view the Consultation on-line.
9. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that the replacement fencing has been completed around the car park area. The Recreation Ground is very wet due to the recent rain.
10. SAWMILLS REPORT: Cllr Bailey reported that everything was fine at The Sawmills. Painting of swing bar – Cllr Bailey does not think this has been done so Clerk will ask Shawn again.
11. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts gave a Report stating that thefts have occurred from vehicles in Greenwood Lane and Manor Road. Scams are also still circulating so residents need to be vigilant.
12. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Cllr Rappini reported that flooding has been a major concern this month. Many lanes and roads have been flooded and roads needed to be closed. Some pot holes are appearing which need repairs as they are getting deeper every time it rains.
13. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and signed cheques/BACS as agreed. Agree and minute Clerk's salary in line with NALC recommendations for 2023-24. The recommendations were accepted and agreed by Councillors. Agree Direct Debit payment for Information Commissioner fees – this was agreed by Councillors.

14. HALL: Cllr Ellen reported that the Hall car park renovations are still on-going and the Committee are looking at applying for smaller Grants and asking if the CIL Funding Application can be re-considered. LED lighting/ceiling – timeframe for work is from 2<sup>nd</sup> April through to 13<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. All Hall bookings will be cancelled during this time. Cllr Delmege suggested taking a good look at the Hall roof from the inside whilst the ceiling was down. The wooden handrail outside of main foyer door has been repaired. Cllr Ellen also explained that we needed to increase the size of the pipe going to the Hall boiler so that the supply can be increased. Redmans will be doing this work as soon as they can fit it in. The heating is now working correctly. Durley Parish Council received the sad news that Peter Hake – our Hall Premises Licence Holder for many years sadly passed away on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January.
15. CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES: Village Litter Pick – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 Report. Cllr Rutherford said that the Litter Pick went well. Cllr Rappini said that he was disappointed that he was not able to take the litter pick sacks down to the local tip as he had asked in advance if he could do this and it would have saved having bags of rubbish in the Hall car park for a few days and animals perhaps tearing them apart. DC Miller will ask BW Clerk as he felt that BWPC did take their litter down to the tip in Bishops Waltham. Cllr Rappini also asked if signs stating “take your litter home with you” could be put on the entrances to Durley as there is already a build up of rubbish through the village again. It was agreed to look for suitable signs and then ask HCC Highways if we are able to put them up, as we would need their permission to put signs on the side of the highway.
16. PLANNING:
- 23/01858/OUT. Mr Burton. New 2 bed chalet style house with new access off highway. Durley Brook Cottage, Durley Brook Road, Durley. **Approved.**
- 21/02295/HOU. Mr Campbell-James. Proposed triple garage and office/storage above. Swallows Barn, Stapleford Lane, Durley. **Approved.**
- 23/02284/FUL. Mr Pitter. Proposed two storey dwelling and associated car port. Green Pastures, Sciviers Lane, Durley. **Approved.**
- Appeal Ref: APP/L1765/D/23/3320607 – Mulberry House, Oakmore Park, Durley. Appeal against the Refusal of Planning Application 22/02013/HOU. **Appeal Granted.**
17. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED at 8.45 p.m.