

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY, 2024 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE IN DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, DURLEY AT 7.30 p.m.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Rutherford, County Councillor Humby, District Councillor Miller and District Councillor 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 9TH JANUARY, 2024 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. Clerk has written to Southern Water again and copied in our MP Flick Drummond, but has received no response from SW or our MP. The Clerk will write again asking for a Public Meeting so that residents can be informed as there have been further breaches and leaks, along with large tankers going to the Pumping Station again. DC Williams will also write to SW.
 - (b) Update on CIL Funding resubmission with Cllr Jackie Porter – Cllr Delmege reported that he is still following this up although no further communication has been received from Cllr Porter.
 - (c) Report on Southern Parishes Meeting (16.1.24) – Clerk gave a Report of the Meeting, saying that discussion took place on TPO's which were disregarded when a planning application was put in, reports from SDNPA and Community Land Trusts and updates on training, NALC, NALC and WDALC. 3 more Parish Councils wish to join the Group which makes 18 Parish Councils in total.
 - (d) Southern Water Presentation on new pipeline (25.1.24) – Clerk listened to the Presentation and will forward on the slides that were shown so that Councillors could view the content.
 - (e) Report on Grant Scheme for Solar battery for Hall – Cllr Pitter outlined the proposal, and we now have to wait to see if we are successful in receiving the Grant. If approved this will store the solar energy generated from the solar panels for the Hall.
 - (f) Southern Parishes Group Planning Training (1.2.24) – Cllrs Watts/Pitter/Rappini and the Clerk attended the Training and found it very useful. The Clerk said that further sessions are hopefully going to be planned for the future.
 - (g) Updating Durley Emergency Plan. It was agreed that this needs updating so Cllr Delmege will look at the Plan we have and update it as far as possible. We will also need to ask residents for those who are willing to help and those that might need help to get the Residents List updated.
 - (h) Response from HCC regarding closure of roads in an emergency. The Clerk read out the response from HCC – which is that only the Police can close a road.

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. DC Williams reported that Consultations are still open on the HCC Budget and downgrading of Winchester Hospital (Public Meeting to be held on 22.2.24 – but tickets must be obtained to attend). DC Williams spoke about the Rural Prosperity Fund and the Council Tax increases.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. Members of the public were present to hear the discussion about a Planning Application further on the Agenda and the problems with the Pumping Station.
8. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - (a) Mayor of Winchester Awards nominations for 2024. Councillors agreed that Anita Watts would be nominated from Durley Parish Council as she has been a Parish Councillor since 1991 and has taken responsibility for the Recreation Ground whilst being a Parish Councillor.
 - (b) The Clerk reminded members to respond to the HCC Future Services Consultation and also the NHS Consultation on the downgrading of Winchester Hospital.
 - (c) HALC Conference is on Wednesday 20th March in Whiteley – this is an all day event. Cllr Delmege will try and attend.
9. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that the Recreation Ground is very wet at the moment and football games have had to be cancelled.
10. SAWMILLS REPORT: Cllr Bailey reported that all is fine in the Sawmills. Painting of swing bar – this is going to be done when the weather is not so wet.
11. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts said that scams are still circulating and some incidents over the last month have included assault, theft, antisocial behaviour and the stealing of batteries.
12. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Cllr Rappini reported that flooding has been a big problem this month with many roads impassable. Large pot holes are appearing and these have been reported to HCC. Mill Lane and Netherhill are particularly bad. Enquiry about Speed Cameras on Durley Street – Clerk read out an e-mail from a resident. Councillors agreed that it would not be very helpful to have number plate recognition of vehicles going through the village as many turned off part-way through the village. Parking outside of the School has got worse, and especially the parking on the zig zag lines which makes it a safety concern. DC Williams will ask if WCC Parking Wardens are able to come and visit during School times and put fines on the offending vehicles so that this practice is stopped before a child gets hurt.
13. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed the invoices presented by the Clerk and signed cheques/BACS as agreed. The Internal $\frac{3}{4}$ Year Audit has been completed and is satisfactory.
14. HALL: Cllr Ellen reported that the Hall is running smoothly. Hall car park renovations update. A Lottery Grant is going to be applied for to try and help with the cost. LED lighting/ceiling – preparations for the work is in hand and will be completed in April. Grant for solar panel battery has been applied for and we are awaiting the result of the Grant. Hall Committee Meeting Report (12.2.24) – the main issues discussed are above.
15. CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES: Signs stating “take your litter home” enquiry. Clerk read out the response from HCC which was that signs were not encouraged as they had little affect and they are trying to de-clutter the highways.

16. Planning:

23/01175/HOU. Mr M Barnett. Rebuild existing Old Forge using existing reclaimed bricks to annexe. Old Forge Cottage, Heathen Street, Durley. **Permitted.**

24/00097/FUL. Mr Baker. The installation of 26 pv ground mounted solar panels (25m x 4m) in the paddock adjacent the residential curtilage; the panels will be connected to an inverter within an existing outbuilding (old stable) on the property. The Old Rectory, Greenwood Lane, Durley. Councillors listened to the concerns of residents at the Meeting, but agreed that solar panels should be supported provided that they are not harmful to neighbouring properties so that residents are affected. Therefore, Councillors wished to suggest that these solar panels are moved further away from the fence to the north so that the glint and glare is not visible to other residents. All Councillors agreed to this response, apart from one who would make no comment. After a vote it was agreed that the above response should be sent to WCC.

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 Paddock, Durley Street, Durley. **Permitted.**

24/00173/HOU. Mr & Mrs Butcher. Single and double rear extensions and garage. Nearby, Durley Street, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

An Appeal against WCC for refusing an application for Use of Land as residential curtilage at Cupressus, Durley Brook Road, Durley has been made. Councillors did not make any comments on this Lawful Development use as they had no evidence to prove either way therefore no comments will go forward to the Appeal.

23/02621/REM. Mr H Smith. Erection of a new dwelling with detached garage and associated driveway on land adjacent to Graysway. Graysway, Durley Brook Road, Durley. Councillors agreed that no comments would be made.

An Appeal against WCC for Planning Application 22/01853/HOU at Three Gables, Stapleford Lane, Durley which was approved. A further Application was made for the removal of Condition 2 which was included to monitor the helipad visits (Planning Application 23/01342/FUL – which was refused). The Appeal is against the first Application to take out the Condition 2 and Councillors agreed that this should remain, therefore our previous objection to Application 23/01342/FUL will be sent in, along with the WCC Policy (DM20 – Development and Noise) to the Appeal Officer.

17. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.30 p.m.