

## **DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY REPORT**

Durley Parish Council held their Annual Parish Assembly on Tuesday 8th April, 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Attending were Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rappini, along with the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) and County/District Councillor Williams, District Councillor Miller and 1 resident. Apologies were received from Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Bailey and District Councillor Latham.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Assembly were agreed and signed.

Cllr Steve Delmege gave a Chairman's Report stating all the work that Durley Parish Council has carried out over the year. He also thanked his fellow Councillors, County Councillor and District Councillors, along with the Clerk. Their support has been invaluable over the year.

A Financial Report was given by the Clerk of all the Income and Expenditure for the year. The Income is higher than usual and the Expenditure is higher than usual – this is due to major Grants being achieved for work at Durley Memorial Hall. More solar panels have been put onto the Hall roof, 2 storage batteries have been purchased, EV charging points have been installed in the car park, new tarmac surface in the car park, new Hall ceiling, with new insulation and LED lighting. All this has been covered by various Grants. The Hall is now 98% self-sufficient in energy costs. Replacement heaters have also been put into the 2 back-stage meeting rooms so that they can be used more.

Cllr Pitter gave a Hall Report detailing all the work that has been completed in and around the Hall during the year. There has been a lot of meetings with contractors etc. and planning the work schedules to fit around Hall bookings, to future proof the Hall from rising energy costs. It is hoped that the final section of the car park will be completed during this financial year, but a further Grant or funding is required.

A County Councillor's Report was given by CC Williams and a District Councillors' Report was given by DC Miller and DC Williams. DC Miller thanked Durley Parish Council for all their work over the year on behalf of Durley residents.

One resident was present and asked if Durley Parish Council has considered reducing the speed limit through Durley Street and putting in a pavement. Cllr Delmege explained that we have tried to reduce the speed in various ways, and getting an HGV ban through the village, but at the moment it is not possible to get the speed limit lower than 30 mph. We have put up speed indicator signs to try and monitor the speeds as evidence. We also have managed to obtain an advisory HGV sign, but it is not enforceable so has little effect. However, as a Parish Council we do try and achieve a safer outcome for Durley. We have looked at a pavement alongside Durley Street, but often residents who live along this stretch of road do not wish to sell part of their garden for a pavement, and there would be a lot of gardens to take land from for a pavement if it was feasible to do so. Therefore, it has not been taken further.

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