

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL AGM MAY, 2024 MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 14th May, 2024 in the Committee Room at Durley Memorial Hall.

Cllr Watts (Vice Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Attending were Cllr Pitter, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Rutherford, along with the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). Also in attendance was District Councillor Williams and District Councillor Latham. Apologies were received from Cllr Delmege, Cllr Bailey, CC Humby and DC Miller.

Cllr Watts welcomed our newly Elected District Councillor – District Councillor Richie Latham to our Meeting.

The first business of the Meeting was the Election of Officers. All Councillors are continuing in the roles which they carried out last year. The following were Elected:

Cllr Delmege – Chairman
Cllr Watts – Vice Chairman
Cllr Ellen – Hall Management Committee Chairman
Cllr Pitter – Hall Management Committee Vice Chairman
Cllr Rappini – Highways Officer
Cllr Rutherford – Footpaths Officer
Cllr Watts – Recreation Ground Chairman
Cllr Bailey – Sawmills representative
Cllr Pitter – Transport representative

The Clerk circulated Notes made at the Public Southern Water Meeting held on 26th April, 2024. These are published separately in the Durley Parish Magazine for residents to view. Another Public Meeting will be arranged once the 3 months' of investigations are completed. It is also hoped that a more senior representative will attend to answer questions.

The Durley Emergency Plan Questionnaire has been delivered to every household in Durley. Residents are asked to respond to Durley Parish Council by the end of June so that the responses can be compiled ready to update our Emergency Plan. Residents can return them at the Church Fete to the Parish Council stand if they wish. Alternatively, they can be sent to Durley Parish Council, "Homefield", Kytes Lane, Durley or posted in the box on the front door of Durley Memorial Hall.

A written Report was sent by CC Humby. The District Councillors have attended a Meeting at WCC to sign the relevant Declaration Forms and are going through the process of being Elected onto various WCC Committees.

The Clerk received an e-mail about vehicles speeding through the Sawmills development. Councillors agreed that this is a Police matter rather than a Parish Council matter. A vehicle which is parking regularly in the turning area of The Sawmills is not allowing vehicles to turn, so as this section of road is owned by Durley Parish Council and not by HCC Highways a sign will be put up informing drivers that this is a private road and that as this is a turning area, no parking is allowed.

Cllr Watts gave Reports on the Recreation Ground and The Sawmills Play Areas Inspection Reports along with maintenance work which is needed on the pavilion guttering.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts. There has been one assault in Mincingfield Lane this month and scams are still circulating.

Cllr Rappini gave a Highways Report. Pot holes, flooding and a sink hole in Heathen Street are the main issues highlighted this month. Some pot holes are particularly dangerous and they will be reported again to HCC Highways. Residents are also encouraged to report any pot holes that they see via the HCC website.

Clerk reported that the End of Year Internal Audit has been completed and is satisfactory. The Chairman of the Meeting and the Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement for 2023-24, The Accounting Statement for 2023-24, and the confirmation of no Conflict of Interest with BDO for 2023-24, ready to send off to the External Auditor.

Cllr Ellen said that the Hall ceiling work is now completed. The Hall now has new ceiling tiles, new updated insulation and LED lighting to replace the old lighting. This will not only save on future energy costs, but also makes the Hall look brighter and the ceiling higher. Hall hirers have commented on how pleased they are with the new ceiling. The Clerk informed Councillors that the Lottery Funding Grant for a section of the Hall car park renovation work has been successful. Councillors were pleased that we will now be able to get some of the car park work carried out. Clerk is applying for a further Grant from the UK Rural Prosperity Fund which, if successful will pay for the second section of the car park to be renovated. 3 quotes were discussed for the car park renovation work and Councillors agreed the quote to accept. An extension to the Hall car park has been agreed with the adjacent land-owner and this section will soon be fenced so that hedging can be planted before the car park work on this section is commenced.

A Financial Report for May, 2024 was given by the Clerk.

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

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