

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL, 2024 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE IN DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, DURLEY AT 6.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Watts, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Bailey and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) were present. DC Williams was also in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Pitter, CC Humby and DC Miller.
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 12TH MARCH, 2024 WERE AGREED AND SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - (a) Public Meeting with Southern Water confirmed for Friday 26th April, 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in Durley Memorial Hall. The Meeting has been published in the village, on the website and a leaflet has been delivered with the Parish Magazine. It was also agreed to ask if a press reporter from the Hampshire Chronicle would like to attend. DC Williams will find a contact. Clerk will ask Nick Adams-King if a representative from HCC Highways would be able to attend the Meeting as there will be highways questions asked by members of the public at the Meeting.
 - (b) Update on CIL Funding resubmission with Cllr Jackie Porter – Cllr Delmege had no further update so he will ask another Question at the next full Council Meeting, which unfortunately is not until July. DC Williams will try to get a response from Cllr Porter in the meantime.
 - (c) Updating Durley Emergency Plan – Questionnaire to residents agreed and being printed. Clerk reported that the Questionnaires have been printed and are ready to be distributed to households in Durley.
5. County Councillor's Report – CC Humby sent through a summary which was noted.
6. District Councillors' Report – DC Miller, DC Kurn, DC Williams. A District Councillors' Report will be given at the Annual Parish Assembly.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. There were no members of the public present to raise any questions.
8. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - (a) Carbon Neutrality Action Plan and the Green Economic Development Strategy Form – 11th June, 2024. If any Councillors are able to attend, they will get in touch with the Clerk.
 - (b) Portrait of King Charles III for Hall. Clerk confirmed that this has arrived, and it will be hung in the Hall once the ceiling work is completed.
 - (c) Memorial tree in The Sawmills Green replacement. John from AE Roberts has been out and looked at the flowering cherry which has died, and he has recommended some replacement trees. He felt that the ground conditions were too wet for a cherry tree so he has been asked for a recommendation for a replacement tree which would be better suited to the ground conditions at The Sawmills. Some suggestions were put forward and it was agreed that a Pear (Chanticleer) tree would be suitable as this would look great, and also produce fruit. Clerk will inform John.

- (d) A further complaint was received about the muddy footpath leading from Durley Street to the Recreation Ground. Clerk has forwarded on the e-mail to the Rights of Way Officer for any action to be taken, or suggestions.
9. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that the pitch is still fairly wet and all the football games have now been completed.
 10. SAWMILLS REPORT: Cllr Bailey to report. Painting of swing bar – this has not been done yet as it is still too wet.
 11. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts said that there has been one burglary in Durley Brook Road, one Common Assault in Durley Street and reminders have been sent out about dogs worrying livestock.
 12. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Cllr Rappini said that pot holes and flooding have been concerns over this month. There was also a tree down in Durley Street across the road which needed removing.
 13. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and signed cheques/BACS as agreed.
 14. HALL: Cllr Ellen to report. Hall car park renovations Grant Application – this is continuing with a Lottery Grant applied for and a Grant for the Rural Prosperity Fund being put in. LED lighting/ceiling – this work is progressing, but may take a few days longer than anticipated. Timescales for installation of solar panel battery storage – Cllr Pitter will update on this at the end of the week. Relief Cleaner – Clerk has advertised for a Relief Cleaner around the village.
 15. CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES: There was nothing to report.
 16. REVIEW POLICY DOCUMENTS. Policy documents held by Durley Parish Council were reviewed and agreed. Some additional Policies were also adopted by Durley Parish Council.
 17. PLANNING:
 - 23/01676/FUL. Mrs Dance. Erection of Rural Worker's Dwelling and removal of existing mobile home upon occupancy. **Permitted.**
 - 24/00779/TPO. 1761T1 – Oak – cut back the tree to protect electric overhead cables (see original application). Cherrywood, Stapleford Lane, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

Clerk was asked to check on the progress of the removal of Sunbank in Durley Brook Road as the replacement dwelling is now being lived in, which means that the original dwelling should be taken down.
 18. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.25 p.m.