

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL JULY, 2024 MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 9th July, 2024 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall.

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

The Clerk reported that a Public Meeting date has been confirmed with Southern Water for Friday 13th September, 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in Durley Memorial Hall. County and District Councillors will be invited to attend, along with our new MP Danny Chambers. Residents are welcome to attend and Clerk will advertise the Meeting.

Responses have been returned for the Updating of the Durley Emergency Plan. The Clerk will compile the responses and any updates to contact details. The Updated Plan will then be circulated to Parish Councillors to agree at the September Parish Council Meeting.

The Clerk reported on the Hampshire Association of Local Councils Forum which was held at The Guildhall in Winchester on 19.6.24. This is the first Forum in the new format to engage with Parish Councils. It is hoped that one will be held each quarter.

The Winchester City Council Parish Briefing was held on 20.6.24 at The Guildhall in Winchester. Parish Councils were updated on the Local Plan, Budget and informed about the WCC Consultation with residents which will be carried out shortly.

The District Councillors gave a short Report as it is only just after the Elections and there was no much to report. DC Miller is following up on the CIL Funding from Durley and DC Williams said that the Hampshire Hospitals Consultation Report is due out shortly so he will circulate it when it is available.

Cllr Bailey said that the dead memorial tree which was planted on the Sawmills Green has been replaced, although a tree guard will be put around it by Cllr Rappini for protection. A new litter bin will be installed shortly in the play area. Consideration was given to putting in a basket swing either in the play area or outside, but this will be dependant on space available and any Grants available. The sign reminding drivers that there is a turning area at the end of The Sawmills roadway has now been put up. Repairs to the climbing frame at the Sawmills and Recreation Ground will be done shortly. Cllr Watts said that all was fine at the Recreation Ground.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts – there were no incidents to report this month.

Cllr Rappini gave a Highways Report. Flooding and pot holes have been the main concerns this month. A damaged verge in Stapleford Lane has been reinstated and Cllr Pitter has reported a verge which needs reinstatement in Durley Street. Clerk will make enquiries to HCC Highways to see if Chancellors Lane is permanently closed or only temporarily. Durley Parish Council believe that this is due to bridge repairs on the Botley end of the Lane.

Clerk gave a Financial Report for July, 2024.

Cllr Ellen gave a Hall Management Meeting Report. An update was given on the car park renovations, and it is anticipated that the 1st section of car park work will be carried out

during August with the Lottery Funding already secured. It is hoped that the result of the next Grant will be available in mid-July so that we will know if the 2nd area can be renovated. The 3rd area will be fenced off shortly. Cllr Pitter said that the 2 batteries in the Hall are now working, along with the additional solar panels on the roof. The Hall is now around 98% using its own electricity, rather than taking it from the grid. Durley Entertainments Committee have offered to help with the cost of refurbishing the Hall kitchen. This was appreciated and Cllr Pitter offered to meet someone at the Hall to get an idea of costings. Fundraising will be needed for this project.

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