

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER, 2024 MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 10th September, 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 Bailey along with the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). Also in attendance were District Councillor Miller, District Councillor Latham and 2 residents. Apologies were received from Cllr Ruterhford and District Councillor Williams.

The updating of the Durley Emergency Plan has now been completed and this was Adopted at the Meeting. A final version will now be sent onto Hampshire County Council Emergency Planning Team.

The Southern Water Public Meeting is to be held on Friday 13th September at 7.00 p.m. at Durley Memorial Hall. An Agenda and questions from residents have been sent to Southern Water representatives.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended the Southern Parishes Group Meeting on 2nd September. A report was given detailing issues raised, including the main speaker (Lorna Hutchings from the Enforcement Team at WCC), a Report on the Transport Assessment in Reg. 19 of the WCC Local Plan and updates from NALC, HALC and the WDALC.

The Clerk informed Councillors that Rob Humby is no longer our County Councillor as he gave his resignation at the end of August. Presumably there will be an Election for a new County Councillor, but we have not been informed yet. Rob was a huge support to Councillors and the Clerk and gave up a lot of time to pursue Durley issues. He will be thanked for all his efforts and will be greatly missed.

The District Councillors gave a short Report which included information about the new change of bin collection days which is in readiness for the food waste collection which will commence next year.

2 residents were present to hear the discussion on the planning applications listed further in the Agenda.

Information regarding the Winchester Local Plan updates was circulated. Councillors agreed to support the request for better public transport in the new Local Plan Transport Assessment. Discussion took place about the bus routes through Durley.

Responses were received regarding enquiries on 2 enforcement cases.

A donation will be made to CAB for the 2024-25 financial year.

The Insurance Renewal was agreed by Councillors for the 2024-25 financial year.

Cllr Watts gave a Recreation Ground Report saying that repairs to the climbing frame boarding has been done, and the climbing net will be replaced soon.

Cllr Bailey said that the boarding on the climbing frame has also been replaced at The Sawmills. The litter bin has been installed to replace the old one and fencing repairs have been carried out.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts – incidents reported this month include phone scams, machinery theft, ticket fraud and on-line scams on social media.

Cllr Rappini said that there were no particular highways issuing this month. Clerk said that throughout the summer months many fly-tipping incidents have occurred which have been reported to WCC.

Clerk gave Financial Reports for August and September, 2024. The updated Financial Regulations sent by NALC were Adopted and agreed at the Meeting. Clerk reported that the External Audit is now completed and is satisfactory.

Cllr Ellen gave a Hall Management Meeting Report. Cllr Pitter said that the 1st phase of the Hall car park renovations is now almost completed with the Lottery Fund Grant. We have now heard that we have been successful in receiving a Grant from the Rural Development Fund for the 2nd phase and 2 EV charging points so it is hoped that this work will be done shortly. A County Councillor Grant has been received for new fencing to allow for a new section of car parking at the back of the Hall. Broadband has now been installed and the AV units in the 2 back stage rooms are being installed this week. Jim Carter was thanked for painting the front door and the Clerk and her sister have repaired the stage curtains.

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