

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER, 2024 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE, DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.30 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr N Ellen, Cllr Watts, DC Miller, DC Williams and DC Latham. Councillors wished Cllr Watts a speedy recovery from her stay in Hospital.
2. ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT. There were no Declarations of Interest made.
3. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10th SEPTEMBER, 2024 WERE AGREED AND SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - (a) Notes from Southern Water Public Meeting. Circulated. Next steps. Clerk read out an update from Jess stating that she has confirmation from her Operations Team that works will commence on 7th October and continue through the week. Temporary traffic management and potentially a road closure will be in place for a short period of time. Cllr Pitter said that work was being carried out in Manor Road and this was for Southern Water.
 - (b) Response from WCC Local Plan – Reg.19. It was agreed that a response would be made if it was felt appropriate as Durley were fairly happy with the current proposals.
 - (c) Bus routes through Durley – proposals Cllr Delmege. Cllr Delmege outlined a proposal and Cllr Rappini asked if the bus company could be persuaded to come through Durley with the 69 then up to Horton Heath to Fair Oak and the number 3 to run the opposite way through Durley and round to Fair Oak via Mortimers Lane, both existing routes would still be served, and Durley could have an hourly service in each direction. Cllr Delmege will revise our proposal and send it on.
5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CC Election to be held on 31.10.24. A Presentation will be made to CC Humby at the Drinks and Nibbles Evening on Friday 11th October. He will be thanked for all his hard work for Durley since he has been our District and County Councillor. Clerk reported that around 40 – 50 people were coming along.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – DC Miller, DC Williams, DC Latham. There was no District Councillors' Reports.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. There were no members of the public present raising any further issues.
8. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - (a) WCC Climate Emergency Workshop – 3.10.24. Circulated via e-mail. No Councillors wished to attend.
 - (b) E-mail complaint about footpath from Recreation Ground to Durley Street. Clerk has reported this to HCC Rights of Way Team again, and has asked the resident to also write and complain.
 - (c) An invitation was received from WCC regarding free essential digital skills training for residents. Details will be put up around the village on the noticeboards and on the website so that residents can get in touch if they wish to attend. Councillors agreed that if there was a good uptake then perhaps the Hall could be used for the training. Clerk will find out

how many attendees are needed for each session if it was to be held in the Hall. It was felt that perhaps residents who attend Durley Lunch Club might be interested in a training session at the Hall. Clerk will find out if this is of interest.

9. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts was not able to give a Report. Clerk said that the repairs to rope ladder have been completed. Clerk said that all of the dog fouling signs have been removed so new ones will need to be ordered. A smart meter will also be fitted in the Pavilion to read the electric meter. Cllr Watts met with a WCC representative who was carrying out a Playing Pitch and Sports Facilities Survey at the Recreation Ground.
10. SAWMILLS REPORT: Cllr Bailey to report on any issues - dog fouling has become a safety issue on The Sawmills Green and children are getting dog poo on their clothing and shoes. This is not acceptable, so Cllr Bailey will monitor the situation. The situation will be kept monitored to try and see who the dog owner is. Offer of tree – Clerk wrote and thanked Winters Hill Nurseries (formerly A E Roberts) for replacing the dead tree, and they have offered a further tree if we would like to plant it in a different location as the soil conditions were not suitable for a flowering cherry on The Sawmills Green. Councillors agreed to see if there was a suitable site and then report back at a future Meeting.
11. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: There was no Report available.
12. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Cllr Rappini said that there was nothing to report this month.
13. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and agreed BACS payments. Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2024-25 financial year – Councillors agreed that Paul Reynolds (Fair Account), should continue to be our Internal Auditor for the 2024-25 financial year. Clerk said that as we have money sitting in a Lloyds Bank account which we could shortly need, and we do not have on-line banking for it, so it might be more sensible and accessible if the money was transferred into the Barclays Deposit account so that it could be transferred when needed. Councillors agreed that £100 should be left in the Lloyds account so that it is kept open, but transfer the remainder of the funds.
14. HALL: Cllr Pitter to report on updates on Hall car park improvements. Cllr Pitter said that the 1st section of car park is now completed, and the invoice has been paid with a Grant from the Lottery Funding. The 2nd section will be started tomorrow, along with the 2 EV charging points. The first 50% of the Rural Prosperity Funding can be applied for when the invoice is received and the 2nd 50% can be claimed for when the work is completed. Quotes are needed for the 3rd section of car parking in the field behind the Hall. This will not be a tarmac area, but a hard standing with shingle. The hedge needs to be planted during the autumn so that it will grow ready to take down the old fencing. Heaters in back-stage rooms have been installed. Change of energy supplier from SSE to Octopus – this has been done so that we can get a better rate for our solar panels and storage batteries. Cllr Pitter reported that we are 98% energy efficient in the Hall at the moment. The Clerk said that she has sent in the Annual Return, and we need to clarify some Policies which are specific to the Hall. It was agreed that a Hall Management Committee Meeting will be held to agree the Policies which will be adapted from the Durley Parish Council Policies we already have in place. Cllr Bailey asked if the Durley Carol Singers could hold their Carol Evening at the Hall and put a Christmas tree in the car park. Councillors agreed the siting and said that they were happy with this arrangement. The Clerk will let Cllr Bailey know of suitable evenings when the Carol Singing could be held. Cllr Bailey also asked if the Hall could be used free of charge for this event. Councillors agreed that they only charge the village rate as it is for the village, but that they could not let it out for free as this would not be fair to other village organisations who support and use the Hall.

15. PLANNING:

24/02116/TPO. Mr Seagrave. TPO 1912G1 – ash tree with dieback – remove. The Court House, Kytes Lane, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

24/01680/FUL. Mr & Mrs Smith. Demolition of existing 2 storey dilapidated house and replace with a new high quality and sustainable 2 storey house. Sylvania, Manor Road, Durley.
Permitted.

24/00890/LDC. Mr & Mrs Beazley. This application seeks to prove within the balance of probabilities that a residential mobile home has been located upon land known as Copse Mead without the benefit of planning consent for a period of more than 10 years prior to the date of this application. The Old Stables, Greenwood Lane, Durley. **A Certificate of Lawfulness was granted for the siting/stationing of the mobile home in its current position only and not for residential use.**

24/01887/OUT. Mr & Mrs Preston. Outline application for detached self build two storey dwelling with all matters reserved except access. Brown Heath Cottage, Gregory Lane, Durley. Councillors agreed that an objection would be made as Durley has no housing allocation within the proposed new or current Local Plan. Councillors agreed that this additional dwelling in the countryside was not justified.

24/01999/LDC. Mr & Mrs Jackson. Lawful Development Certificate. The Redline Boundary shows the footprint of the log cabin type structure (the Cabin). Construction of the Cabin began in March 2018 and was completed in September 2018. On completion, the Cabin was immediately occupied on a full-time basis as a residential property by the applicant. The log Cabin replaced a static caravan installed and occupied on the same site since August, 2012. Hazelwood, Netherhill Farm, Netherhill Lane, Botley. Councillors agreed that no comments be made as this is a Legal issue.

An Enforcement case which is ongoing was highlighted as having additional facilities on the site so the Clerk will be sent additional information to send onto the Enforcement Officer for his attention.

16. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 p.m.