

## **DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER, 2024 MEETING REPORT**

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 12th November, 2024 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall.

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

Cllr Delmege started the Meeting by congratulating our new County Councillor – County Councillor Williams, who was Elected on Thursday 31st October after the resignation of Rob Humby.

The Clerk received an update from Southern Water which stated that:

**Tankering Plan:** All key locations that may experience ground water impact have an Operational Contingency Plan. This includes the planning yardstick for scenario based Tankering plans. SW are endeavouring to engage communities in advance where possible to minimise impacts. As using live documents that need to remain adaptable to different and changing situations, SW will not be looking to publish a fixed solution.

**Risk Review Process:** The Regional Risk Review meeting will take place once a month and the purpose is to review new risks that have been raised in the month and review outstanding risks of concern. As a live and evolving process, the outputs are for internal use only due to a spectrum of factors that influence the monthly score number.

Cllr Delmege has held a Teams Meeting with DC Williams, Botley PC and Danny Chambers MP to see how we can influence Officers higher up the command chain at SW to get some action and answers.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended the recent Southern Parishes Group Meeting on 4th November. Unfortunately a Speaker from HCC Public Transport Team was unable to attend. It is hoped that they will come along to a future Meeting to discuss transport in the Southern Parishes. A response was sent on behalf of the Group on the WCC Reg.19 Transport Assessment. Reports were given on SDNP, WDALC, HALC and NALC. An update was given on the monitoring project on the water and sewage problems within the Southern Parishes.

County Councillor Williams said that as he has only just been Elected there was not much to report, other than redundancies are being discussed at HCC in all services apart from Adult Social Care, Childrens' Services and Schools. An e-mail address for CC Williams will hopefully be live soon.

District Councillor Williams gave a WCC Report saying that the revised Code of Conduct is being reviewed at the moment, which will most probably come down to Parish Councils shortly.

Clerk gave details of more free courses which have been arranged by WCC. These will be advertised on the noticeboards and Parish Council website.

Notification was received regarding the Consultation on the Upham Village Design Statement which is being updated.

Cllr Watts said that everything was fine at the Recreation Ground. A Report was not available for the Sawmills site.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts. Doorstep scams are on the rise, along with parcel thefts and quad bike thefts. The Clerk was asked to write to PC Sharon Conway to see if she would be able to come to a Parish Council Meeting to introduce herself as she is our dedicated Police Officer.

Cllr Rappini had nothing to report on highways. He will be checking for pot holes which tend to get larger during the winter weather. Residents are asked to report any pot holes they see via the Hampshire County Council website and also let Cllr Rappini know. This way we can have a good idea of where the problem areas are.

The financial transactions were agreed and the Budget for 2025-26 was set. The Precept was agreed so the Clerk will submit this to WCC. Clerk reported that the half year Internal Audit has been completed and is satisfactory.

Cllr Pitter gave a Hall Report. The 1st section is now completed and the 2nd section has had tarmac laid, but the white line marking still need to be painted and a man-hole needs to be raised. The EV charging points will be installed at the end of this week. Funding will still need to be sought for the 3rd section which is on land which will be rented from the adjacent field owner. Hedging will be planted along the fence-line. Jim Carter was thanked for painting the Hall main door. Discussion took place about the siting of a Christmas tree in the Hall car park ready for the festive season. Cllr Pitter will source quotes for refurbishing the kitchen.

There will be no Monthly Parish Council Meeting in December.

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

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