

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 2024 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE AT DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.30 p.m.

At the start of the Meeting Cllr Delmege welcomed our new County Councillor – County Councillor Jonathan Williams who was elected on 31st October, 2024.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from District Councillor Miller, District Councillor Latham and Cllr Chrissie Bailey.
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 TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER, 2024 WERE READ, CONFIRMED AND SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - (a) Update from Southern Water. Arrange date for next Public Meeting – the Clerk is trying to arrange a Meeting for mid-February with SW. Clerk read out 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 said that he had 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.
 - (b) Report on Southern Parishes Group Meeting – 4.11.24. Cllr Delmege/Clerk reported that unfortunately a speaker was not able to attend from the HCC Public Transport Team at short notice. It is hoped that they will come along to a future Meeting. A response has been sent on behalf of the Parishes in the Group regarding the Transport Assessment in Reg.19. An update was given on the SDNP. Reports were given on WDALC, HALC and NALC. An update was given on a monitoring project on the water and sewage problems within the Southern Parishes. It was agreed to invite a representative from the Environment Agency to the next Meeting.
 - (c) WCC Essential Digital Skills Training – update. Clerk is hoping to attend Lunch Club to see if there is any interest. The previous Lunch Club was at The Farmers Home due to the County Councillor Elections being held in the Hall.
5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CC Williams has only just been Elected so he did not have a Report. He is hoping to have his e-mail address up and running soon. Redundancies are being discussed at HCC in all services apart from Adult Social Care, Childrens' Services and Schools.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – DC Miller, DC Williams, DC Latham. DC Williams said that a revised Code of Conduct is being discussed, which will be agreed shortly.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. There were no members of the public present to raise any further issues.
8. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - (a) Launch of New Police and Crime Plan 2024-2028. Circulated via e-mail. This was noted.
 - (b) Letter from CAB thanking DPC for donation. This was noted.
 - (c) Letter regarding antisocial behaviour in Gregory Lane. Clerk read out a letter from a resident and Councillors felt that the blocking of water was not acceptable, but the water should go into a ditch. Clerk was asked to refer the matter to HCC Highways Team and respond to the resident.
 - (d) Consultation of barriers to walking/cycling from HCC. This Consultation has been circulated and members of the public and Councillors can respond if they wish.
 - (e) Letters from SSE regarding street light energy. Clerk has been in contact with SSE regarding the street lighting energy charges. After a lot of correspondence and back-up from HCC Street Lighting Team the Clerk received a rebate from SSE.
 - (f) WCC have sent through details of courses available through the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Clerk will advertise the details on the noticeboards and website.
 - (g) Notification has been received from the SDNPA giving details about a Public Consultation which has just commenced for the Upham Village Design Statement. This will be advertised on the website and village noticeboards.
9. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that all was fine at the moment. The Clerk said that some of the fencing was rotten and had fallen over. This has been stood up again, but will need replacing. The Clerk will obtain a quote for replacing this section.
10. SAWMILLS REPORT: Cllr Bailey did not give a Report. Consider basket swing and Grants – there is no update on this at the moment.
11. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that doorstep scams are on the rise – along with parcel theft and quad bikes etc. being stolen. Councillors have not yet met with PC Sharon Conway who is our dedicated Police Officer. The Clerk will ask if she is able to come to a Meeting to meet us.
12. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Cllr Rappini informed Councillors that there are no particular issues at the moment, but pot holes will get larger during the winter wet weather. Residents are urged to report any pot holes that they see via the Hampshire Highways website link, or report them to Cllr Rappini so that we can make sure that they are logged and will be dealt with. Cllr Watts said that the finger post at The Robin Hood junction has been knocked off and needs to be reinstated. A resident has taken the finger post for safe-keeping. Clerk will find out more information and report this to WCC for reinstatement.
13. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices as presented by the Clerk and agreed BACS payments. Half Year Internal Audit Report – this has been carried out and is satisfactory. Set Budget and Precept for 2025-26 – Cllr Delmege summarised the account to date and Councillors discussed any expenditure for 2025-26. Cllr Delmege proposed a Precept request of £42,000. Cllr Rappini seconded this proposal. All Councillors present agreed the Precept.
14. HALL: Cllr Pitter to report on updates on Hall car park improvements. Cllr Pitter said that the 1st section is now completed, and the 2nd section of tarmac has been laid, but a manhole needs to be raised and the line-line markings put in. The EV charging points should be installed at

the end of this week. A Grant will need to be sought for the 3rd section. Hall Management Meeting Report (6.11.24). Cllr Pitter reported that Jim Carter was thanked for varnishing the front door whilst the broadband was being fitted. He is now going to varnish the noticeboards at the Hall. Sam Charles has offered to dispose of the old gas heaters in the back-stage area. New Christmas decorations have been purchased and will be put up in the Hall ready for a booking at the end of November, along with a Christmas tree to go in the car park ready for the Durley Carol Singing. The location of the Christmas tree was agreed and Cllr Rutherford said that a resident in Durley is willing to sponsor the lighting of the tree. The Christmas tree will also be donated by a resident in Durley who sells Christmas trees. Policies for the Hall Management Committee were agreed (these were adapted from the Durley Parish Council Policies to suit the Hall needs). Cllr Pitter will source quotes for the refurbishment of the Hall kitchen. The gutters will also be cleared out.

15. PLANNING:

24/02203/TPO. Mr Davidson. Ash tree in Group G1 shown in plan attached to Tree Preservation Order No.1583 dated February 1996. The tree is diseased with ash dieback and needs to be felled. Edwinsfield, Oakmore Park, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application so a response has been submitted.

24/02375/HOU. Mr and Mrs Cooper. Proposed front extension, alterations to existing front dormer windows, first floor rear extension and elevational alterations. The Mead, Durley Brook Road, Durley. Councillors agreed that they had no comments to make on this Application.

24/01160/FUL. Mrs Evans. Construction of a Barn and Retention of Manege. Barnhurst, Alma Lane, Upham. Councillors agreed that the building work appears to have been completed without planning permission. Although a previous planning application was submitted it was refused. Therefore, Councillors agreed that this application should be refused again as it does not comply with current policies and it would set a precedent for future development to be built without planning permission. An objection will be sent, along with a request asking why this Application should be re-considered when it has already been refused.

COUNCILLORS AGREED THAT THERE WILL BE NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER UNLESS ONE IS REQUIRED FOR PLANNING DEADLINES.

16. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30 p.m.