

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY, 2025 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE OF DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, DURLEY AT 7.30 P.M.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Bailey and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) were present, along with District Councillor Miller.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Rutherford, County/District Councillor Williams and District Councillor Latham.
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 12th NOVEMBER, 2024 AND A PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 10th DECEMBER, 2024 WERE AGREED AND SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETINGS.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - (a) Update from Southern Water. Confirm date for next Public Meeting. The Clerk has written to Southern Water to suggest a date in February, a response has been received stating that the date is being circulated, but they are yet to confirm. Clerk will chase again for confirmation as the date needs to be advertised.
 - (b) WCC Parish Liaison Briefing (9.1.25). Report by Cllr Delmege and Clerk. The Meeting heard from Officers regarding the Budget, Council Plan & Residents' Survey Outcomes and Devolution. There will be a further Briefing Update on the Devolution process once more information is available.
5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CC Williams did not give a Report but did say that he was following up on some issues raised.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – DC Miller, DC Williams, DC Latham. The District Councillors' Report was given by DC Miller he reported that WCC Councillors have had a Presentation on Devolution. HCC has put in a request for there to be no County Councillor Elections in May, 2025 to Government. HCC have voted to go with a Mayor, but it is not known yet how the District/Borough Councils will be split up. There is also a Local Government Reform.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. There were no members of the public present.
8. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - (a) E-mail from Cllr Ellen. Cllr Ellen wanted to inform Councillors that due to personal commitments he would not be able to give so much time to Parish Council work, however he did agree to stand on as the Hall Chairman until the Election of Officers in May and continue as a Parish Councillor and attend Meetings when he is able.
 - (b) Water in Gregory Lane update. The Clerk updated Councillors on the work that has been carried out, along with the response from WCC/HCC. The Parish Lengthsman has cleared the ditch on the woodland section and the water does go, but appears again when there is heavy rain, as it does in other places in Durley.
 - (c) E-mail regarding 2 trees on boundary of buffer area at The Sawmills, and action taken. Clerk reported that over the Christmas period it was reported that 2 trees could need attention so a tree surgeon examined them, and although they were considered safe he is taking them down to a lower level. The Clerk also updated Councillors on progress made

concerning the possible change of use of this particular section of buffer area. It was agreed that this should be pursued now that we have another contact with Persimmon Homes.

- (d) Notification from WCC regarding the Examination of the Winchester District Local Plan. This was circulated and Noted.
 - (e) Notification from ADD regarding the Eastleigh Local Plan Exhibition dates. These dates were noted and Councillors could attend if they wished.
 - (f) Safer Together Hub information from Police – circulated via e-mail.
 - (g) Local Government Pay Award for 2024/25. Councillors discussed the Award and agreed that this should be implemented for the Clerk.
 - (h) Impending New Code of Conduct. Clerk reported that WCC have agreed the New Code of Conduct and Parish Councils can follow this Code if they wish. It was agreed that if possible, we would like to implement the New Code of Conduct after the May, 2025 Election of Officers as this would make sense.
9. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that everything was fine, and the broken section of fencing has been replaced with new fencing.
10. SAWMILLS REPORT: Cllr Bailey reported that everything was fine. Consider basket swing and Grants – it was agreed that this would be taken off the Agenda for the moment and the play area equipment at both the Sawmills and Recreation Ground will be looked at next year when there might be more grants available.
11. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that scams are on the increase. Cllr Watts also gave an update on crimes that have been committed within the last month. Clerk reported that no response has been received from PC Sharon Conway regarding our invitation to introduce herself at a Parish Council Meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Donna Jones expressing our concern that no response has been received, and that Councillors still do not know who Sharon is. Cllr Watts also informed Councillors about the Blue Lamp Trust – which is a service to residents who are vulnerable due to age (over 60), disabled, a victim of crime, a victim of burglary or a victim of domestic abuse.
12. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Cllr Rappini said that pot holes are appearing again and these will be reported to HCC. A boundary issue was brought to our attention and HCC Highways have been informed of this. However, the fence which was causing a safety concern has now been taken down. Update on fingerpost outside of Robin Hood. Clerk has been in touch with WCC and they have suggested a Company called Signways. As this is a private Company the Clerk is trying to establish who is responsible for the sign as they should be repairing it not Durley Parish Council. CC Williams will be asked to investigate alongside the Clerk. Clerk has also reported the pot holes alongside the road edge opposite Durley Church as a complaint was received. Cllr Rappini said that mud on the lower end of Kytes Lane had been reported, but after speaking to the landowner the contractors have been asked to sweep the road.
13. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and agreed BACS payments.
14. HALL: Cllr Pitter reported on updates on Hall car park improvements. EV Charging points are installed and registered. The guttering at the Hall is being replaced as it is broken in parts and making the walls damp. The hedging along the new section of land needs to be done as soon as possible so that it can get established. The Clerk has been in touch with John (formerly AE Roberts) and he is trying to source a price for some natural hedging. Cllr Delmege said that whilst the Christmas decorations were being taken down it was noticed that a couple of the

new ceiling tiles had wet patches on them. The roofing Contractor who came to the Hall will be asked for their advice to see what the problem is.

15. PLANNING:

24/01751/FUL. Construction of 4 x single-storey, timber-clad cabins for use as holiday lets. Land adjacent to The Farmers Home, Heathen Street, Durley. REFUSED.

24/02631/HOU. Mr & Mrs Hounsham. To add a single storey, timber frame, flat roof hydrotherapy room attached to the rear of the main house, Appledown Barn, Kytes Lane, Durley. PERMITTED.

23/01081/LDC. Mr Hepburn. Use of land as residential curtilage at Cupressus, Durley Brook Road, Durley. An Appeal is being made against the decision of WCC to refuse/refused in part a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development. The Appeal Hearing is to be held on 28th January, 2025 in Winchester.

25/00055/FUL. Construction of a Horse Walker (Retrospective). Barnhurst, Alma Lane, Upham. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

O/24/98619. Land south of Mortimers Lane, Fair Oak. Outline application with all matters reserved (apart from access) for the construction of up to 245 dwellings (Use Class C3) and up to 350sqm multi-functional building (Use Class E – commercial, business or service or Use Class F2 – community) with associated open space and play area, landscaping, SuDS, infrastructure, mobility hub and vehicular access off Mortimers Lane. This is an Application within Eastleigh Borough Council area. Councillors agreed that a response will be put in once Councillors have made their comments to the Clerk.

16. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20 p.m.