

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL FEBRUARY, 2025 MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 11th February, 2025 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) and District/County Councillor Williams. Apologies were received from Cllr Bailey, District Councillor Miller and District Councillor Latham.

The Clerk confirmed a Public Meeting with Southern Water - **which will be on Friday 21st March, 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in Durley Memorial Hall.** All residents are invited to attend. Questions can be sent to the Clerk prior to the Meeting so that Southern Water representatives can come with the statistics and answers. Notices have gone up on all the village noticeboards and on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended a Winchester City Council Parish Briefing on Devolution and the Local Government Review. It has been confirmed that the HCC Elections will not be held in May, 2025. Further discussion amongst local Parish Councils will be held on 4th March. Cllr Delmege and the Clerk will be attending this Meeting to make sure that Durley's views are heard.

The continued maintenance of the Sawmills Green spaces was discussed and agreed.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended the recent Southern Parishes Group Meeting where the main item was Devolution and the Local Government Review. DC Neil Culter was there to advise Council representatives on what this could mean for Parish Councils, along with the timeframe, which is very tight to get responses back to HCC.

There was no District Councillors' Report, but CC Williams gave an over-view of the work that HCC has been doing to prepare for the Devolution and Local Government Review process. He also confirmed that there will be no HCC Elections in May, 2025. CC Williams then answered questions from Councillors.

The Clerk gave an update on the road direction sign outside of the Robin Hood. This has now been collected by an HCC Officer who is going to arrange for the repairs.

Cllr Watts said that everything was fine at Durley Recreation Ground. Cllr Rutherford said that she had been approached by a resident regarding additional tree planting in Durley. Durley Parish Council applied for a Grant a few years ago and residents were asked where they would like additional trees planted, and some residents took up the offer and planted in their gardens. There was also some trees and hedging planted at Durley Recreation Ground and in The Sawmills buffer areas. We have not been informed of another Grant opportunity, but if residents wish to plant additional trees in their gardens then they could do so.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts. There have been 2 anti-social behaviour incidents in Durley, and scams are still circulating at the moment. Our dedicated Police Officer responded saying that she was not able to come to a Parish Council Meeting as she is not on shift on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Councillors agreed that we should arrange a different day so that Councillors could meet her.

Cllr Rappini said he has reported some pot holes in Durley. Kytes Lane still has grit on the road which is making the surface poor, so this will be reported by the Clerk. The Clerk has also reported the road edges in Church Lane, Durley Lane and Sciviers Lane after a complaint received from a resident. The layby outside of Durley Church has been reinstated along the roadside edges.

The financial transactions were agreed for February, 2025.

Cllr Pitter gave an update on the Hall car park renovation work. The 2 EV charging points are now up and running. The line markings still need to be done in the car parking area. Cllr Delmege has been viewing some whips for the hedging alongside the fence in the 3rd section of car park. A Hall Management Meeting will be arranged. Quotes are being sought for the Hall kitchen renovations.

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

Anne Collins
Clerk to Durley Parish Council
durleyparishcouncil@gmail.com