

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY, 2025 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE AT DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Rutherford and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) were present at the Meeting. County Councillor Williams also attended.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from DC Miller, DC Latham and Cllr Bailey.
2. ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT. There were no Declarations of Interest made.
3. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY, 2025 WERE AGREED AND SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
 - (a) Update from Southern Water. Public Meeting confirmed for Friday 21st March, 2025. Questions needed prior to Meeting so that SW can come prepared. Clerk has advertised the Meeting on the village noticeboards, website and in the Parish Magazine. Councillors agreed to send questions to the Clerk prior to the Meeting. Residents have also been asked to do the same. SW will confirm nearer the time as to who is attending to represent them. The Clerk will ask if an Officer who is able to answer questions can come as we need to speak to a representative who is higher up rather than Officers who cannot answer questions from residents on the evening.
 - (b) WCC Briefing on Local Government Review – Cllr Delmege/Clerk. A summary of the Briefing was given by Cllr Delmege and the Clerk. It is very early days yet and there will be more information as we move the process forward. It has been confirmed that there will be no County Councillor Elections in May, 2025. Discussion and concerns were expressed about the Devolution and Local Government Review process and also the impact that it could have on parishes and their residents. Cllr Delmege and the Clerk are attending a Southern Parishes Group Meeting on 4th March where views of other local parish councils will be made. In order to represent Durley Parish Council it was agreed that Councillors will send in their views to Cllr Delmege so that we can consolidate a response from Durley.
 - (c) Update on buffer area land at The Sawmills. Clerk reported that Planning Permission will need to be applied for Change of Use, and also a Variation in the S.106 Agreement. A Solicitor will be needed to do this, and Persimmon will not accept any costs, although they are happy with us applying for a Variation to the S.106 Agreement. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact our Solicitor for advice and support as we would also need to comply with the Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1972. A Land Agent will also need to be appointed to value the land. Once we have all the information in place we will hold a Meeting with residents who live on the boundary of this section of buffer area to see who is interested in purchasing a section to add to their garden.
 - (d) Maintenance of Sawmills – updated quote received. Clerk said that the cost of the maintenance work needed to be increased this year due to rising costs. The additional cost would be £200 per year. This cost will then remain in place for this year and next year. Councillors agreed that this was justified, so Clerk will inform the Contractor.
 - (e) Southern Parishes Group Meeting (10.2.25) – Cllr Delmege/Clerk. A Report was given which included Devolution and the Local Government Review as well as updates on NALC, HALC and WDALC.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CC Williams reported that there will be no HCC Elections in May, 2025 and answered questions put by Councillors regarding the Local Government Review and Devolution process, which was helpful.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – DC Miller, DC Williams, DC Latham. There was no Report available.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. There were no members of the public present, so no questions were raised.
8. CORRESPONDENCE:
 - (a) Mayor of Winchester Community Awards Nomination Form. It was agreed that many Durley residents do support their community, and it is difficult to single out residents, therefore it was agreed that no nomination would be made.
 - (b) Update on road sign at Robin Hood junction from HCC. The Clerk reported that after going round in circles for a while when no Authority would take responsibility, HCC have now taken the broken off section and will repair it. Thanks go to CC Williams for finding out a named Officer to get in touch with.
9. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts said that everything was fine at the Recreation Ground.
10. SAWMILLS REPORT: Cllr Bailey was not at the Meeting to give a Report. Cllr Rutherford said that a comment had been made to her regarding tree planting in Durley. Durley Parish Council offered to plant trees around Durley a few years ago under a Scheme when free trees and hedging was available to parishes. This was not taken up by most residents, but some did plant trees in their garden and some were planted at the Recreation Ground and in the Sawmills buffer area. It was not known if there was a similar Scheme operating at the moment, but if there was then residents can plant on their land and in their gardens if they wish.
11. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that there have been 2 anti-social behaviour issues, scams involving Valentine's Day, Winter Fuel payments and farm machinery are circulating. Response from PC Sharon Conway – Clerk said that after writing to Donna Jones she had finally received a response stating that Sharon is not able to come along to a Parish Council Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month as she is off shift. Councillors agreed that a different day would be possible to suit her as we do need to meet her. Clerk will suggest some dates and times and perhaps amalgamate a joint Meeting with Upham Parish Councillors as they would also like to meet her.
12. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Cllr Rappini said that he has reported some pot holes. Kytes Lane has grit on the Lane which is making the road surface poor. Clerk will report this. Clerk said that she has reported the poor state of the road in Church Lane/Durley Road and Sciviers Lane (Upham end) after a complaint from a resident. The layby opposite Durley Church has been reinstated along the roadside edges.
13. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and agreed BACS payments .
14. HALL: Cllr Pitter to report on updates on Hall car park improvements. Cllr Pitter said that the line markings still need to be agreed and put in, and the hedging needs planting alongside the fence on the 3rd section. Cllr Delmege has seen whips available at a reasonable price so this will be looked at. The EV Charging points are now working. A Hall Management Meeting needs to be arranged – more dates will be circulated to members of the Committee. Councillors agreed the quote to replace roofing sheets which are damaged. It was also agreed that if the Contractor found additional sheets that were broken he should replace those at the

same time whilst the scaffolding is in place as it would be cost-effective to do this work now rather than later.

15. PLANNING:

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. An Objection has been sent.

25/00102/PIP. Ms Stevenson. Application for Permission in Principle for residential development for up to two new dwellings. Rozel Forge, Stapleford Lane, Durley. An agreed Objection has been sent as response had to be sent in prior to this Meeting.

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