

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL APRIL, 2025 MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 8th April, 2025 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall at 6.30 p.m.

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

A Report was given on the Southern Water Public Meeting. Since that Meeting the Clerk has received an e-mail stating that the Operations Team have commissioned a survey to be carried out in the village starting on 16th April and it will take approximately 20 days to complete. The survey will investigate over 600 properties and the roadside gulleys to understand whether they connect into the foul or surface water sewer. Southern Water are hoping that this will shed some light on what is happening.

The Clerk has now received a response from the original developer about selling off one section of buffer area behind properties at The Sawmills. Persimmon Homes have responded stating that they have no objection but a covenant which is on this section of land will need to be included. The Clerk will get the land valued and a meeting arranged with residents who have a property bordering this area so that they can be given the option to purchase if they wish.

A Meeting was held with Parish Councillors from Durley and Upham to meet with our Dedicated Police Officer – PC Sharon Conway. Councillors were pleased to be able to put a name to a face.

CC Williams gave a County Council Report and said that Danny Chambers MP is arranging a Meeting with the Chief Executive of Southern Water to discuss the Heathen Street Pumping Station problems. It is hoped that this will escalate the problem to a higher level. There is a further Consultation out which is looking at making savings on Adult Day Care Services, Planned Maintenance of roads (which prevents pot holes) and Post-16 years School Transport. These are all areas which HCC are hoping to make savings.

A seat which was sited alongside Parsonage Lane has been vandalised which is a great pity as this was a seat which was well used by walkers. The seat has now been removed for safety reasons and will hopefully be replaced when funds allow.

Cllr Delmege read out a letter from a resident thanking the Clerk for all her support in resolving an issue that dated back many years. Cllr Delmege also presented the Clerk with a Mayor of Winchester Award after being nominated by the Chair of Durley Parish Council and the Chair of Upham Parish Council for all the work that she does in both villages.

Cllr Watts reported that the Recreation Ground is fine and DFC members are looking at carrying out some maintenance work over the summer period. They will also look at replacing the flooring in the changing areas.

A Neighbourhood Watch Report was given by Cllr Watts. There were some incidents reported during the last couple of months and scams are still causing concern.

Cllr Rappini gave a Highways Report and informed Councillors that pot holes have been repaired in Snakemoor Lane, but a large one which is on the edge of the road still remains – which is disappointing. Manor Road was closed over the weekend due to a lorry load of fly-

tipping, but this has now been cleared. Sciviers Lane continues to be closed and will be closed for up to 6 months because HCC opened a culvert to carry out repairs and great crested newts were found to be there. A motor home and oil drums have been dumped in Netherhill – this has been reported to WCC.

The Clerk presented the April expenditure which was agreed.

Cllr Pitter reported on the Hall car park renovation work. White Line markings are being plotted on a programme so that we can see how to best utilise the car parking spaces. A Hall Management Meeting will be held on 9th April to discuss some maintenance issues.

Appeals against 2 Planning decisions are going forward for Appeal against the refusal of 4 x single storey holiday lets on land adjacent to The Farmers Home, Heathen Street and the refusal of an application for Permission in Principle for residential development for up to two new dwellings on land at Rozel Froge, Stapleford Lane. Previous objections will go forward to the Inspector dealing with the Appeals.

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