

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2025 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE AT DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, DURLEY AT 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Ellen and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins), along with District Councillor Latham and Juliet Howes from HCC to speak to Councillors about Natural Flood Management.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from County/District Councillor Williams and District Councillor Miller.
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 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2025 WERE AGREED AND SIGNED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE MEETING.
4. MATTERS ARISING:
  - (a) Report on any updates from Southern Water. The Clerk said that she has received no further updates. Some Councillors said that properties were being surveyed in the village so it is hoped that we will hear some results soon.
  - (b) Progress of selling of buffer area at The Sawmills. Clerk has written to the one property owner who had not responded to our letter and there has still been no response despite giving an extension of time for a response. Therefore, we know that 5 property owners are showing an interest. Clerk has informed the Land Agent and the area has now be split into 5 plots rather than 6. After receiving the revised plots a letter will be sent out to those 5 property owners showing the area which they can purchase if they wish.
  - (c) Report on Stand at Church Fete (21.6.25) – Cllr Delmege reported that there were many visitors to the Stand (which made a profit of £27.80 towards the Church Fete). A consultation was taken with Durley residents regarding the Local Government Review. 43 Residents indicated whether they would like to be part of a rural or urban unitary authority in the future. All 43 wished to be part of a rural unitary authority.
  - (d) Report on WCC Parish Briefing (24.6.25) – Clerk attended the Parish Briefing which was mainly about the Local Government Review and Devolution.
  - (e) Report on Public Planning Meeting (2.7.25) – Cllr Delmege said that around 60 residents attended the Meeting which was to discuss a Planning Application within Eastleigh Borough Council area, but right on the boundary of Durley parish for 150 homes. A copy of the Notes is attached to these Minutes and an Objection will be made from Durley Parish Council after listening to the views from residents who attended the Meeting. At the end of the Meeting Cllr Delmege informed residents about the Local Government Review and Devolution and asked them to put a sticker where they feel aligned to – whether it was a rural or urban unitary authority in the future. Cllr Delmege said that 71 residents wanted to be included within a rural unitary authority.
  - (f) Juliet Howes attended the Meeting to inform Councillors about a Natural Flood Management Scheme that she is undertaking opposite Durley Primary School to try and ease the flooding in that area. Land owners are being approached and she wanted to know who owns land in this particular area. Durley Parish Council was not able to give out personal information, but were happy to approach any land owners and ask their permission for information to be given to Juliet. Councillors also asked if HCC were planning on providing flood management in other areas of Durley which have severe flooding problems. At the moment it appears that it is only opposite Durley Primary School.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CC Williams informed Councillors that Sciviers Lane is now open.
6. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT – DC Miller, DC Williams, DC Latham. DC Latham gave a District Councillors' Report saying that a response has been received about antisocial vehicle use in Durley and the surrounding roads/lanes. Training has been given on using speed guns. DC Latham also said that the LDC at Cupressus has been approved as the garden will be a similar size to the property next door. However, the field part has not been approved and will therefore be under the enforcement team to enforce.
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ITEMS BY INVITATION OF THE CHAIRMAN. There were no members of the public present.
8. CORRESPONDENCE:
  - (a) Local Government Review "Our Place, Our Future" Consultation from WCC. The Consultation has been advertised on the website and also on the noticeboard in Durley. Parish Councillors were also urged to make their comments known on the Consultation. From the consultations that have been taken at the Church Fete, Public Meeting and visiting Durley Lunch Club it was agreed that residents felt aligned with a rural unitary authority so Durley Parish Council will respond with this view.
  - (b) The Clerk read out a letter from Christine Bailey who has resigned as a Durley Parish Councillor due to personal reasons. The Clerk will inform WCC and also advertise to see if an Election is requested to fill the vacancy.
  - (c) The Clerk said that in 2026 it will be mandatory for Parish Councils to have a gov.domain and e-mail addresses. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain a quote from Jon at ZeroDotNine for getting the gov.domain.
9. RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that all was running smoothly. The Clerk said that she has received more complaints about mini motorbikes on the Recreation Ground. This is unacceptable as it will damage the pitch if it is wet. The situation will need to be kept monitored and the owner of the mini bikes will be asked to leave if they can be caught.
10. SAWMILLS REPORT: Cllr Rutherford said that all was fine at the moment.
11. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT: Cllr Watts reported that there was nothing to report in Durley. However, there have been 10 thefts from vehicles in Bishops Waltham on one evening and a similar incident in Botley recently.
12. HIGHWAYS REPORT: Cllr Rappini informed Councillors that the sides of the road at Snakemoor Lane are getting very deep and dangerous. These deep pot holes at the side of the road have been reported, but have still not been repaired.
13. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and agreed BACS payments.
14. HALL: Cllr Pitter – Quotes for 3<sup>rd</sup> section of car park. Cllr Pitter said that he is getting quotes and this is progressing. Handrail repairs – the Clerk is hoping to get the same person to quote for this work who is going to quote for the brickwork repairs at the Hall. Quotes for repairs to the gents urinals were discussed, and it was agreed that after a strong cleaner has been used, we will see how this works before making a decision to replace the pipework. The Clerk reported that the Mapboard showing the footpaths in Durley in the Hall car park needed repairing as the wood is rotting and the map is slipping down. Cllr Ellen will see if this could be repaired at the Bishops Waltham Mens Shed.

15. PLANNING:

25/00637/HOU. (Retrospective) Amendment of existing approved application for carport as original drawing in terms of roof style and height were different from those in the initial approved planning application. Elm Tree Farm, Durley Street, Durley. **Approved.**

O/25/99534. Southern Strategic Land Two LLP. John Denham, Shirley George and Heather Bason. Outline application for up to 150 dwellings including 40% affordable housing, with vehicle and cycle accesses from Snakemoor Lane, pedestrian/cycle access from Botley Road, sustainable transport hub, public open space and play area, and associated infrastructure and landscaping (all matters reserved except for access). Land at Denhams Corner, Snakemoor Lane, Eastleigh. This Application was discussed at the Public Meeting held on 2.7.25 when around 60 residents attended, and it was agreed after listening to their views that Durley Parish Council would Object to this Application.

16. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.10 p.m.