

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL JULY, 2025 MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 8th July, 2025 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Attending were Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Rutherford and Cllr Ellen along with the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). District Councillor Latham and Juliet Howes from HCC also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from County/District Councillor Williams and District Councillor Miller.

Clerk reported that there has been no further update from Southern Water concerning the investigations being carried out in the village. However, some Councillors said that they had spoken to investigators when they have been in Durley, and investigation work is continuing. It is hoped that once investigation work is completed Durley Parish Council will be informed of the findings.

Cllr Delmege said that the Stand at the Church Fete had raised £27.80 and alongside running the Stand Durley Parish Council were able to speak to residents about the Local Government Review, and get their views on where they would like to see Durley when a new Unitary Authority is agreed. All residents who were asked wanted to remain in a rural Unitary Authority.

The Clerk attended a WCC Parish Briefing on 24.6.25 where the main discussion taking place was on the Local Government Review and Devolution. Other updates were also given.

A Report was given from the Public Planning Meeting which was held on 2.7.25 to hear views from residents regarding a Planning Application for up to 150 homes in Snakemoor Lane. Residents who attended strongly objected to the Application and will be submitting their comments. Durley Parish Council will also send in a strong objection to the proposed plans.

Juliet Howes of Hampshire County Council spoke to Councillors about the 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 to see if they would be willing to help with this scheme. Councillors asked if other regularly flooded areas of Durley will also be considered. Juliet said that the work on this scheme might have impacts further down stream which might be helpful.

Clerk has sent out a further letter to the one property owner at The Sawmills who has not responded to say whether they have any interest in purchasing a section of land from the buffer area, and still no response has been received. The Land Agent has now divided the plots available for sale into 5 lots. The Clerk will now write to the 5 property owners and ask if they would like to purchase a section at the end of their garden from the buffer area.

County Councillor Williams informed the Clerk that Sciviers Lane is now open again.

District Councillor Latham gave a District Councillors' Report giving Councillors an update on the Local Government Review and Devolution. He has also been informed that speed gun training is being given to Police Officers so that more guns can be used in the area. It is hoped that vehicles that are travelling at excess speed around the village will be caught before someone gets hurt. DC Latham also gave an update on a Lawful Development Certificate.

The Clerk read out a letter from Cllr Bailey who has resigned from Durley Parish Council due to personal circumstances. The vacancy will be advertised shortly. Cllr Bailey will be thanked for all the work that she has carried out with Durley Parish Council since becoming a Parish Councillor.

Reports were given regarding Durley Recreation Ground and The Sawmills.

Cllr Watts gave a Neighbourhood Watch Report. Although there was nothing to report from Durley this month, there were 10 thefts from vehicles in Bishops Waltham on one evening and a similar incident in Botley. Residents should make sure that their vehicles are locked up and valuables not kept inside.

Cllr Rappini said that there was nothing to report on Highways this month, but concern was expressed about the pot holes at the sides of Snakemoor Lane as they are very deep and it is not always possible to get out of the way of an oncoming vehicle. These have been reported, but still not repaired yet.

Cllr Pitter is in the process of getting quotes for the 3rd section of car parking at the Hall. Maintenance work on the handrails, mapboard and some brickwork is being carried out.

The Clerk presented the Financial transactions for July, 2025.

It was agreed that there will be no Parish Council Meeting held in August, unless one is required.

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