

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER, 2025 MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 14th October, 2025 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.

At the start of the Meeting Cllr Delmege said that Councillors had met with 2 candidates who had put their name forward to become a Parish Councillor. A vote took place and Tony Gillett was duly Co-opted. Cllr Delmege introduced Cllr Gillett to our County and District Councillors and welcomed him to the Meeting.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Attending were Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Ellen and Cllr Gillett along with the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). County/District Councillor Williams and District Councillor Miller also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rappini and District Councillor Latham.

The Clerk has received no response or update from Southern Water to date. Councillors agreed that the investigations should now be completed so we would anticipate a response soon. The Clerk will chase up again.

The Clerk will shortly be applying for a Change of Use for part of the buffer area at The Sawmills. Detailed plans will be provided by the Land Agent ready for submission.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended the Southern Parishes Group Meeting on 8th October. The main Speaker was the Monitoring Officer – Gareth John, along with Matthew Watson (Democratic Services Officer), both from Winchester City Council. They spoke about the work of the Monitoring Officer and the Code of Conduct. The remainder of the Meeting was discussion on priorities that the southern parishes felt would be appropriate for the new Mayor to work on. Updates were also given on other topics.

County Councillor Williams gave a HCC Report and he informed Councillors about the Local Government Review proposals and the options which have been put forward from HCC. We now have to wait until probably early in 2026 to hear the Government's response. There will then be a further Consultation.

District Councillor Miller gave a District Councillors' Report giving Councillors an update on the Local Government Review from the WCC proposals. DC Latham is also following up on enforcement cases in Durley along with the Clerk. Community Infrastructure Levy was also discussed for Durley. DC Williams gave an update on Bishops Waltham Surgery.

Clerk has forwarded on information throughout the month regarding the Local Government Review and also Updates on the Winchester District Local Plan.

An e-mail was received from a resident regarding a Hampshire Forest Partnership tree/hedge planting opportunity. Councillors agreed that hedging was planted a couple of years ago with a hedge planting scheme on land owned by Durley Parish Council so it was agreed that no more hedging or trees would be required for our land. However, if any resident would like to participate in the opportunity then please look at the Parish Council website for more details.

Cllr Watts gave a Recreation Ground Report saying that all was fine. A tree branch came down in the recent storm, but this has now been removed. Additional larger signs will be looked at for the entrance of the Ground and also to put on the pavilion. Cllr Rutherford gave a Report on The Sawmills and said that all was fine. It was also suggested that perhaps a goal post could be erected on the Green for children to play football. This will be investigated.

Cllr Watts gave a Neighbourhood Watch Report and said that there has been some assaults in Durley over the past few months and thefts in Durley Street and Whitegates.

Clerk reported that some work has been carried out along Wintershill to repair the cracks in the road. Cllr Rutherford said that the Mincingfield Lane sign at the top of Kytes Lane has been knocked over and needs some repairs, along with reinstating. The Clerk has reported this to WCC.

The financial transactions were agreed and the External Audit is satisfactory for 2024-25. As the Parish Council website will need to be a gov.uk domain for the 2025-26 External Audit Cllr Delmege is looking at various websites which we could use. The Parish Council e-mail address will also be changed to a gov.uk e-mail address.

Cllr Pitter reported that the car park is progressing. The quote was agreed for the replacement of the handrails around the Hall. It is hoped that we will soon have 3 quotes to replace the Hall kitchen and funding will be applied for, in the hope that we will be successful this time.

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