

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

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rappini and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) were present, along with District Councillor Latham and 2 residents.

1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Watts, Cllr Gillett, Cllr Ellen, 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 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 were agreed and signed as a correct record of the Meeting.
4. Matters arising:
  - (a) Report on any updates from Southern Water. Clerk read out an e-mail from Nick at SW stating that the CCTV survey revealed 29 properties in Durley have their rainwater pipes connecting directly into the wastewater sewer system. SW are looking at providing water butts for these properties, but are still progressing with the costing options. Once they have more detailed information SW will share it with us.
  - (b) Progress of selling of buffer area at The Sawmills. The Clerk has been progressing with the Planning Application, but has not submitted it yet.
  - (c) Suggestions for next Southern Parishes Meeting – 5 priorities. Cllr Delmege has been co-ordinating the responses and suggested that Durley propose transport/infrastructure, broadband/connectivity, flooding/sewage systems and highways as general priorities.
  - (d) Website and Councillor e-mail addresses – Cllr Delmege to update. The new website is now up and running and he explained how to use the Councillor e-mail addresses. Each Councillor will be given a new e-mail address specifically for Parish Council use. The Clerk has the main e-mail address for all Parish Council correspondence. This is now live and will be used, although both e-mail addresses will be used for the interim period.
5. County Councillor's Report – CC Williams sent a report about the finger post repairs at The Robin Hood.
6. District Councillors' Report – DC Miller, DC Williams, DC Latham. DC Latham said that there has not been a Meeting at WCC recently, but recycling of food waste is going well and he has not received any update on the Denhams Corner planning application – but will try and find out what the position is and when there will be a decision made. There is no further update on the LGR for Hampshire. Surrey has heard that they will be split into 2 Unitaries. Cllr Delmege asked DC Latham about 3 job vacancies which are currently being advertised for the new Authority in Hampshire. DC Latham will find out more as he has not seen these vacancies.
7. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman:
  - (a) One resident who attended was concerned about the amount and speed of traffic along Durley Street. She had a near miss a couple of times and recently her handbag was moved off her shoulder and she was lucky not to have been seriously injured. Councillors agreed that the main road through Durley is getting used more and although we have asked for an HGV ban through the village HCC will not allow it. Therefore, we cannot monitor HGV vehicles through the village. DPC has been in touch with the Police about speeding vehicles, but although period speed checks are carried out, there is no further

action by the Police. The resident suggested speed humps or some other kind of traffic calming. DPC has in the past asked HCC Highways for suggestions, and although they came out and surveyed the road it was not possible to implement any traffic calming. In fact where speed humps had been put in at that time, they were taken out again as residents complained about the continual noise outside of their property. It was agreed that the Clerk would write again to HCC Highways and ask for the situation to be reviewed again and see if anything can be done to make this stretch of road safer.

- (b) One resident attended to speak about the content for the Parish Magazine. Councillors made some suggestions for future items of interest which could be included.

#### 8. Correspondence:

- (a) Winchester District Local Plan Updates from WCC. This information has been circulated when received to Councillors.
- (b) Defibrillator replacement. Clerk reported that the defibrillator outside of Durley Memorial Hall is now over 10 years old so does need replacing. It was agreed that a more up-to-date one should be purchased. The Clerk has completed a Questionnaire to get a 10% discount. Clerk will place an order.
- (c) An e-mail was received about a potential poisonous plant alongside the road which has been reported to WCC/HCC.
- (d) Community Governance Review – WCC is undertaking a Community Governance Review for the Winchester Town Area and some neighbouring parishes. The first stage of the Consultation is now open. Councillors agreed that this was not a matter for Durley.
- (e) WCC (Parish of Durley)(Part of Durley Public Footpath 22) Public Path Diversion Order 2025. Councillors discussed the diversion of this Public Footpath and it seems that it makes sense to have the diversion in place. However, we would want to see the Public Right of Way removed and the Diversion be the only route for the Public Right of Way and Footpath. This has been the route for many years and therefore has been the route used by walkers. We would request that there is a 1.5m wide footpath provided all the way along from A to B so that it is accessible. It was brought to the attention of Councillors that the current stile is not easy to use so we would like this replaced with a stile, that can be used by those wishing to use it. It is much safer for walkers to use this footpath behind the hedge rather than on the road, but it needs to be accessible in all parts of the footpath. The planning permission 24/017410/HOU we have no objection to, provided there is room for a 1.5 m width footpath remaining, the stile is replaced, and the diversion is approved to be a single footpath/Right of Way and the previous Public Right of Way be removed from the Definitive Map.
- (f) Clerk read out a letter from the CAB thanking DPC for the donation.
- (g) Grant for parish owned bus shelters available. Clerk has had an inspection carried out on the 2 bus shelters along Durley Brook Road which do need refurbishment. The quote was read out to Councillors, and it was agreed that if the Grant was successful, we would go ahead, and have these bus shelters refurbished as they are well used by bus users and especially the school children sheltering under them for the Secondary Schools. If the Grant was not approved, then we would not be able to refurbish at this time.
- (h) Clerk asked if there were any nominations for the Winchester District Association of Local Councils as their AGM was on 12<sup>th</sup> November. Cllr Pitter proposed Cllr Delmege for Vice Chairman and Executive Member. Cllr Rappini seconded this proposal. Cllr Delmege was happy for his name to be put forward for these positions.

9. Recreation Ground Report: Cllr Watts was not at the Meeting to give a report. The Clerk has received a higher than usual electric bill this month for no apparent reason so she will keep an eye on the readings for the next month to see if the meter is working correctly.
10. Sawmills Report: Cllr Rutherford was not at the Meeting to give a report.
11. Neighbourhood Watch Report: Cllr Watts. Stats received from speed checks in area which were circulated by Cllr Watts.
12. Highways Report: Cllr Rappini reported that Wintershill has had repairs carried out on the surface of the carriageway and the pot hole outside of White Owl Cottage has been repaired. There is some flytipping along Chancellors Lane that has been removed and there is a fridge in Mincingfield Lane which has been dumped. Missing finger from sign outside The Robin Hood – the Clerk has chased this up and it is still in the process of being made and then the post will be removed to be refurbished so it might take a little longer yet.
13. Financial transactions: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and agreed BACS payments. Clerk reported that the Half Year Internal Audit was satisfactory. Agree Budget and Precept for 2026-27 Financial Year. Cllr Delmege presented a spreadsheet of the income and expenditure and a proposal of £47,000 was made for the Precept Request for 2026-27. Cllr Pitter seconded this proposal and all Councillors present were in agreement. The Clerk will submit this request to WCC.
14. Hall: Cllr Pitter – Progress of 3<sup>rd</sup> section of car park – soil has been placed along the boundary which needs to be built up for the bund. It was agreed that we might need to wait until the spring to do more work, but enquiries will be made to see if anything can be done earlier. We can then see how much hardcore is needed to build up the car park area. Handrail repairs – Clerk reported that she has received a County Councillor Grant of £500 towards the cost of the replacement handrails. This will leave a £250 shortfall which the Parish Council will cover. Councillors thanked CC Williams for the Grant. Wall repairs – Clerk reported that a local builder is going to take a look at the work needed this week. Water bill – Clerk/Cllr Delmege to report. The bill was over £1,000 which is not correct, however it has now been reduced to around £600 as SW said that there was a leak somewhere. We have not had a leak repaired so it is still a bit of a mystery. However, the bill has now been paid, and we will keep monitoring the water usage. Power outage compensation payment – Clerk reported that a compensation payment was received for the power outage at the Hall. Hall kitchen quotes – Cllr Pitter has received 3 quotes for the Hall kitchen replacement. CIL Funding would be applied for and it was agreed that the quote from Ultraplan would be used and accepted if the CIL Funding Application was successful. A Meeting will be arranged to discuss the Application Form. DC Latham offered to help if required.

15. Planning:

25/01975/FUL. Trustees of The Thresher Room. Extension to existing community hall. Thresher Room, Gregory Lane, Durley. Councillors had no objection to this Application provided the car park was sufficient to accommodate the extension and any visitors to the Room when in use. Councillors did not want any residents in The Sawmills development being inconvenienced by inconsiderate parking.

25/01902/VAR. Mr Davidson. Variation of Condition 10 of application 20/00832/FUL to vary the timescale of demolition. Sunbank, Durley Brook Road, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

25/02223/FUL. Mr Adam Nutton. Erection of two detached timber pergolas in rear garden of Public House. Robin Hood Inn, Durley Street, Durley. Councillors had no objection to the erection of 2 detached timber pergolas in the rear garden of The Robin Hood.

25/02192/FUL. Mr M Barnett. Proposed change of use from agricultural to Sui Generis to create a secure dog walking paddock. Land to the South of Old Forge Cottage, Heathen Street, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application provided parking is off the road and within the site so that it does not impact on residents living near to the field being used.

16. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.20 p.m.