

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2025  
IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE OF DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, DURLEY AT 7.30 p.m.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllr Rappini and District Councillor Latham.
2. Any Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct: Cllr Delmege made a Declaration of Interest as he is a next door neighbour to a Planning Application listed below - Strawberry Roan.
3. The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 were agreed and signed as a correct record of the Meeting.
4. Co-option of Parish Councillor. Parish Councillors met with 2 candidates who wished to be considered as a Parish Councillor for Durley. A vote was taken, and Tony Gillett was felt to be the most suitable candidate at the moment, although both candidates were very good. Tony was invited along to this Meeting and was duly Co-opted. The Declaration of Interest Forms and Declaration of Office Forms were duly signed by Cllr Gillett and he then joined the Meeting.
5. Matters arising:
  - (a) Report on any updates from Southern Water. The Clerk has written to Southern Water, and has not received any update from them, but will chase up again. It was felt that the investigation work should now be completed.
  - (b) Progress of selling of buffer area at The Sawmills. The Clerk has updated the land section map which will be sold off to the 3 property owners. An updated plan has now been received from our Land Agent today so that a Change of Use Planning Application can be submitted. The Clerk has also received an e-mail from one of the property owners adjoining the part of the buffer area which they did not wish to purchase, stating that there are nettles growing high and a tree needs attention. Councillors agreed that when they are visiting the buffer area to look at the fencing for the new plots to sell, they will take a look at the nettles and tree and see if anything needs to be done. Clerk will respond to the enquirer stating that Councillors will view the area.
  - (c) Report on Southern Parishes Meeting (8.10.25) – Cllr Delmege/Clerk reported that at the last Meeting the Monitoring Officer from WCC – Gareth John (Monitoring Officer) and Matthew Watson (Democratic Services Officer) spoke about the work that they do and how they resolve any Code of Conduct issues. The remainder of the Meeting was discussing the bus services in the Meon Valley, mainly the 69, Action on Climate emergency Workshop and ideas which were needed to be put forward to the incoming Mayor, updates were also given on the LGR, NALC, HALC and WDALC. An update on the SDNPA was given along with the Local Plan submission and update. Cllr Delmege asked for 5 priorities that Durley felt were important that could be put forward.
6. County Councillor's Report – CC Williams informed Councillors that about the LGR and the options put forward from HCC and WCC. We now have to wait until probably early in 2026 to hear the Government's response. There will then be a further Consultation. CC Williams informed Councillors about possible Grant funding available and gave an update on BW Surgery.
7. District Councillors' Report – DC Miller, DC Williams, DC Latham. Clerk wrote to the Enforcement Officer regarding long-standing cases in Durley as DC Latham suggested, but the response received was not helpful, so DC Latham is following this up. DC Miller informed

members of the Council that the food waste collection has commenced in October and about the LGR proposals. He also said that WCC are now looking for SHEELA sites for the next Local Plan. CIL Funding due to Durley was also discussed and there are still a couple of outstanding cases where CIL money has not been paid. Clerk will send details of these cases to DC Miller so that he can find out when we are likely to receive payment. Councillors agreed that if CIL money was available then we would apply for a Hall kitchen as we had been unsuccessful previously for funding for the Hall car park.

8. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman. There were no members of the public present to ask questions.
9. Correspondence:
  - (a) Winchester District Local Plan Update from WCC. These have been circulated.
  - (b) Hampshire Forest Partnership tree planting. The Clerk read out an e-mail from a resident along with information regarding a tree/hedge planting opportunity. It was agreed that hedging was planted a couple of years ago with a hedge planting scheme and it was agreed that no more hedging was required on Parish Council owned land, but if individual residents wished to carry out more planting then they can apply for the scheme if they wish. Cllr Delmege will publish this on the Parish Council website.
  - (c) Donation to CAB for 2025-26. Cllr Delmege made a Declaration of Interest and did not take part in the discussion as his wife is a CAB volunteer. Councillors agreed that a donation should be made. Cllr Pitter proposed that we donate £220 the same as last year. Cllr Watts seconded this proposal. All Councillors present were in agreement. The Clerk will send off the donation.
  - (d) Hampshire Community – Led Transport engagement Session – 23.10.25. This was noted.
10. Recreation Ground Report: Cllr Watts reported that all was fine at the Ground. Tree branch removal – Clerk reported that a tree branch had come down during the recent storm and Nick Horn had removed it. Report of Site visit and Inspection – Cllr Watts and the Clerk visited the Recreation Ground and agreed that there were no immediate issues. Additional signs were discussed, perhaps larger and put on posts at the entrance and Pavilion. It was agreed to view the size required and look at this again in the future.
11. Sawmills Report: Cllr Rutherford said that everything was fine at The Sawmills. Report on Site Visit and Inspection – Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Delmege and the Clerk visited The Sawmills Play Area and it was agreed that everything was fine, but perhaps a football goal post could be placed on the Green as youngsters often like to play football on the Green. It was agreed that we would look at a suitable size and look at the cost. Although this is a simple idea and should not cost a great deal.
12. Neighbourhood Watch Report: Cllr Watts reported that there have been some assaults in Durley over the past few months and thefts in Durley Street and Whitegates. A bike seems to have appeared tied to a post in Durley Brook Road which is a bit of a mystery.
13. Highways Report: Clerk said 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. Cllr Watts said that there has been some fly-tipping on Chancellors Lane which has been reported by Botley PC.
14. Financial transactions: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and agreed BACS payments. External Audit Report satisfactory – however, it was noted that we do need have a gov.uk website and e-mail address for the 2025-26 Audit. Cllr Delmege is already looking at this so that we will be ready.

15. Hall: Cllr Pitter – Quotes for 3<sup>rd</sup> section of car park – Clerk has asked the land owner when he is able to get the bund made up as we are not able to move forwards until this is done. It looks as if one lorry load of soil has arrived this week. Handrail repairs – Clerk presented a quote from Rueben Reeves for the woodwork on the handrails outside of the Hall. Councillors agreed the quote and Clerk will ask Rueben to carry out the work as soon as possible. Clerk will see if a Grant can be applied for to cover the costs prior to work being carried out. Wall repairs – Clerk will chase the builder who is happy to do the work when he is able. Power outage on 4.10.25 – this caused a lot of problems for the Hall, and a large booking had to be cancelled at short notice. Cllr Pitter said that the main problem with SSE was that they could not find the Hall with a postcode. Councillors could not understand why as we are listed with a postal address and a postcode. Water bill – Cllr Delmege and the Clerk are still trying to work with Southern Water to see why we have received such a high bill for this 6 month period. There appears to be no reason for it. SW have been very difficult to communicate with to get any answers. The Clerk has sent an e-mail today trying to resolve this issue. Cllr Delmege is taking weekly meter readings to see how much water we actually use.

16. Planning:

25/01508/VAR. Mr M Karia. S73 application for variation of condition 7 and 8 of planning permission 22/02114/HOU relating to changes in design, roof form, internal layout and materials of the detached gymnasium. Three Gables, Stapleford Lane, Durley. Councillors agreed that provided the Condition “for personal use only” still applied then there was no objection. We would not wish to see a business being run from the annexe.

25/01751/LDC. Mr G Rappini. Change of use of land to a mixed use for agriculture, storage and siting of caravan(s) for residential occupation. Land to the south-east, Durley Street, Durley. Councillors agreed that if the information received was sufficient to satisfy the Legal criteria, then they had no objection as this is a Legal matter for the Legal Team to decide.

Cllr Delmege make a Declaration of Interest as Strawberry Roan is next door to his property. Cllr Delmege took no part in the discussion.

25/01918/HOU. Mrs J Reeves. Proposed ground floor rear and side extension, alteration to floor plan, new front entrance and change of roof material. Strawberry Roan, Durley Brook Road, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this Application.

Appeal by Mr S Hussey of Oakdene UK Developments Ltd. on Land to north east of the Farmers Home, Heathen Street, Durley for construction of 4 single-storey, timber-clad cabins for use as holiday lets. APPEAL ALLOWED AND PLANNING PERMISSION IS GRANTED.

25/01650/HOU. Mr and Mrs Reed. Single storey rear extension. 2 Gregory Lane, Durley. PERMITTED.

25/01985/FUL. Mr Pearse. Proposed replacement self-build dwelling and detached annexe/garage/store, including associated landscaping works (following demolition of existing garage and dwelling). Swallowfield, Manor Road, Durley. Councillors agreed that they had no comments to make on this Application.

Plans were circulated for an impending Planning Application submission for extension to The Thresher Room.

Winchester Local Plan – Matt 16 regarding Tollgate Sawmill allocated in Plan Policy BW3. This was noted.

17. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40 p.m.