

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY, 2026 MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 13th January, 2026 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 Ellen and Cllr Gillett along with the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). District/County Councillor Williams and 2 residents also attended the Meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rutherford, DC Miller and DC Latham.

The Clerk has received notification from Southern Water that 29 properties in Durley were highlighted as needing a water butt, and were going to have them installed during January. It will take around two weeks to install all the water butts. Councillors were disappointed that these were not the slow release butts. During the last couple of months the drainage system in Heathen Street has had problems, along with a blockage. SW did send out representatives urgently and work was undertaken, but there is still more work needed.

The Durley Parish Council website is now up and running and the Parish Council e-mail address has changed to clerk@durleyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Cllr Delmege and the Clerk attended the Winchester District Association of Local Councils AGM in Colden Common. Cllr Bodger from Curdridge was elected as the Chair and Cllr Delmege was elected as the Vice Chair. The Speaker was Cllr Martin Tod (Leader of WCC), who spoke to Parishes about the Local Government Review and the options available.

County Councillor Williams gave a County and District Councillors' Report. The main item was the non-gritting of the main road through Durley. The Clerk had contacted CC Williams over the last weekend as the road was so icy there were many accidents and vehicles sliding along the road. It was considered very dangerous and all Councillors agreed that this route should be put back onto the gritting route as a priority. CC Williams also said that Sciviers Lane will be closed for 5 days to put in a new water supply. Vehicles parking on the pavements in Durley Brook Road was also highlighted to CC Williams as this is causing a problem for elderly residents who use a mobility scooter and for wheel chair and push chair users.

Two residents were at the Meeting to bring to the attention of Parish Councillors their views on a planning issue. As Councillors have not yet received a formal Planning Application they were unable to make any comments.

The Modifications proposed for the Winchester Local Plan were circulated and noted. No further comments would be made from Durley Parish Council.

Councillors were pleased with the new refurbished Mapboard outside of Durley Memorial Hall which shows the Footpaths in Durley. This work was carried out by the Bishops Waltham Mens' Shed. A payment was agreed for the materials needed and a donation was given.

Information was received from Eastleigh Borough Council about the proposed closure of part of Mortimers Lane and the traffic diversion. Work will commence on 2nd February and Councillors are anticipating that the volume of traffic through the main road in Durley will increase, although this is not the diversion route. Cllr Rappini has also made this point to HCC Highways, especially if the cold weather continues and the road is not gritted. CC Williams has also expressed his concern on our behalf, and asked for additional signage to be

put up. This is not a temporary issue as it will go on for around 6 months which will be a considerable length of time.

Cllr Watts gave a Neighbourhood Watch Report highlighting some incidents that have occurred over the past two months.

Cllr Rappini gave a Highways Report informing Councillors that he had a long conversation with HCC Highways about the lack of gritting through Durley when there was ice on the road causing many accidents and vehicles sliding. He also outlined his concern about the traffic increase through Durley when the Mortimers Lane cycleway work is being carried out. Although the main road through Durley is not a diversion route it is clear that it will become one as drivers will take the shortest route to their destination.

The financial transactions were agreed along with the Clerk's pay review for 2025-26.

Cllr Pitter said that the car park extension will continue until when the weather is better, hopefully in the spring. We are waiting for the Grant Application to be heard for the kitchen renovations. The handrails around the Hall entrances have been done and thanks were given to Cllr Delmege for the good work carried out by the Contractor. A County Councillor Grant was applied for, and successful for 2/3rds of this work. Thanks were given to CC Williams for funding this project.

All Parish Council information can be found on the Durley Parish Council website, this includes Agendas, Minutes and Reports.

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