

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER, 2025 MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 11th November, 2025 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Attending were Cllr Pitter and Cllr Rappini along with the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). District Councillor Latham and 2 residents also attended the Meeting. Best wishes were sent to 2 Councillors who were not able to attend because they were recovering from recent operations.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Watts, Cllr Gillett, Cllr Ellen, County/District Councillor Williams and District Councillor Miller.

The Clerk has received a response from Southern Water stating that CCTV surveys carried out on 29 properties in Durley revealed that their rain water pipes connect directly into the wastewater sewer system. Southern Water are looking at providing water butts for these properties, but are still progressing with the costing options. Once they have more detailed information they will share it with us.

A Planning Application will shortly be submitted by the Clerk for the change of use of the buffer area at The Sawmills.

Cllr Delmege reported on the progress of updating the Parish Council website and also the new e-mail address for Durley Parish Council which will be clerk@durleyparishcouncil.gov.uk. Details will be updated on all Parish Council correspondence and website information when this goes live. The Clerk said that the current e-mail address will still be live and she will receive both e-mail addresses for the interim period.

County Councillor Williams sent a HCC Report stating that the finger post outside of The Robin Hood is still being repaired. The Clerk has also received detailed correspondence on this.

District Councillor Latham gave a District Councillors' Report. He said that WCC has not held a Meeting recently, but recycling of food waste is going well and he has not received any further update on the Denhams Corner Planning Application – although he is going to try and find out when a decision is likely. There is no further update on the Local Government Review.

A resident attended to give Parish Councillors an account of a recent “near miss” along Durley Street when she was walking along it. Durley Parish Council has always been trying to make Durley Street a safer place to walk, but HCC will not allow a total HGV ban through the village and have not agreed to any traffic calming in the past. Councillors agreed that the Clerk would write to HCC Highways again and see if some form of traffic calming could be considered again.

A possible Grant is available to refurbish bus shelters which are owned by Parish Councils. It was agreed that the Clerk would apply for this and if successful we would refurbish the two bus shelters along Durley Brook Road. If we were not successful then we would not go ahead.

Cllr Delmege was nominated for Vice Chair and to go onto the Executive Committee of the Winchester District Association of Parish Councils.

There were no reports for the Recreation Ground and The Sawmills.

Cllr Rappini gave a Highways Report saying that he was pleased the repairs had been carried out in Wintershill and the pot hole outside of White Owl Cottage, Parsonage Lane. The Clerk also reported on the detailed work being carried out on the finger post outside of The Robin Hood.

The financial transactions were agreed and the first 6 month Internal Audit is satisfactory for 2025-26. The Budget for 2026-27 and the Precept request to WCC were also agreed for 2026-27.

Cllr Pitter reported that the car park is progressing, but it might be the spring before it can be completed due to the winter weather. Clerk applied for a County Councillor Grant towards the cost of the replacement of the handrails outside of the Hall and this was partially successful. 2/3 of the cost will be paid for by this Grant – which Councillors gave their thanks to CC Williams. The final 1/3 will be paid for out of Parish Council funds. Cllr Pitter showed Councillors 3 quotes for the replacement Hall kitchen and Councillors agreed on the most suitable quote. A Meeting will be arranged to complete a Grant Application so that this can be funded by a Grant. Clerk reported that she had received compensation from SSE for the recent power outage at the Hall.

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