

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY, 2026 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE IN 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 District Councillor Latham. 5 parishioners were also in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllr Rappini, CC/DC Williams and DC Miller.
2. Any Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct. Cllr Gillett make a Personal Declaration of Interest as he is a neighbour to Planning Application 25/02619/FUL.
3. The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 13th January, 2026 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.
4. Matters arising:
 - (a) Report on any updates from Southern Water. Clerk said that she has been notified that 29 water butts have been fitted to those properties who were identified as requiring one. Flooding has been a huge problem again this month and tankers have been used yet again at the Pumping Station. Several residents who live in Heathen Street are finding the situation intolerable. Residents attending the Meeting were all there to ask what SW and HCC Highways are doing as no-one who visits appears to know about the ongoing problems and what is being done to try and rectify the situation. This is now having an impact on many residents' health and Councillors are getting as frustrated as the residents at the lack of action. We fully understand that there has been heavy rainfall recently, but these issues relating to the Pumping Station and road network to the Pumping Station have been going on for years. CC Williams and the Clerk have been in touch with Danny Chambers our MP and he is trying to locate a Senior Officer at SW to discuss our concerns with. The Clerk is forwarding on photographs and information from residents to Danny Chambers and CC Williams so that they have evidence of what is going on. Questions will be agreed to ask our MP so that he can put them to SW. Once we have further information a further Public Meeting will be held.
 - (b) Progress of Planning Application for Change of Use at The Sawmills. The Clerk has submitted an Application and it is hoped that it will be validated soon.
 - (c) Website and Councillor e-mail addresses – Cllr Delmege to update. Cllr Delmege reported that the website is now complete and working. Some Councillors do still need to get their e-mail addresses changed.
 - (d) Report on Southern Parishes Meeting (2.2.26) – Cllr Delmege/Clerk. The main items discussed were the 5 priorities which will be given to the Mayoral Candidates, the Elections took place as it was the AGM and Cllr Delmege was voted in as the Chair, with Cllr Bodger from Curdrige PC being voted in as the Vice Chair. Bus services or lack of them in the rural parishes were also discussed. Clerk will circulate the link to a survey for Councillors to complete which was given out at the meeting. Preparing for an Emergency Booklets were given out to Councillors which were distributed at the SP Meeting.
 - (e) Bus Shelter refurbishment Grant Application. Clerk has submitted the Application.
 - (f) Noticeboard outside of The Robin Hood. Cllr Pitter looked at the noticeboard and carried out some temporary repair work. It was agreed that this will need to be replaced at some point. The Clerk has applied for a Small Grant from WCC and if successful we will replace the noticeboard now.

5. County Councillor's Report – CC Williams was not at the Meeting but sent a report stating that he has been involved in flooding issues and has chased up HCC about the non-gritting of the main road through Durley and asked for it to be put back on the Priority gritting route.
6. District Councillors' Report – DC Miller, DC Williams, DC Latham. DC Latham said that the Budget is being discussed this month. There is a survey being circulated to Parish Councils asking if they would like their Elections to be on the same cycle as the Unitary elections so that it will be a lower cost. There is also a Recycling Survey for residents to complete if they wish. A Councillor pointed out that the food waste collection is not picked up every week in a part of Durley Street. It appears that it is only picked up when the green recycling bin is collected. DC Latham will try and see why this is happening. There will be further recycling bins in the future. DC Latham also said that there will be a Yoga Session on a Sunday morning at Priory Park from May to September outside. Further details will be sent to the Clerk so that this can be advertised in Durley.
7. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman. All residents attending gave their views on flooding and the Pumping Station under item 4(a).
8. Correspondence:
 - (a) Winchester District Local Plan Updates from WCC. Circulated. These were noted.
 - (b) Agree Churchyard maintenance donation for 2025-26 year. Cllr Pitter proposed that we pay £250 as last year. Cllr Delmege seconded this proposal. All Councillors present were in agreement. The Clerk will make the donation.
 - (c) WCC Mayor of Winchester Awards nominations. Councillors had no nominations to make, but will send any to the Clerk by 12th February if they wished someone to be nominated.
 - (d) WCC – Asking for views on whether Parish Council Elections should be aligned with elections for the new Councils. A four year all out Election. Councillors agreed that this would make sense as it would be a lot cheaper for Parishes.
9. Recreation Ground Report: Cllr Watts reported that the ground is very wet at the moment. Cllr Gillett has offered to carry out the play area inspections.
10. Sawmills Report: Cllr Rutherford said that there was nothing to report. Junior Football Goal – Councillors agreed that one goal should be purchased so that youngsters can play on the Green area, but we would order and install this when the weather is drier.
11. Neighbourhood Watch Report: Cllr Watts said that there was one public order offence in Manor Road and one assault in Durley Brook Road. Details were given about the Safe Online Scheme for those over 60 or have a disability. Details will be published on the Parish Council website and in the Durley Parish magazine for information.
12. Highways Report: Cllr Rappini was not at the Meeting to give a report. Flooding problems and pot holes have been reported throughout the month. Cllr Watts said that the amount of HGV lorries going along Durley Street has increased with all the diversions. Durley is not a diversion route, but as anticipated drivers will find the quickest route.
13. Financial transactions: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and agreed BACS payments.
14. Hall: Cllr Pitter – Progress of 3rd section of car park - nothing to report as the weather has been so wet nothing could be done. Wall repairs – it was agreed that as the original contractor does not appear to be carrying out the work so Cllr Ellen will ask someone who will most probably do the work for around £150. No further information on Hall kitchen refurbishment

grant – Clerk said that it is hoped that we will hear in March as that is when the Cabinet meets to agree the CIL Funded Grants.

15. Planning:

25/02223/FUL. Erection of two detached timber pergolas in rear garden of Public House. The Robin Hood Inn, Durley Street, Durley. PERMITTED.

25/02619/FUL. Mr Barny. Erection of 2 no. detached self-build dwellings and gardens with associated car parking along with use of existing access onto Durley Brook Road. Land adjacent to Lyons Cottage, Durley Brook Road, Durley. Councillors agreed that an Objection would be made as this development does not meet the criteria for MTRA3 as this is not an infill development – this is part of an agricultural field and just because it has not been used for a number of years does not mean that it is a brownfield site. It is also not in the middle of a continuous developed road frontage. This development does not fit with MTRA4 as it would create undesirable additional dwellings in the countryside for which there is no justification. Amenities listed on the Planning Application are incorrect as there is no shop or adequate bus service in the village. The Application does not come within the WCC Local Plan currently, or in the proposed New Local Plan, which has not been Adopted yet. Therefore, to apply for self-build properties is just a way of getting round the current planning regulations. 2 dwellings on this site was Refused in 2018 and Councillors believe that it should be Refused again.

It was pointed out to Councillors that Maxwell House, Mincingfield Lane has been demolished when it was believed that Planning Permission was approved for extensions and reconfiguration not to demolish. This will be checked out with the Planning Team.

16. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20 p.m.