

THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup>  
MARCH, 2026 IN THE KEN STAINER SUITE OF DURLEY MEMORIAL HALL, DURLEY AT 7.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman), Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Ellen, Cllr Gillett and the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins) were present. County/District Councillor Williams and 6 parishioners were also in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from DC Miller, DC Latham and Cllr Rutherford.
2. Any Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct. Cllr Gillett made a Declaration of Interest on item 15 (25/02357/FUL) as he is a neighbouring property owner. There were no other Declarations of Interest made.
3. The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 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 and Danny Chambers regarding Pumping Station and Heathen Street/Stapleford Lane works. A summary of the Meeting was circulated by the Clerk. Cllr Delmege is discussing updates with SW so that information can be put onto the Parish Council website to keep residents updated. Work is going on and SW have agreed to temporarily repair the pot holes so that Heathen Street can be re-opened. Some information is circulating which is not correct so residents will be directed to the Parish Council website for the correct and most up-to-date information. It is hoped that Heathen Street will be re-opened next week. Cllr Delmege will chase SW for the maps of the drainage system in Durley as promised at our Meeting. Clerk has received an e-mail from our MP Danny Chambers, and he has asked what we would like him to follow up. Councillors agreed that as HCC Highways did not attend the Meeting – which was disappointing, it would be helpful if Danny could follow up the e-mail which was sent to Durley Parish Council in 2018 stating that funding was going to be sought for major work on Heathen Street to stop the road from sinking all the time. Clerk will get in touch with SW to see how SW can be helped to progress, and then a request will be put into Danny to follow this up so that funding is available for the work SW needs to do.
  - (b) Progress of Planning Application for Change of Use at The Sawmills. The Planning Application has now been submitted so we are now waiting for approval.
  - (c) Bus Shelter refurbishment Grant Application. Clerk has not received any result yet of the Grant. Hopefully, we will hear soon. CC Williams will try and find out when we will know the result of the Grant Application.
  - (d) Noticeboard outside of The Robin Hood. Clerk read out an e-mail which stated that we have not been recommended for approval. This was disappointing, but hopefully we will be successful in the future.
  - (e) Cllr Pitter attended a Police Conference, and he informed Councillors that Emma Hart (Lead Co-ordinator) was speaking about Community Speed Watch Groups, speed cameras and costs involved. The cost was £90,000 for a speed camera and there was a £20,000 Grant available towards the cost. Cllr Delmege will download data from the SID's that we use in Durley and then we can send them to Emma.
5. County Councillor's Report – CC Williams reported that some pot holes which have appeared in Durley have now been repaired. An update on the GP Surgery in BW was given. CC Williams also gave a general update on planning issues.

6. District Councillors' Report – DC Miller, DC Williams, DC Latham. There was no District Councillors' Report available.
7. Public Participation items by invitation of the Chairman. Residents in attendance were there to give their views on a planning application further on in the Agenda.
8. Correspondence:
  - (a) .Updates on WCC Local Plan circulated when received. This was noted.
  - (b) E-mails and photographs received regarding Heathen Street. Clerk has received a lot of correspondence from residents living in Heathen Street and has passed all the information onto Danny Chambers and CC Williams so that they are well aware of what residents are having to endure.
  - (c) HCC Parish Lengthsman Scheme confirmed for 2027 and 2028. The Clerk has sent out details to the parishes in our cluster.
9. Recreation Ground Report: Cllr Watts reported that she has checked the Pavilion and Cllr Gillett has carried out the play area inspections. Clerk reported that some vandalism had occurred with the entrance gate, but this has now been sorted.
10. Sawmills Report: Cllr Rutherford was not at the Meeting to give a Report.
11. Neighbourhood Watch Report: Cllr Watts informed Councillors that there was one public order offence in Sciviers Lane and one assault reported in Durley Brook Road.
12. Highways Report: Cllr Rappini said that many pot holes have been reported and some have been repaired. Heathen Street is still closed at the moment. Cllr Delmege asked CC Williams about the £600m which has been allocated for pot holes. CC Williams explained there has been an underspend since 2020 in preventative maintenance. Clerk has reported fly-tipping along the side of Wintershill and Sciviers Lane.
13. Financial transactions: Councillors agreed invoices presented by the Clerk and agreed BACS payments. The Clerk said that the accounts were with the Internal Auditor at the moment.
14. Hall: Cllr Pitter – Progress of 3<sup>rd</sup> section of car park – it was agreed that now the spring is here we would get quotes for carrying out the clearance work on the 3<sup>rd</sup> section of the car park. Wall repairs where gas heater pipes have been taken out – these have now been done. Decorating the back-stage rooms will need to be considered and quotes obtained, but it was agreed to wait until after the kitchen area is done. Hall kitchen refurbishment grant – it is hoped that the Grant will be known by the end of this week. If approved, then work will be scheduled in the diary to be done as soon as possible.
15. Planning:

25/02357/FUL. Mr Hepburn. Change of use from agriculture to mixed use for agricultural and residential use. Cupressus, Durley Brook Road, Durley. After listening to the views of residents it was agreed that an Objection would be made. This will be on similar grounds as our previous Objection for the same (or every similar Application). Councillors agreed that there was little change in this Application and therefore the Application should be Refused again. It will also be requested that this Application be heard by the Planning Committee.

26/00381/TPO. Mr Acton. T1 – Oak tree – Reduce crown by 3 – 5 metres, remove deadwood and torn branches. Mincingfield Terrace, Mincingfield Lane, Durley. Councillors had no comments to make on this application.

26/00326/FUL. Durley Parish Council. Change of use of part of the buffer area into residential gardens for 3 properties at The Sawmills (numbers 6, 7 and 8). Land to the rear of 6, 7 and 8 The Sawmills, Durley. Councillors agreed that a response would be sent in supporting this Application.

Appeal Ref: 6001817. Woodlands Class Clips Dog Grooming, Greenwood Lane, Durley. Appeal made by Ms Jo-Anne Udy and Mr Jon Churcher against the decision of WCC (Application Ref: 25/00629/PNDMCD). The development proposed is demolition and construction of a purpose built detached dwellinghouse. APPEAL DISMISSED.

25/01985/FUL. Mr and Mrs Pearse. Proposed replacement self build dwelling and detached garage outbuilding, including associated landscaping works (following demolition of existing garage and dwelling). Swallowfield, Manor Road, Durley. PERMITTED.

26/00380/HOU. Ms Phelps. Demolition of existing side extension and erection of rear extension, porch, rooflights, roof-lanterns and minor elevational alterations. Brooklands, Durley Brook Road, Durley. Councillors agreed that they had no comments to make on this Application.

16. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.45 p.m.