

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL APRIL, 2026 MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 14th April, 2026 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall at 6.30 p.m.

Cllr Delmege (Chairman) chaired the Meeting. Attending were Cllr Watts, Cllr Pitter, Cllr Rappini, Cllr Rutherford, Cllr Ellen and Cllr Gillett along with the Clerk (Mrs Anne Collins). District Councillor Miller and 1 resident also attended the Meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from CC/DC Williams and DC Latham.

Cllr Delmege reported that he has been in touch with Ashley Spooner from Southern Water asking for a map of the Durley sewage network, but has still not received anything. A Note was prepared which could be delivered to all Durley residents asking them to report any flooding near to their properties via floodingindurley@gmail.com so that we can co-ordinate evidence of flooding in the village. Tankers are still using Chancellors Lane and that Lane is getting very bad.

The Clerk reported that the Grant from HCC to refurbish the 2 bus shelters along Durley Brook Road, where School children wait to meet the School buses was approved. This work will be carried out as soon as the Legal Agreement has been signed, which will most probably be around May/June time.

As the Grant to replace the noticeboard outside of The Robin Hood was not successful Councillors agreed that repairs will be carried out until a further Grant opportunity is available. Cllr Ellen offered to ask the Mens Shed in Bishops Waltham if they would take a look and see if it was worth repairing.

The Chairman and Clerk attended the Winchester District Association of Local Councils Meeting on 13.4.26 in Winchester. Martin Tod (Leader of WCC) and Laura Taylor (CEO of WCC) updated Councillors on the new Unitary Authority for mid-Hampshire and the process that we now need to go through. Julie Pinnock informed members that the WCC Local Plan has been Adopted. 2 speakers from Action Hampshire gave a talk on Rural Exception Sites and a report was given on Rural Transport by Stuart Jones.

County and District Councillors Reports were given at the Annual Parish Assembly which followed this Meeting.

Clerk read out a letter of thanks from a resident thanking Durley Parish Council for all their efforts in trying to follow up with Southern Water and Danny Chambers regarding the Southern Water issues in Heathen Street and the Pumping Station.

A Recreation Report was given by Cllr Watts and Cllr Gillett and a Sawmills Report was given by Cllr Rutherford.

Cllr Watts said that there have been a few incidents during recent months, including a violent offence, criminal damage, and vehicle crime along with thefts from garages.

Cllr Rappini gave a Highways Report and informed Councillors that pot holes and flooding issues are the main problems and these have been reported. Cllr Rutherford said that there were many road signs just left in the village after work has been carried out. If these are not needed then they will be picked up and left at the Hall ready for collection by the relevant Authority.

Clerk gave a Financial Report for April and said that the Internal Auditor now has the Accounts for the End of Year Internal Audit.

Cllr Pitter said that quotes were being prepared for the 3rd section of the car park. A bund will also be built on the field side by the fence. The Clerk reported that Mr Reeves has kindly donated this section of land to Durley Parish Council. Councillors gave agreement to pay any legal costs involved. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Mr Reeves thanking him for this generous donation to the parish. The Hall kitchen refurbishment Grant was successful and the work should commence on Monday 20th April. A replacement inverter was needed for the solar panels – this has been replaced and is working well. The solar panels will also be cleaned.

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