

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Annual Parish Assembly on Tuesday 14th April, 2026 at 8.00 p.m. in in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall.

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 were also in attendance. Apologies were received from County/District Councillor Williams and District Councillor Latham.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Assembly were agreed and signed.

Cllr Steve Delmege gave a Chairman's Report stating all the work that Durley Parish Council has carried out over the year. He also thanked his fellow Councillors, County Councillor and District Councillors, along with the Clerk. Their support has been invaluable over the year.

The Clerk gave a Financial Report stating that we are within Budget and that we are carrying forward £2,500 more than last year. The 1st and 2nd sections of the Hall car park renovation work is now completed, along with white line markings. It is hoped that the final 3rd section will be carried out within this next financial year. A Grant has been awarded for the Hall kitchen renovations and this work will commence on 20th April. A Grant from Hampshire County Council was approved for the refurbishment of the 2 bus shelters along Durley Brook Road. This work should be done in May/June time. A detailed report was given of all the Income and Expenditure for the year.

Cllr Ellen gave a Hall Report detailing all the work completed during the year. He gave his thanks to Cllr Pitter and the Clerk for putting together the Grant Application Forms, obtaining quotes and over-seeing the work that has been carried out. The Hall bookings continue to increase and sometimes there are 5 bookings in a day. The Hall continues to do well and all the volunteers who help with the running and small maintenance issues were thanked.

A County Councillor's Report was sent by CC Williams and a District Councillors' Report was given by DC Miller. A lot of the work carried out by our County and District Councillors has been with the Pumping Station, Enforcement issues and Planning. DC Miller thanked Durley Parish Council for all their work over the year on behalf of Durley residents.

Cllr Rappini gave a Highways Report and it was noted that pot holes are a continuing problem around the village, dangerous deep ones get reported by Cllr Rappini. This year it does appear that temporary repairs are done faster on the more serious holes. Southern Water helped Hampshire Highways by doing temporary repairs on pot holes along Stapleford Lane. This was because their tankers are contuing to make use of that Lane for the problems at the Pumping Station. Flooding has been a problem this year, but flooding outside of Durley Primary School and Mays Corner have been working well. The sink hole in Heathen Street remains a problem which keeps re-appearing. Fly tipping in the last 12 months appears to have been reduced.

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