

DURLEY PARISH COUNCIL JUNE, 2026 MEETING REPORT

Durley Parish Council held their Monthly Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 9th June, 2026 in the Ken Stainer Suite at Durley Memorial Hall at 7.30 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). County/District Councillor Williams and 1 resident also attended the Meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from DC Latham and DC Fleuren.

The Chairman commenced the Meeting by informing members that we had a new District Councillor – DC Fleuren. Unfortunately DC Fleuren was not able to attend the Meeting as she was on holiday, but Councillors hope to meet her at our next Meeting. Thanks were given to our former District Councillor – Steve Miller. Steve has been our District Councillor for many years and will be greatly missed for his support and help with Durley issues. A letter of thanks will be sent to him by the Clerk. County Councillor Jonathan Williams was re-elected and was congratulated at the Meeting.

Cllr Delmege said that he has received 2 responses to date regarding flooded areas in Durley. Cllr Delmege has been in touch with Ashley Spooner at Southern Water for an update, and Danny Chambers our MP is still chasing up with Officers at Southern Water for a meaningful response about the Pumping Station issues. A resident present offered his help with the ongoing problems, and it is hoped that he will be able to provide quite a bit of the background information, and support the work of DPC and our MP.

The Clerk reported that as there were quite a few Grants approved all at the same time for bus shelters in the HCC area, therefore the refurbishment work on the 2 bus shelters along Durley Brook Road will not be done until July as the Company is inundated with requests. This was acceptable to Councillors as there is no real rush.

Cllr Pitter reported that the low water pressure in Sciviers Lane is now reading 2 bars and as this is an acceptable level of pressure according to Portsmouth Water there is little residents are able to do to get the pressure any higher at this time.

CC Williams gave a County Council Report stating that after the recent Elections no one Party has overall control. Cllr Nick Adams-King has been re-elected as Leader. It has been proposed that HCC will go to Judicial Review over the Local Government Reorganisation.

Clerk reported on the highways issues which arose from the work on the Botley By-pass recently and the road closures which caused many problems for residents in the lanes around this area. This was followed up with HCC Highways, as diversion routes around country lanes are not suitable diversion routes, and when they are closed drivers do not take any notice and remove any bollards etc.

Clerk read out 2 e-mails which have been received during the month thanking Councillors and the Clerk for all their hard work. These were appreciated.

Cllr Watts/Cllr Gillett gave a Report on the Recreation Ground, the only issue raised was the amount of dog fouling on the Ground. Dog fouling signs have been ripped down again. The majority of dog owners do pick up after their dogs, but some do not, and this is causing unpleasant problems for users (including young children) of the facilities at the Recreation Ground. Please pick up after your dog, and if you see a dog owner not doing so (and you are happy to take a photograph), then please take a photograph and let Durley Parish Council

know. If the dog owner has arrived in a vehicle then the vehicle registration plate would be helpful so that we can contact the Dog Warden for action to be taken. Cllr Rutherford said that all was fine at The Sawmills Green, apart from one post which will be replaced.

Cllr Watts gave a Neighbourhood Watch Report and mentioned the incidents which have occurred over the last month. Fake bank notes are circulating at the moment, along with World Cup tickets.

Cllr Rappini gave a Highways Report and said that some fly-tipping was reported in Durley Lane across the road recently and this was removed very quickly so that the road could re-open again. Cllr Rappini will also purchase 2 new SID batteries as the current ones do not appear to last long.

The Clerk gave a Financial Report for June, 2026 and said that the Hall kitchen Grant has now been claimed, and is in the Bank Account.

Cllr Pitter gave a Hall Report and said that the painting work in the kitchen, foyer and back-stage rooms has been done, but there are some snagging issues which will need to be resolved. It is hoped that digger work on the final part of the Hall car park will be carried out during July.

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