

EVERDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Everdon Parish Council
held on Monday 7 September 2015 at 7pm
in the Village Hall, Everdon

Present: Kevin Nichols (Chairman), David Osborne (Vice-Chairman), Clerk/RFO Erica Fothergill, Councillors Don Aitkenhead, Peter Cooper, Ron Flounders and Shaen Linfoot.

District Councillor Johnnie Amos attended briefly to field questions relating to item 7 on the agenda. 7 residents also attended the meeting.

1	Requests for dispensation – None.																																
2	Public Participation A number of residents attended the meeting to express their disapproval with the Plough's application to extend their opening hours. Two of the residents present wanted to enlist the Council's assistance for a playground in the village.																																
3	Apologies – Councillor Wilkins who was unable attend the rearranged meeting due to existing holiday plans.																																
4	The recommended changes to the 2015 Code of Conduct, revised by Daventry District Council, were approved.																																
5	Members' Declaration of Interest – None																																
6	Resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the statutory meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 July 2015 as a true record of proceedings.																																
7	The Chairman advised that he had just received notification that The Plough Inn had withdrawn their application for variation of premises license.																																
8	It was unanimously agreed to support the request for a children's playground in the village, on the following basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable land with an appropriate tenure, needs to be obtained within the village; • Sufficient funding needs to be raised for any work to the land and installation of play equipment; • Regular inspections of equipment will be required; • A working party should be formed to oversee this project; • Progress will be reviewed at the October Parish Council meeting. 																																
9	Please refer to item 12 for an update on the installation of the defibrillator and free training arrangements.																																
10	Finance																																
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11	Correspondence – Noted																																

12	To Receive an Update on Matters Arising from Previous meetings:	
	<p><u>Installation of defibrillator:</u></p> <p>Cllrs. Osborne and Wilkins have installed the defibrillator and notified the emergency services of the code. Training will take place at 7pm on 22 October in the village hall. Representatives from the church, village groups and residents are invited to attend. As we can only accommodate 12 people in one sitting, those wishing to attend the course should contact the clerk in the first instance.</p>	ALL
	<p><u>Parking issues within the village</u></p> <p>A response had been received from the Outdoor Learning Centre outlining measures they have taken to alleviate the parking problems experienced by residents. It was agreed to monitor the situation.</p>	ALL
	<p><u>Speeding</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that he has now received fluorescent speed signs as well as 'think horse' signs from NCC Highways. These signs will be in place before the next meeting and it was agreed to display them for a month in order to maintain the effectiveness.</p>	
13	<p><u>Street lighting</u></p> <p>NCALC's Electricity Procurement Report indicated that the hefty increase was due to the fact that E-On had not increased their prices for around nine years and that, despite the increase, their rates were still very competitive. It was unanimously agreed to continue using E-On's deemed contract rate. It was further agreed not to accept the proposal from BCR Associates, to assist us in procuring electricity at a more competitive price.</p>	
14	<p>The Chairman reported that he had not received a response from NCC Highways on the overgrown Lime trees on Newnham Road or the area of uneven tarmac on the road outside the Activities Centre that he had reported to them. He agreed to contact Ian Boyes at NCC Highways with regard to the latter as well as the drains that were brought to his attention during a recent site visit.</p>	KN
15	<p>It was unanimously agreed to approve the changes to the Standing Orders with regard to procedures to be followed when recording council meetings, under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.</p>	
16	<p>It was agreed to approve changes to the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations in line with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.</p>	
17	<p>It was unanimously agreed to donate the disused filing cabinet to the Village Hall Committee and amend the Asset Register accordingly.</p>	EF
18	<p>Unfortunately no councilors are able to attend Northants CALC's 68th Annual General Meeting on Saturday 17 October 2015 at The Forum, Towcester.</p>	
19	<p>It was unanimously agreed to invite the mowing contractor to quote for repairing the verge opposite Barley Mow, which was damaged during the fete. The Clerk was authorised to approve the repair, providing it was below £100.</p>	
20	<p>Date of next meeting – the meeting closed at 8:15pm and the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 5 October 2015 at 7pm.</p>	