

EVERDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Everdon Parish Council
held on Tuesday 5 January 2016 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, Peter Nevill, Shaen Linfoot, and Keith Wilkins.

1	Requests for dispensation – None.			
2	Public Participation – Councillor Aitkenhead provided an update on Superfast Broadband			
3	Apologies - None			
4	Members' Declarations of Interest – None.			
5	Resolved to sign the minutes of the statutory meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 December 2015.			
6	Finance			
1	Resolved to approve the December 2015 bank reconciliation at the next meeting.			
2	Resolved to approve the December 2015 Income and Expenditure at the next meeting.			
3	The 2016/17 Precept demand amounting to £12,173 and representing a 2.06% increase on last year, was unanimously approved.			
4	It was unanimously agreed for the Council to remain opted-in to the Sector Led Body arrangements for the procurement of external audit.			
5	To consider additional quotations for the installation of an external light to illuminate the defibrillator box and to agree moving money from another cost center to 'Projects and Maintenance' to cover the cost – further quotes were being sought and should be available at the February meeting.			
6	The Audit Plan and Effectiveness of Internal Audit were reviewed and approved.			
7	The Asset Register and updated Risk Assessment were reviewed and approved. The online banking control risk was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to downgrade the risk to medium, due to the tight controls in place.			
8	The addendum to the Clerk's Contract of Appointment, amending section 8 relating to the method of payment of the Clerk's salary, in terms of clause 7.2 of the Council's Financial Regulations, was unanimously approved.			
9	The 2015/16 list of continuing contract and statutory duty payments (clause 5.6 of our Financial Regulations) was reviewed and approved.			
10	Resolved to approve payment of outstanding accounts below:			
	Payment	Payee	Description	Amount £
	Online	NCALC	Code of Conduct training course x 3	102.00
	Online	Image It	Printing of winter 2015 newsletter	87.60
	Online	Erica Fothergill	December salary and expenses	421.40
	Cheq 1257	Village Hall	2016 rental	108.00
	Online	Melba Products Ltd	Replacement bin liner	28.20

7	Correspondence – Noted.	
8	<p>To Receive an Update on Matters Arising from Previous meetings</p> <p><u>Speed Watch Scheme</u></p> <p>Speed watch training will take place on 19th March. The Chairman would advise volunteers of the relative details.</p> <p><u>The overgrown lime trees on Newnham Road</u></p> <p>Nothing new to report. The Chairman would contact the County Councillor for assistance.</p> <p><u>Children's Playground</u></p> <p>The working party met on 18th December. They are looking for around half-an-acre, of land, centrally located. It was agreed to approach the allotment administrators with a view to obtaining permission to use disused plots for this purpose. Two local landowners had responded to the request, but neither was able to offer an appropriate piece of land at present. There had been no response from the other three landowners we wrote to. The next meeting of the working party is set for early February.</p> <p><u>Verge repairs outside Barley Mow and The Old Rectory</u></p> <p>No repairs have been carried out as yet. The Chairman, will again contact the contractor.</p>	<p>KN</p> <p>KN</p> <p>KN</p>
9	<p>Cllr Osborne provided comprehensive feedback on DDC's Parish and Town Councils' Liaison Meeting, which he attended with the Chairman. Main points of interest to residents, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The police budget will not now be cut by 40%, but will remain static and it is hoped to increase the number of PCSO's to assist with current workloads. • Cyber crime is rising and presents significant problems, as it is not easy to apprehend culprits. Residents are urged to be vigilant, when accessing the internet. 	
10	The Emergency Planning work party will meet on 11 th January to continue with an action plan and contact list, which will form part of the Welcome Pack. Feedback will be provided at the February meeting.	
11	A meeting with the Outdoor Learning Centre has been arranged for 18 th January to discuss complaints received from residents, relating to car parking. If Parishioners have any suggestions for resolving these issues, without negatively impacting on the success of the Outdoor Centre, they should contact either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, prior to the meeting date.	
12	Date of next meeting – The meeting close at 8:10 pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the earlier time of <u>6:30 pm</u> on Monday 8 February 2016.	