

EVERDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Everdon Parish Council
held on Monday 8 February 2016 at 6:30pm
in the Village Hall, Everdon

Present: Kevin Nichols (Chairman), David Osborne (Vice-Chairman), Councillors Don Aitkenhead, Peter Cooper, Ron Flounders, Peter Nevill, Shaen Linfoot, and Keith Wilkins.

In Attendance: Clerk/RFO Erica Fothergill

1 **Requests for dispensation** – None.

2 **Public Participation** – None

3 **Apologies** - None

4 **Members' Declarations of Interest** – None.

5 It was resolved to approve the minutes of the statutory meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 January 2016, as a true reflection of proceedings.

6 **Finance**

1 Resolved to approve the Dec. 2015 and Jan. 2016 bank reconciliations.

2 Resolved to approve the Dec. 2015 and Jan. 2016 Income and Expenditure.

3 It was unanimously decided to accept the quotation from DG Electrics for £160 to install an external light to illuminate the defibrillator box and to use the surplus in the 2015/16 'Projects and Maintenance' cost centre to cover the cost.

4 Resolved to approve payment of outstanding accounts below:

Payment	Payee	Description	Amount £
Online	E-On	Electricity, 3 rd quarter 2015/16	155.90
Cheq 1257	Post Office Ltd	PAYE, 3 rd quarter 2015/16	25.00
Online	Erica Fothergill	January salary and expenses	425.00
Online	Northants ACRE	Annual subscription	35.00
Cheq 1258	CPRE	Campaign to Protect Rural Eng. subs	36.00

7 Correspondence – Noted.

8 **To Receive an Update on Matters Arising from Previous meetings**

Speed Watch Scheme

Speed watch training will take place on 19th March and the required 10 volunteers have agreed to attend the necessary training in order to validate this service. A list of suitable speed watch sites has been supplied to the organisers.

The overgrown lime trees on Newnham Road

The Chairman contacted the County Councillor who referred the matter on for action and we are awaiting a response.

Children's Playground

- The Chairman reported that he attended a meeting of the allotment committee. According to the Spencer Trust deeds, the land can only be used for cultivation, which rules the playground out.
- The Chairman contacted the County Councillor with a view to using the rear garden of the Outdoor Learning Centre as a play area. This option will be

	<p>considered by the County Council and a response submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another local landowner advised that he had no suitable land available. <p><u>Verge repairs in the village</u></p> <p>The Clerk contacted the contractor who promised to carry out the verge repairs outside Barley Mow and the Old Rectory on Saturday 30th January and to get turf to repair the damage caused by the bus, during week commencing 1st February. None of this has happened and the Clerk was requested to follow up.</p>	EF
9	<p>The Emergency Planning work party met on 11th January and the migration of external data into the plan is continuing. Once completed, the next stage of the plan can be undertaken. A further update will be issued in May.</p>	WP
10	<p>The Chairman and Vice-Chairman met with the Head of the Outdoor Learning Centre on 18th January to discuss complaints received from residents, relating to car parking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only five staff vehicles, park locally and temporary passes will be issued to visitors. • Coaches/cars are given detailed instructions on where to park, turn, etc. so that verges are not damaged and residents are not inconvenienced. <p>The Centre staff do all they can to minimise inconvenience, but would be happy to consider any suggestions from residents.</p>	
11	<p>The Chairman provided feedback on DDC's Settlements and Countryside Local Plan and the Gypsies, Travelers and Travelling Show people Local Plan consultation that he attended recently with Cllr. Cooper, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development areas appear to center more to the north of Daventry and this should be addressed; • Another 511 new houses are required to reach the current target; • Whilst the quota for housing development in rural areas has been met, this doesn't preclude further such development; • Another 18 traveller pitches are required. Further consultation will take place on all aspects of these plans. 	
12	<p>The Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire concerning KierWSP's performance for 2015 was completed. Performance against expectations, was deemed to be unsatisfactory.</p>	EF
13	<p>The drainage issue caused by trees planted on the verge outside 4 Long Row Cottages was discussed and the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the trees outside the cottages were planted by the Parish Council more than 20 years ago, it was done under license from the County Council, as confirmed confirmed by their Definitive Map Team; • As such NCC Highways is responsible for all trees on its land and any damage caused by the roots; • It is also possible that Anglian Water may be responsible for surface water drains on NCC land. <p>The Parish Council will do all it can to ensure the issue is resolved by the County Council as quickly as possible.</p>	
14	<p>Date of next meeting – The meeting closed at 7:25 pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the earlier time of <u>6:30 pm</u> on Monday 14 March 2016.</p>	