

EVERDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Everdon Parish Council
held on Monday 11 April 2017 at 7pm
in the Village Hall, Everdon

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

In attendance: Erica Fothergill (Clerk/RFO), District Cllr Johnnie Amos and one resident.

1.	Welcome The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
2.	Requests for dispensation – None
3.	Public Participation – Cllr Amos provided a short update on progress of the Daventry Development Link Road which is available on NCC Highways' website.
4.	Apologies for Absence - None.
5.	Members' Declarations of Interest - None
6.	Resolved to sign the minutes of the statutory meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 th March 2017 as a true record of proceedings.
7.	Finance
1	Resolved to approve the March 2017 year-end bank reconciliation.
2	Resolved to approve the March 2017 year-end Income and Expenditure.
3	Resolved to approve 2017/18 Continuing Contract and Statutory Duty Payments.
4	Resolved to continue with 2016/17 subscriptions in 2017/18.
5	Resolved to approve Section 1, Annual Governance Statement 2016/17, of the Annual Return.
6	Resolved to approve Section 2, Accounting Statements 2015/16 of the Annual Return, as well as the explanation of significant variances.
7	Resolved to approve the Annual Accounts and the list of payments exceeding £100 during the year ended 31 March 2017.
8	Quotations were invited from three suppliers, including E-On, but only two responded. The quotation from Southern Electric offers competitive rates for 12, 24 and 36-month contracts which appear to be much cheaper than E-On's quotation. It was resolved to accept Southern Electric's quotation in principle. The Chairman will prepare a comparison for Councillors to study and agree, prior to a change of supplier.
9	Three insurance companies were approached for quotations but only two were received. After reviewing quotations, it was decided to remain with the current provider.
10	As virtually all banking is carried out online, it was felt that the impending closure of Nat-west in Daventry, would have little or no effect on The Council, so no change in provider was required.

11	Resolution to approve outstanding payments listed below:			
Payment	Payee	Description	VAT incl.	Amount £
Internet	Clerk	March salary and expenses	-	350.08
Internet	E-On	Maintenance – 4 th quarter	12.66	63.30
Cheq1265	Post Office Ltd	PAYE 4 th quarter 2016/17	-	238.80
Internet	NCALC	Subscription	-	242.24
Internet	NCALC	Internal audit service 2017/18	-	167.00
8.	Correspondence – Noted.			
9.	Planning Applications			
	Application	Address	Details	Comments
	DA/2017/0212	Glebe House, Stubbs Road, Everdon	Remove tree within a conservation area	Supported
	DA/2017/0213	Hillside, Fawsley Road, Everdon	Remove tree within a conservation area	Supported
	DA/2017/0215	Triscombe, Stubbs Road, Everdon	Work to tree within a conservation area	Supported
10.	DDC's offer for the Parish Council to take over the litter-picking responsibilities, was reviewed and declined.			
11.	Councillors Nichols and Osborne agreed to attend CPRE's Northamptonshire Road Show on Thursday 27th April.			KN/ DO
12.	<u>Neighbourhood Watch Scheme</u> The previous scheme collapsed due to a lack of interest. Consideration was given to sharing information, electronically with residents but, due to possible data protection issues, this was not felt practical. However, the Clerk was requested to contact the local Police and ask to be included on their circulation list and the Clerk will share any pertinent information with Councillors.			
13.	Updates on the following Highway matters: <u>Community Speed Watch 2017</u> Additional sessions have been scheduled for 1-14 May and 12-25 June 2017. During the main session at the end of July, the monitoring equipment will be shared with Preston Capes. <u>Overgrown hedge and garden at 1 Long Row Close</u> Highways have issued letters to the occupants and if no action is taken, the work will be undertaken by Highways, but the residents will be invoiced for the costs involved. <u>Ongoing damage to the village green</u> Obstruction of the Highway is classified as an offence which is enforceable by the Police. If this problem persists, it was decided to place no parking' signs and place a reminder in the Summer newsletter. <u>HGV restriction signs</u> Highways advised that temporary signs are usually erected for a few months and then moved onto other locations as required. In this particular case, with the Weedon Bypass and gas main works currently being undertaken on the			

	<p>A45, the current signs, which have been reasonably successful, will remain in situ, for the foreseeable future.</p> <p><u>Outstanding works on Stubbs Road, near to the bridge</u> After consulting other Councillors about the need to improve road markings in the village, only the area from Snorscomb to the bridge were identified and Highways will be notified accordingly.</p>	
14.	The Northamptonshire Highways' Definitive Map and Rights of Way questionnaire was completed. The new Rights of Way map was reviewed and appeared to be no different to the current map. It was agreed to lodge one of the maps with the Northampton Records Office and for the Clerk to retain the other.	EF
15.	We are awaiting a response from Highways' maintenance team regarding measures to prevent further damage and erosion to the roadside verges in Everdon Stubbs.	
16.	The clerk advised that she requires help in linking meeting documents to the agenda on the website, as required by the Transparency Act. The Clerk was authorised to use £500 from the Transparency grant to employ Computer Operatives, to assist, as necessary.	EF
17.	Date of next meeting – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:00pm on Monday 15 th May 2017, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:15pm . There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8:10pm	