

## **EVERDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of Everdon Parish Council  
held on Monday 8 January 2018 at 7pm  
in the Village Hall, Everdon

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

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

1. The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked them for attending.
2. **Requests for dispensation** – None.
3. **Public Participation** – None.
4. **Apologies for absence** – None.
5. Cllr King's resignation was accepted, with regret. It was agreed not to co-opt someone at this stage, as the council's elections will be held in May 2018.
6. **Members' Declarations of Interest** – None.
7. **Resolved** to sign the minutes of the full meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 December 2017, as a true record of proceedings.
8. **Finance**
  - 1 Resolved to approve the December 2017 bank reconciliation.
  - 2 Resolved to approve the December 2017 Income and Expenditure reconciliation.
  - 3 It was resolved to set the 2018/19 precept for £13,176 on Daventry District Council (DDC), an increase of 8.75% on 2017/18. The increase includes provision for a possible election in May 2018, a speed indicator device and, within reason, to provide services that Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) can no longer afford to deliver.
  - 4 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Gross Amount
Internet	Clerk	December salary, expenses, stationery and 2nd 50% payment in lieu of annual leave.	627.36
Internet	HMRC	PAYE, 3rd quarter	292.60
Internet	Image IT	Winter 2017 newsletter	91.80
Internet	E-On	Street lighting maintenance, 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2017	75.96
Direct debit	123-Reg	Domain renewal	11.99
9. **Correspondence** – Noted.

10.	<p>Cllr Wilkins briefly summarised proceedings at DDC's Parish &amp; Town Councils' meeting, but stated that the minutes of these meetings were slow in being published. Councillor Amos agreed to request DDC to issue the minutes in a more timely fashion, which would help to keep Parishioners informed.</p> <p><u>Highways</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Villages are classed as gritting priority 2, which means that at least one main road through each village will be gritted;</li> <li>• Councils were reminded that the contents of grit bins are solely for use on public highways and not for personal use, e.g. driveways, etc.</li> </ul> <p><u>Northamptonshire Police</u> had been rated as 'requiring improvement'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 999 calls are answered within 4-5 seconds;</li> <li>• Crime in the county has increased by 1%, and violent crime by 16%, mainly due to gang/drug related activity from as far afield as London;</li> <li>• Daventry district is one of the safest areas, although residents are urged to be vigilant;</li> <li>• It is recommended that villages establish their own Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.</li> </ul> <p><u>Daventry District Settlements and Countryside (Part 2) Local Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents have until 28<sup>th</sup> January to have their say on the proposed development by responding to the consultation. For more information about the proposed development visit <a href="https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/planning-policy/part-2-local-plan/evidence-base/">https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/living/planning-policy/part-2-local-plan/evidence-base/</a></li> <li>• The Plan makes provision for housing type, mix, developers and areas of green open spaces;</li> <li>• It is proposed to build 1073 new houses in the area, initially 800 in South West Daventry and another 100 in Middlemore. Primary areas for development outside of Daventry include Brixworth and Long Buckby. Secondary service villages earmarked for development are Badby, Flore and Naseby.</li> </ul>	
11.	<p>Highway updates are as follows:</p> <p><u>Community Speed Watch</u> Everdon has been paired with Weedon this year. Everdon will have the use of the equipment during the week of 24th March. The Parish Council was offered the use of the equipment for two additional sessions this year, which was agreed. There will be a training/refresher session on the use of the equipment from 09:30 to 12:15 on Saturday 10 March 2018 at the Caroline Chisholm School in Northampton. It was agreed to try to recruit more volunteers.</p> <p><u>Relocation of dog waste bin</u> It was agreed to ask the contractor who installed the new dog waste bin to re-site it on Little Everdon Lane, next to the transformer.</p> <p>Jetting of Drainage pipe on Newnham Lane – Highways have submitted a work order.</p> <p><u>Road surfacing and reinstatement of white lines on Stubbs Road</u> The work is weather dependent and Highways have agreed to reinstate road markings on both sides of the bridge when the weather improves.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>KN</p>

	<u>Maintenance of the gates to Everdon Park</u> The owner has agreed to carry out the necessary maintenance.	
12.	<u>Village Design Statement (VDS)</u> Leaflets have been circulated to all households in the village, inviting them to attend the inaugural meeting on Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January at 6:30pm in the village hall. DDC's Heritage Policy Officer and Senior Policy Officer (Planning) will also be in attendance.	
13.	Date of next meeting – The meeting closed at 7.40pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7pm on Monday 12 February 2018.	