

2018 EVERDON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held at Everdon Village Hall on Monday 9 April 2018 at 7:15pm

17 Residents attended the meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council and notes were taken by the Parish Clerk.

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the Annual Parish Meeting.
2. The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 15 May 2017 were approved and will be displayed on the website.
3. In his report, the Chairman outlined the role of the Parish Council and summarised the issues which had been dealt with over the last year. Full details of the Chairman's report are available on request or by visiting the Parish Council website www.everdonpc.co.uk
4. The following reports were received from the County and District Councillors.

Summary of County Councillor, Robin Brown's Report

Councillor Brown reported that, he had been re-elected at the May 2017 elections, to represent Woodford & Weedon Ward, which includes Everdon and at that time, he continued in the role of Cabinet Member for Finance.

Many residents will have read the news reports of the difficulties that the County Council had in balancing its books. Early in January the Secretary of State informed the County Council he was sending in an Inspector, to review the finances and culture of the Council. The Inspector's report blamed the County Council for not managing its finances and wasting money on schemes to reduce costs that would not work. The report also included recommendations that the County Council and the seven District and Borough Councils, within the county be abolished and replaced with two Unitary Authorities, and that the necessary elections should be brought forward.

The above has also resulted in Councillor Brown being sacked from his Cabinet post, after refusing to resign, but he will continue to be our Country Councillor, at least until the next election which is currently set for May 2021.

Councillor Brown's full report is available on request or by visiting the Parish Council's website www.everdonpc.co.uk

District Councillors' Report

Work continues on The Daventry Development Link road, which is due to be completed this summer, which is something that many residents are looking forward to, not least those living in Flore and Weedon.

The new waste collections service goes live in June 2018, which is a joint venture between DDC and Norse Commercial Services. This new structure will give DDC much more control over this frontline service, whilst at the same time sharing 50% of any profits generated from recycled materials. The new service will entail new collection schedules for all categories of waste.

DDC's Council Tax was agreed at a Special Council meeting on 5 March 2018. The precept represents just 8% of the total yearly Council Tax bill, the remainder is split with 6% going to Parish Councils and special expenses, 73% to NCC, and 13% to the Northamptonshire Police & Crime Commissioner. The portion allocated to DDC, including special expenses has increased by £5 per annum for a Band D property, this equates to just under 10p per week. DDC's revenue budget will be £11.6 million for the period 2018/19.

A full copy of the District Councillors' report is available on request or by visiting the Parish Council's website www.everdonpc.co.uk

5. Guest speaker, Sergeant Sam Dobbs, District Neighbourhood Sergeant, Daventry District

Sgt Dobbs, who was welcomed by the Chairman started by saying that everybody, including the police, have a different view on what policing should entail and that the Metropolitan **Police Act 1829** was introduced by Sir Robert Peel to replace the previously disorganised system of parish constables and watchmen.

Although there is still room for improvement, policing has progressed significantly since then, especially in the fields of fraud and cyber-crime which is escalating. Sgt Dobbs emphasised that 'the public are the police and the police are the public' and that efficient policing relies on intelligence from members of the public and that PIE (Prevention, Intelligence & Enforcement) of community intelligence, results in effective policing.

Non urgent incidents should be reported using the 101 service of for emergencies, use 999. Please be patient as, these numbers, particularly 101, are demand driven and it may take a while for calls to be answered. For non-urgent enquiries, Sgt Dobbs or members of the team, may be contacted by phoning 01327 341010 and leaving a detailed message if no-one is available to take the call, or by e-mailing NeighbourhoodTeamDaventry@northants.police.uk Sgt Dobbs was thanked by the Chairman.

6. Parishioners open discussion forum

The matter of inconsiderate parking in the village was raised. The Chairman reported that he was liaising with Highways regarding temporary signage near to the Plough Inn, in an attempt to discourage motorists from parking poorly, illegally or dangerously. Management and staff of the Plough Inn have been requested to advise patrons, as and when required.

Everdon Outdoor Centre spends a great deal of time in briefing visitors on how and where to park in order to minimise any inconvenience to residents.

The Chairman reported that fewer HGV's are coming through the village as a result of the signs at the A45/Dodford turn, which demonstrates that that the signage is an effective deterrent.

7. The meeting concluded at 8:24pm and it was agreed to dispense with refreshments due to the a power failure.