

EVERDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 September 2019 at 6:30pm
in the Village Hall, Everdon

Present:

Councillors Kevin Nichols (Chairman), Ron Flounders (Vice-chair), Peter Bowman, Peter Cooper, David Osborne, Keith Wilkins and Will Willits,

In attendance: Erica Fothergill (Clerk/RFO) and District Cllr. Amos.

1. The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
2. There was only one nominee for co-option, Peter Bowman. He introduced himself to Council and briefly summarised his experience and reasons for wanting to become a member of the Council. Councillors agreed that his experience would add value to the Council and he was co-opted and completed the following forms:
 - Register of Members' Interests to be sent to the Monitoring Officer at Daventry District Council (DDC) – to follow;
 - GDPR Security Compliance checklist – to follow;
 - Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Undertaking of Compliance with the Code of Conduct for members, signed in the presence of the Proper Officer to the Council.

It was agreed to provide Cllr Bowman with a council e-mail address at £35.88 plus VAT for the year.
3. The South Northants Community Responders presentation has been deferred as they were unable to make the meeting.
4. **Requests for dispensation** – None.
5. **Public Participation** – Cllr Amos provided updates on District and Unitary Council affairs.
6. **Apologies for absence accepted:** Cllr Linfoot - personal
7. **Members' Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Cooper declared an interest in item 11.
8. Resolved to sign the minutes of the full meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 July 2019, as a true record of proceedings.
9. **Finance** – Resolved to approve the following documents which are available in the August 2019 meeting folder on www.everdonpc.co.uk
 1. The July and August 2019 bank reconciliations were reviewed and approved.
 2. The July and August 2019 Income and Expenditure were reviewed and approved.
 3. The payments below were approved:

Payment	Payee	Description	Amount £
Internet	Clerk	Jul/Aug salary, overtime (website) & expenses	825.29
Internet	HGM	Mowing – Jul & Aug 2019	400.00
Internet	ImageIT	Summer newsletter	110.00
Direct Dt	123-Reg	Domain renewal	11.99
10. **Correspondence** - noted

11.	<p>Following a request from a resident to maintain the verge outside their property as a wildflower verge themselves, Council consulted Highways who own the verge. According to NCC Highways no wildflower verges in Everdon have been registered with them. It was agreed, for the time being, to maintain current mowing arrangements.</p> <p>In terms of the agreement with Highways to maintain the grass verges in the village, Everdon Parish Council cannot delegate this responsibility to residents, especially in view of the requirement for £5m Public Liability Insurance.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the resident concerned and advise them of the outcome.</p>	EF
12.	<p>The Clerk reported that the Council's website runs on Flash which is being phased out by Google Chrome and will be discontinued toward the end of 2020. This means that a new website will be needed, that is also compliant with the Public Bodies Accessibility (website and mobile applications) (No 3) Regulations 2018 by September 2020. The Clerk reported that she has, in the meantime, upgraded the current website and encrypted it to make it secure and to protect the connection.</p> <p>It was agreed to source a website builder that would be able to build a new website that complies with accessibility legislation and provide support. The Clerk was requested to obtain quotations for consideration.</p>	EF
13.	<p><u>Highways</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman reported that there are a number of blocked culverts in the village that require jetting. It was agreed to report these on FixMyStreet https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/ • 3 motorists were recorded exceeding the speed limit during recent Community Speed Watch sessions. The Chairman reported that he has received the equipment and that further sessions will take place during the next fortnight. 	KN
14.	<p>Cllrs Bowman and Willits were briefed on the arrangements for their new Councillor training 'Off to a Flying Start' from 6.30pm to 9.00pm on Monday 23rd September 2019 at NCALC Offices in Litchborough.</p>	PB WW
15.	<p>Cllr Flounders reported that work on the Village Design Statement (VDS) has been put on hold for the time being whilst DDC look into areas of duplication between the new Everdon Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan and the VDS.</p>	
16.	<p>Unfortunately none of the councillors are available on Saturday 5 October 2019 to attend NCALC's 72nd Conference & AGM.</p>	
17.	<p>A written response was received from RAF Benson regarding the reason for the late-night helicopter flights in the village. The letter is in the August 2019 meeting folder on the Council's. It was agreed that the Council would have no further involvement.</p>	
18.	<p>Date of next meeting – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 14 October 2019.</p>	