

Everdon Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 March 2020 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall, Everdon.

Present:

Councillors Kevin Nichols (Chairman), Ron Flounders (Vice-chairman) Peter Bowman, Peter Cooper, Shaen Linfoot and Will Willits.

In attendance: Erica Fothergill (Clerk/RFO)

1.	The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.
2.	There were no requests for dispensation.
3.	Public Open Forum - None
4.	Apologies – Cllr. Wilkins (holiday) and Cllr Osborne (self-isolating).
5.	None of the Members declared an interest in any items on the agenda.
6.	Resolved to approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 March 2020.
7.	The council will follow guidance from Northants County Association of Local Councils (NCALC), Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC), PKF Littlejohn (auditors) and statutory bodies on council meetings, audits, annual parish meetings, annual parish council meetings and public gatherings with regard to the Coronavirus.
8.	<p>The following planning applications were reviewed and supported:</p> <p><u>Application number: DA/2020/0142</u> Address: Wansbeck, Stubbs Road, Everdon, Northamptonshire, NN11 3BN Details: Listed Building Consent for replacement of main and kitchen external doors.</p> <p><u>Application number: DA/2020/0153</u> Address: Holly Cottage, The Green, Everdon, Northamptonshire, NN11 3FF Details: Demolition of rear lean-to extension. Construction of single storey rear extension and porch alterations, subject to keeping road access clear and avoiding storage of any materials or equipment and parking of construction vehicles on the village green to avoid damage.</p>
9.	It was resolved that, in response to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the council where such decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority ceases upon the first meeting of the council after the council meeting at which the delegation was put in place.

10.	Measures to ensure the health and wellbeing of any vulnerable persons during the COVID-19 outbreak were considered and it was agreed that the newly formed community volunteer group would be best placed to assist Parishioners and the Council did not wish to duplicate their efforts. However, all Councillors have offered their services as a contact point for the community, particularly to assist with shopping, collection of medicines and any other reasonable needs.
11.	The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in line with Government advice once the Coronavirus situation has been brought under control.