

Everdon Parish Council

Minutes of the remote Parish Council meeting

held on 13 July 2020 at 6:30pm

(Zoom video conferencing, in terms of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020)

Present:

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

In attendance: Erica Fothergill (Clerk/RFO), District Councillor Amos and three members of the public.

Minutes

1.	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and thanked them for attending.
2.	There were no requests for dispensation from members of the Council.
3.	Public Open Forum A member of the public attended to comment on planning application DA/2020/0312, Halifax Lodge (item 12), stating that work carried out prior to the planning decision was allowed under permitted development. In addition, the conservatory had been demolished for safety reasons. Council questioned the addition of windows to the southern elevation without planning permission and was requested to submit date/time stamped images, to confirm this. Various other perceived breaches of planning permission were raised. The bright rendering on the outside walls, will be toned down to blend in more sympathetically within the conservation area. District Councillor Amos attended and briefed the Council on his findings relating to this application, together with progress pertaining to the transition to a unitary authority.
4.	Apologies for absence – none.
5.	There were no Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda.
6.	RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the virtual annual meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8 June 2020.
7.	Finance RESOLVED to approve the following documents and payments: 1. Bank reconciliation for June 2020; 2. Receipts & Payments for June 2020; 3. Payments, listed in Addendum A.

8.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>Planning Application: DA/2020/0415</u> - Pendlewick, Fawsley Road, Everdon</p> <p><u>Details:</u> Removal of a tree and replacing it with another</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> Council unanimously supported the application and the intended replacement.</p> <p>The Chairman provided feedback on a recent planning webinar attended by himself and Cllr Flounders, saying that whilst the content was comprehensive, the sound quality was poor and delivery of the webinar by the presenter was very disappointing. The Clerk was requested to circulate the slides to Councillors. Action: Clerk</p>
9.	<p>Councillors Bowman and Flounders agreed to take another critical look at the most recent draft Village Design Statement (VDS) document in relation to the Conservation Area Management Plan documents and to report on their assessment of whether/how to proceed, at the September meeting.</p> <p>Action: Cllrs. Flounders and Bowman.</p>
10.	<p>A full service of the defibrillator cabinet by the manufacturer, Turtle Engineering at a cost of £75.00 plus any incidentals, was approved. Cllr. Wilkins agreed to liaise with the engineers and Cllr Osborne regarding a date. If substantial parts are required, a quotation should be submitted to the Clerk . Action: Cllr. Wilkins.</p>
11.	<p>Highway updates</p> <p>It was reported that the culvert on Fawsley Road was still blocked. The potholes have been marked again, but not repaired.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that he had been in verbal contact with Highways and would again follow up to ensure that jetting of the culverts and drains was undertaken. Action: Chairman</p> <p>The Chairman reminded Councillors that potholes are to be reported online via Fix-my-Street https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/.</p>
12.	<p>Council considered the lack of response from the case officer regarding comments sent to him in respect of Planning Application DA/2020/0312, Halifax Lodge. It was agreed to write to the Case Officer, requesting a response.</p> <p>Action: Clerk.</p> <p>It was also decided that, if no response was forthcoming, Cllr. Osborne would represent the council at the planning committee meeting to be held on 5 August @ 6:15pm via Zoom. Action: Cllr Osborne.</p> <p>A copy of the 3-minute speech will be shared with councillors prior to being submitted to the planning committee</p>
13.	<p>The following Policies and Procedures had been reviewed and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOI Complaints Procedure • Procedure for handling FOI Requests

14.	<p>The current mowing contract excludes mowing of verges in Stubbs Road which has previously been carried out by homeowners. Following a request from an elderly resident, the contractor has agreed to mow these verges as necessary, within the present contract, at no additional cost. It was resolved to include Stubbs Road in the 2021 growing season and to review the number of cuts per year when the contract is reviewed in October.</p> <p>Following a request from a resident, Council reviewed the concession, which delays the mowing of the grass bank outside The Bakehouse and at Council's sole discretion, resolved and agreed to postpone the first cut until 1st August at the latest, but only if growing conditions had delayed the seeding of flowers, otherwise the first cut will be undertaken on or shortly after 1st July as presently agreed.</p>
15.	Date of next virtual meeting – The next virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 14 September 2020. Meeting closed at 7:50pm.

Addendum A – Approved payments (item 7.3)

Payee	Amount	Reason for payment	Method
Clerk	£628.44	Salary & Expenses	BACS
Luke Costello (HGM)	£220.00	Mowing: June 2020 Inv. 982	BACS
NCALC	£57.00	Zoom training Chairman/Clerk (50%)	BACS
123-reg	£43.06	E-mail renewal x 1	D/Debit
E-On Energy solutions	£75.96	Lighting maintenance, Q1 2020	BACS
E-On UK plc	274.85	Electricity Q1 2020	BACS