

Everdon Parish Council

Minutes of the remote Parish Council meeting

held on 12 October 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), Peter Bowman (18:34), Peter Cooper, Ron Flounders, David Osborne (18:39), Keith Wilkins and Will Willits.

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

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 District Councillor Amos attended the meeting and briefed the Council on planning applications in the Weedon district.
4.	Apologies for absence approved – Cllr Linfoot (unable to connect to Zoom).
5.	Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda. 1. Cllr Nichols declared an interest in item 9 (Director & Trustee of the Everdon Outdoor Learning Trust (EOLT) and item 12 as his property was listed in Daventry District Council's consultation; 2. Cllr Osborne, Chairman of the EOLT, also declared an interest in item 9.
6.	RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the virtual annual meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14 September 2020.
7.	Finance RESOLVED to approve the following documents and payments: 1. September 2020 Bank reconciliations. Bank balances at the end of the 2 nd quarter of this financial, year were as follows: Current Account: £100.00 Reserve Account: £22,064.13 2. September 2020 Receipts & Payments 3. Payments, listed in Addendum A on the last page.
8.	There were no specific projects or items identified for the 2021/22 budget, but if problems with the Council's laptop persisted, permission was granted for this to be replaced.

9.	<p>Proposed purchase of Outdoor Learning Centre (OLC)</p> <p>Following the issues caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Trustees of Everdon Outdoor Learning Trust have wisely decided not to proceed with their previous plan to request the Parish Council to acquire the premises and lease it back to the Trust.</p>
10.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p><u>Planning Application</u>: DA/2020/0648 Holly Cottage, The Green, Everdon.</p> <p><u>Details</u>: Partial demolition of existing garage to rear of property to provide store and outside wc. Construction of new garage adjacent to property. Demolition of lean-to and increase rear ground floor window openings.</p> <p><u>Comment</u>: Council supported the application</p>
11.	<p>Highway updates</p> <p><u>Work to drains on Fawsley Road</u></p> <p>The Chairman advised that he had contacted NCC Highways to request examination of the culvert on Newnham Road by using a special camera to confirm the source of the blockage, before proceeding further. A response is awaited.</p> <p><u>Pothole repair</u> – ongoing.</p>
12.	<p>Council considered Daventry District Council's consultation on Article 4 Directions for corresponding conservation areas in Everdon and Little Everdon and it was generally felt that it was a positive intervention, as certain minor developments not requiring planning permission (permitted development), can cumulatively affect the overall character of a building or conservation area, leading to a gradual erosion of its special interest.</p> <p>Once an Article 4 Direction is made, planning permission becomes necessary to undertake any development referred to within the Direction. An Article 4 direction does not automatically mean that the development cannot take place, but it provides further controls to ensure that any development that is permitted is appropriate to the character of the locality.</p>
13.	<p>Councillor Flounders reported that once he has had a chance to go through our current VDS documentation and DDC's comments in relation to the Conservation Area Management Plan documents, he would attempt to pull together a compilation for discussion and will then call a meeting of the VDS working group to discuss how to take it forward from there. He will report progress at the November. Action: Cllr Flounders</p>
14.	<p>Councillors Cooper and Willits were appointed to attend Daventry District Council's (DDC) Parish and Town Councils' remote meeting on Thursday 29 October 2020 at 6.30pm.</p>
15.	<p>The following Policies and Procedures were reviewed and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee Disciplinary & Grievance Procedure (deferred to November 2020) • Grant Awarding Policy • Complaints Procedure for Complaints against the Council.

16.	<p>Councillor Cooper attended the 73rd Northants CALC AGM held on Saturday 3 October 2020 and updated the Council on proceedings, saying that 123 delegates attended the virtual AGM and that NCALC's membership has increased to 98% of councils in Northamptonshire.</p> <p>A member of Public Health Northamptonshire briefed delegates on health improvement and efforts to reduce health inequalities across the whole life cycle in the county. To enable communities and residents to truly flourish, they need to understand what drives their health and wellbeing. The circumstances in which people are born, grow, live, work and age provide the foundations for people to live healthy or unhealthy lives.</p> <p>The 2nd speaker works for Moulton Parish Council and, in collaboration with Moulton Surgery, implements their Health & Wellbeing Strategy as Community Connector, helping residents manage their wellbeing or existing conditions by signposting or referring them to relevant organisations, groups, classes or support services.</p>
17.	Correspondence: noted.
18.	Date of next virtual meeting – The next virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 9 November 2020.

Addendum A - The following payments were approved (Item 7.3):

September Payments

Payee	Amount	Reason for payment	Method
Clerk	£476.76	Salary and expenses	BACS
NetWise	£250.00	2020/21 Annual website subscription	BACS
Luke Costello (HGM)	£220.00	Mowing: Sept. 2020 Inv. 1096	BACS
SLCC	£109.00	2020/21 membership	BACS
E-On Energy solutions	£75.96	Lighting maintenance, Q2 2020	BACS
123-Reg	£43.06	Annual email subscription - Clerk	D/Dt

October Payments

Payee	Amount	Reason for payment	Method
Luke Costello (HGM)	£220.00	Mowing: Sept (2) Inv. 1119	BACS