

Everdon Parish Council

Minutes of the remote Parish Council meeting

held on 9 November 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, Peter Cooper, Ron Flounders, Shaen Linfoot, David Osborne, 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 outstanding planning applications in the Weedon district and LA re-organisation.
4.	Apologies for absence approved – Not applicable.
5.	Declarations of Interest – None.
6.	RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the virtual annual meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12 October 2020.
7.	Finance RESOLVED to approve the following documents and payments: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. October 2020 Bank reconciliations.2. October 2020 Receipts & Payments.3. Council thanked the Clerk for her hard work during the past year and, following a positive appraisal, approved an increase of 32p/h with effect from April 2021.4. The 3-yearly Internal Audit Service Terms of Reference.5. Purchase of the latest edition of the Local Council Administration handbook at a cost of £119.99.6. Purchase of a new Council laptop and necessary software, to a maximum of £1,250 and to use money from General Reserves for the purchase.7. Payments, listed in Addendum A on the last page.

8.	<p>Planning applications</p> <p><u>Application No:</u> DA/2020/0890 -</p> <p>Description: Single storey side extension.</p> <p>Location: 4, Stubbs Road, Everdon, Northamptonshire, NN11 3BN</p> <p><u>Application No:</u> DA/2020/0648 (Amended) – No Objections</p> <p>Description: 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>Location: Holly Cottage, The Green, Everdon, NN11 3FF</p>
9.	<p>The Clerk reported that she had tried to lodge a complaint in respect of DDC's handling of planning application DA/2020/0312 to the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman, but was told that only people directly affected by planning applications could complain. Although Councils could not complain in their own right, they could do so on behalf of residents who were unable to do so, with their written permission.</p>
10.	<p>Cllr Flounders reported that he had started work on the revised draft, but had not yet completed it. He will continue efforts to deliver a draft which cross references the very comprehensive CAAMP documents for Great and Little Everdon for discussion by the VDS working group as soon as possible. He will report on progress at the Jan 2021 meeting</p>
11.	<p>Councillors Cooper and Willits attended Daventry District Council's (DDC) Parish and Town Councils' remote meeting on Thursday 29 October 2020. Cllr Willits reported that the meeting was well attended and briefed council on issues affecting Everdon, as follows:</p> <p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>Cllr. Cooper drew attention to the potholes in Everdon. Although pothole repair, surface dressing and patches remain a priority, the budget is limited. According to Highways, they are not behind in their Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for pothole fixing timescales, as Highways have up to 6 months to do minor repairs.</p> <p><u>Police</u></p> <p>The Local Policing Area Commander reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in ANPR cameras in rural areas has helped tackle criminals from outside the area; • There has been an investment in Interceptor Cars – a share to be based at Daventry; • Badger baiting and hare coursing is being blamed for the local killing of sheep by dogs. The Rural Crime Team has been increased to six officers and one sergeant and this will be one of the areas that will receive their attention. The police are working in partnership with NFU Insurance sponsoring Tracker

	devices in rural locations, plus the 24-hour response team have become smarter using Geofences to target which zones require higher Policing.
12.	The Employee Disciplinary & Grievance Procedure was reviewed and approved.
13.	Cllr Bowman was appointed to represent the Council at Northants ACRE's 'Improving the biodiversity of your community' course on 12th November.
14.	Date of next virtual meeting – The next virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 14 December 2020.

Addendum A - The following payments were approved (Item 7.7)

October Payments

Payee	Amount	Reason for payment	Method
Clerk	£717.25	Salary, expenses & 50% annual leave	BACS
Luke Costello (HGM)	£440.00	Sept/Oct. 2020 mowing Inv's 1119 & 1160	BACS
E-On Energy solutions	£277.86	Electricity Q2 2020	BACS