

2016/17 EVERDON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held at Everdon Village Hall on Monday 11th April 2016 at 7:00 pm

8 Residents attended the meeting. The Chairman of the Parish Council chaired the meeting and notes were taken by the Parish Clerk.

1. The chairman welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the Annual Parish Meeting. He noted apologies received from County councillor Robin Brown who was unable to attend due to a prior engagement and the guest speaker, Special Constable Recruitment Officer, Andy Watson due to last minute changes in his schedule. The Chairman promised to provide a short update on the role (see 4 below).
2. The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2015 were approved and will be placed on the website.
3. The Parish Council Chairman reminded Parishioners of the meeting schedule of the Parish Council. He outlined the role of the Council and summarised the issues which had been dealt with by the Council over the last year. Full details of the Chairman's report are available on request or by visiting the Parish Council website www.everdonpc.co.uk
4. To receive the following reports from the County/District Councillors. Copies of the full reports are available on request or by visiting the Parish Council website www.everdonpc.co.uk

County Councillor

Cllr Robin Brown outlined the County Council's move to a Next Generation Council model, which will see a far smaller retained organisation (NCC Group) commissioning services from a new set of accountable organisations and social enterprises which will be owned, managed and run by current council staff with partners. Herewith a few extracts from the full report:

- First for Wellbeing officially launched on the 1st April 2016 to help people in the county live a happy and healthy life and as such will focus on the preventative agenda, in order to delay or stop people from requiring more expensive and intrusive social care and NHS services.
- As part of the next stage of improvement in Children's Services, they have begun work with the Department for Education to look at setting up a Northamptonshire Children's Trust. In line with the Next Generation Council, the Trust will enable services for children to be improved and sustained over the medium to long term.
- Northamptonshire has joined with five other Local Authorities and two voluntary organisations as part of a Department for Education regional adoption agency project.
- Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service had reduced its call-outs to false alarms by 66 per cent over the past seven years.
- The Older Persons Mental Health Pathway project, led by Northamptonshire County Council and NHS Nene Clinical Commissioning Group, has resulted in 57% of dementia patients being discharged back to their own home, compared with 11% in December 2013. The County council contributed £223,000 to fund eight beds for patients ready to be discharged from hospital but not yet ready to return home.

- England's Economic Heartland seeks devolved powers to boost economic growth in a ground-breaking alliance between Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Northamptonshire.
- Race to the Top - Northamptonshire County Council has awarded schools a share of a £1million fund for projects to improve young people's aspirations.
- Work on Northamptonshire County Council's new headquarters is progressing well as the £53million complex starts to take shape.
- A targeted early help programme has helped to transform the lives of more than 1,200 families in Northamptonshire.
- Their new approach to the provision of adult social care and healthcare services will involve Olympus Care Services – which the council currently commissions to deliver adult care services – the council's assessment and care management functions and the community

District Councillors

The most positive news in 2015 was the Sod Turning, that launched the work on the DDC Link-Road, a project that was first requested 77 years ago, so needless to say there was a huge sigh of relief when this day came by the many campaigners to replace the dangerous bends in Flore for the new by-pass, that will save lives and much disruption.

The new plans for the Centre of Daventry will include a new library, Cinema and the opportunities for many new businesses in and around the proposed leisure/cultural. It will also create over 2000 new houses in Daventry.

In the coming year, issues that continue to make the District Council agendas are:

- irresponsible dog owners, and
- speeding

The District Council will continue to support Parishes in bringing anti-social behaviour under control.

Our district councillors may be contacted via the parish council or by e-mailing them directly.

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5. Parishioners open discussion forum
6. The meeting closed at 7:50pm