

Everdon Parish Council

Minutes of the remote Parish Council meeting

Held on 8 March 2021 at 6:30pm using 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.	Requests for dispensation - none.
3.	Public Open Forum District Councillor Amos attended his last meeting as District Councillor. Neither District Councillor Amos nor County Councillor Brown will be seeking re-election as Unitary Councillors. They have both served Everdon well and our very best wishes go with them.
4.	Apologies for absence – County Councillor Brown.
5.	Declarations of Interest – none.
6.	RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the virtual meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8 February 2021.
7.	Finance RESOLVED to approve the following documents and payments: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. February 2021 Bank reconciliations.2. February 2021 Receipts & Payments.3. Zoom video conferencing annual membership at £119.90. The Clerk was requested to investigate Microsoft Teams, as an alternative, prior to renewing Zoom.4. Payments, listed in Addendum A on the last page.
8.	Planning Councillors reviewed and supported the following planning applications: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Application No: DA/2021/00282. Application No: DA/2021/00293. Application No: DA/2021/01044. Application No: DA/2021/0128

9.	<p>The following Policies and Procedures were reviewed and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Control Risk Assessment • Internal Audit Plan • Effectiveness of Internal Audit
10.	<p>The Police Liaison Representative, Cllr. Linfoot, attended the virtual meeting of the Police, Fire & Crimes Commissioner on 22nd February and highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a substantial investment in Northamptonshire ANPR network. • The number of neighbourhood police constables across rural and urban communities will be increased over the next 18 months. • Neighbourhood policing will be at the heart of the fight against crime. They will be providing visible, locally accountable policing to tackle the problems that matter to people. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Linfoot for her report.</p>
11.	<p>Cllr. Cooper provided feedback on the virtual Parish & Town Councils meeting that he attended with Cllr. Willits on 25th February and the following items are relevant to us:</p> <p><u>Highways</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways will be trialling non-enforceable temporary 20mph advisory speed signs in two villages. If successful, they will then invite Parishes to register their interest in being part of the 20mph advisory speed limit scheme. <p><u>Police</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspector Dave Wakeman of the Police who has been in post for 5 weeks, reported that Daventry is getting four additional constables bringing the total to nine by the end of 2021. • There is a 'safer roads' team targeting speeding, drink driving and drugs with mass vehicle checks being carried out on routes into Northampton. There is a focus on reducing vehicles over 7.5 tonnes following routes through villages. • Dog theft in the area is on the increase and owners should keep dogs secure and not able to escape from gardens. <p><u>Daventry District / Unitary Councils</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Leader of Daventry District Council (DDC) reported that Daventry Area Council will be replaced by the new West Northants Council (Shadow) Area. Councillors will be transferred until the May Elections are held. It is intended to maintain existing points of contact and services will continue. • Residents should register for postal votes to minimise Covid contact and forms can be obtained by phoning DDC. <p>The Chairman thanked Cllrs Cooper and Willits for attending the meeting.</p>
12.	<p>The Clerk reported that she contacted E-On to find out more about LED lighting and the viability of installing it in the village.</p>

	<p>Assuming worst case scenario, including replacing all concrete columns and all wall lights require new brackets and connection boxes, the budget figure is £10,642.00, excluding VAT.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to establish whether there was a likelihood of replacement parts, being discontinued, as well as the eco-friendliness of current lamps. Based on the outcome, it was decided to upgrade to LED lighting as, and when, individual lights require repairs.</p>
13.	The Chairman attended CPRE's Planning Roadshow and reported that the Roadshow did not meet the required standard and focussed mostly on the work of CPRE, rather than Planning in Northamptonshire. A letter of constructive criticism had been sent to them.
14.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Sgt Matt Moore has been appointed to Daventry's Neighbourhood Policing Team Sgt. His contact details are as follows:</p> <p>Tel: 101 or 03000 111222 Ext: 345033 </p> <p>Address: Daventry Police Station, New Street, Daventry, NN11 4BS</p> <p>matt.moore@northants.pnn.police.uk or alternatively Insp. Wakeman at David.wakeman@northants.police.uk</p>
15.	Date of next virtual meeting – The next virtual meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:00pm on Monday 12 April 2021. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:15pm

Addendum A: Payments (Item 7.4)

Payments were made using the General Power of Competence

Payee	Amount	Reason for payment	Method
Clerk	£476.76	Salary and expenses	BACS
HMRC	23.23	Quarterly Payment	BACS
CPRE	36.00	Annual Membership	BACS
e-on	£277.86	Electricity: Quarter 3, 2020/21	BACS
e-on	£75.96	Maintenance: Quarter 3, 2020/21	BACS