

2021 EVERDON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held remotely via Zoom video conferencing on Monday 12 April 2021 at 7:15pm

The meeting notes below, contain brief summaries of reports received in respect of items 3 and 4 on the meeting notice.. Full reports for these items are available on request, or on the Parish Council's website www.everdonpc.co.uk

5 Residents attended the meeting. The meeting was chaired by the Vice-chairman of the Parish Council and notes were taken by the Parish Clerk.

1. The Vice-chairman welcomed everyone present and thanked them for attending the Annual Parish Meeting.
2. The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 15 April 2019 were approved and will be displayed on the notice board and website. No meeting took place in 2020 due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

3. Chairman's Report

In his report, the Chairman reported that, despite the Covid pandemic, the parish council continued to meet every month via Zoom and that matters dealt with during this time were mostly routine highway issues relating to the condition on roads and pavements, as well as the effectiveness of the village drainage system.

Planning applications were also dealt with and whilst most were uncontentious, the Parish Council was most unhappy with the refurbishment to Halifax Lodge, Bethel Lane. Council expressed its opposition and dissatisfaction to Daventry District Council and despite the fact the we were strongly supported by our District Councillors, the District Council largely ignored our comments and also refused to accept our appeal.

As the last elections for Everdon took place in 2018, Everdon will not be part of May's elections and the next election will be in 2025. There are likely to be a number of vacancies at that time and residents were reminded of the importance of having a say in what happens in the village. If insufficient Councillors stand for election, there will be no Parish Council and the village will be under the direct control of West Northamptonshire Unitary Authority.

Clarification is awaited to the regulations which will permit the resumption of regular meetings in the village hall and Parishioners will be kept advised.

4. County Councillor's Report

Robin Brown, Our County Councillor reported that he was not seeking re-election as a Unitary Councillor albeit up to 11 May he will remain a nominal member of the West Northants Unitary Council.

In closing Cllr Brown wished our Chairman, all of the Parish Councillors as well as the residents of Everdon the very best for future, saying the he enjoyed working with us.

District Councillors' Report (Cllrs. Adam Brown, Johnnie Amos and David Smith)

Councillors expressed their appreciation for the way in which communities across the District have pulled together, saying that they were proud to have been able to assist and that it was these very attributes that make our County a great place to live and work.

Despite the challenges Daventry District Council (DDC) managed to deliver on a number of projects across the district, one of which is the new cinema complex in Mulberry Place, Daventry, that is due to open in early July. The site has 4 screens, and a separate function space which will be available for variety of events and uses.

In looking back over the many years since Daventry District Council (DDC) was formed back in 1974 as part of the Local Government Act 1972, with the merging of Daventry Rural District and a major part of Brixworth Rural District, councillors expressed sadness to see the end of FFC. They are positive that that the new administration will be more responsive, transparent, and even better value for money.

On May 6 elections for the new West Northamptonshire Council, we will be electing three councillors to represent us within our Ward as well as a new Police, Fire, and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire.

4. Parishioners open discussion forum

No issues of concern were raised, but all the attendees expressed their hope that it will be possible for the Plough to re-open following its closure during the pandemic.

The meeting concluded at 7:30pm.