

EVERDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Everdon Parish Council
held on Monday 10 October 2016 at 7:00pm
in the Village Hall, Everdon

Present: Councillors Kevin Nichols (Chairman), Peter Cooper, Ron Flounders, Karen King, Peter Nevill, David Osborne and Keith Wilkins.

In attendance: Clerk/RFO Erica Fothergill

1	Welcome The Chairman welcomed Cllr Karen King to her first meeting and thanked everyone for attending.																												
2	Requests for dispensation – None.																												
3	Public Participation – None																												
4	Apologies received from Cllr Shaen Linfoot who was on holiday, was approved. County Cllr Robin Brown also sent apologies.																												
5	Members' Declarations of Interest - None																												
6	Resolved to sign the minutes of the statutory meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 September 2016 as a true reflection of proceedings.																												
7	Finance																												
1	Resolved to approve the September 2016 bank reconciliation.																												
2	Resolved to approve the September 2016 Income and Expenditure.																												
3	Resolved to add Councillor King as a cheque signatory. The bank forms could not be finalised due to Cllr Linfoot's absence and it was deferred to November.																												
4	The request to increase the annual grant to the Parochial Church Council was considered and unanimously declined, due to its nature. The grant is specifically for maintenance of equipment and not to cover the cost of additional manpower to undertake the mowing. Whilst it was agreed that the existing annual grant will still be considered, the PCC should remain responsible for the recruitment of sufficient volunteers to carry out the work.																												
5	The Clerk's performance review had been conducted by the Chairman, following input from Councillors, with an exemplary report, being unanimously agreed. A comprehensive review of salary scales had also been carried out and it was resolved to grade the Clerk as LC2/SCP27, in line with NALC and SLCC guidelines, backdated to April 2016. It was further resolved to increase the Clerk's salary by 1% with effect from 1 April 2017, as per these guidelines.																												
6	Resolved to approve payment of outstanding accounts below:																												
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8	Correspondence – Noted.	
9	<p><u>Policies Reviewed</u></p> <p>The following policies were reviewed and approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee Grievance Procedure • Policy for Dealing with Unreasonable Complaints; • Grant Awarding Policy and Application form 	
10	The Chairman advised that he had been in touch with the tree officer at DDC to get an update on tree works carried out to a large walnut tree in the rear garden of The Old Post Office in Newnham Road, but that he was still awaiting a response.	
11	The Clerk was requested to write again to the owners of 1 Long Row Close regarding the hedge and gardens which currently impinge on Highways land and to advise Highways of the position.	EF
12	The Chairman thanked the three Councillors who accompanied him to NCALC's AGM and provided feedback on the proceedings, which included proposals to request that Parish Councils determine their own requirements in terms of numbers of Councillors and that Parish Councils input is included in all proposed local government reorganization. The meeting decided to oppose the capping of Parish Council precepts and urged Parish Councils to respond in this way, to which Everdon Parish Council agreed. The Chairman also requested individual Councillors to respond to the consultation. The keynote speech was provided by Stephen Mold, the County Police and Crime Commissioner, who targeted his presentation on closer working between individual authorities within the county, to maximize the combined contribution and to obtain the best possible results.	KN / ALL
13	It was reported that there was a long standing agreement between a local landowner and the RAF, allowing them to practice night time landings on their land although this has only been happening recently. It was agreed to monitor the situation.	
14	Cllr Wilkins reported that DDC's September 'dog poo campaign' in the village has not produced the desired outcome and, in fact, there had been an increase in the number of reported incidents. Residents are urged to look out for out for offenders and to report them to either DDC or the Council.	
15	It was unanimously decided to award an annual "best front garden" award. Judging will take place in June the prize will be awarded at the annual fete. Advance publicity will be contained in the next Newsletter.	
16	Date of next meeting – The next meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday 14 th November 2016. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8:20pm.	