

# Everdon Parish Council

## Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on 13 September 2021 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall, High Street, Everdon.

### Present:

Councillors Kevin Nichols (Chairman), Ron Flounders (Vice-Chairman), Shaen Linfoot, Peter Cooper, David Osborne, Keith Wilkins and Will Willits.

In attendance: Ruth Scott (Clerk/RFO), Erica Fothergill (Support to new Clerk), Unitary Councillor Jo Gilford and Billie Osborne (Newsletter Editor)

1.	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Ruth Scott was introduced as the new Parish Clerk.
2.	<b>Requests for dispensation</b> - none.
3.	<b>Public Open Forum</b> – Unitary Councillor Gilford provided an update on matters currently being dealt with by West Northamptonshire Council. There are three strands to their Overview and Scrutiny work plan: <u>Short term</u> : to ensure the new unitary council is set up equitably; <u>Mid-term</u> : Review the Tree policy and the Highways Contract which is up for renewal, especially with regard to the current pothole intervention levels; <u>Long term</u> : Regeneration of the three districts, waste collection and overspend in some areas.  The issues raised at the last meeting with regard to tree maintenance in a conservation area and planning have not been confirmed. Cllr Gilford did reassure the Council that Parish Councillors would not lose the ability to ‘call-in’ planning applications with the support of Unitary Councillors, providing any objections were based on material planning considerations.
4.	It was RESOLVED to approve the absence of Councillor Peter Bowman (Health). Unitary Councillor Rupert Frost also sent apologies.
5.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> – none.
6.	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2021.
7.	<b>Finance</b> It was RESOLVED to approve the following documents and payments: 1. August 2021 Bank reconciliation 2. August 2021 Receipts & Payments 3. Payments listed in Addendum A.
8.	It was RESOLVED to replace the lamps in the existing LED street lights using Aylesbury Mains. <b>Action</b> : The Clerk is to place the order and schedule the work.
9.	The Council’s Police Representative reported that there had been some ‘door to door’ sales people which may be ‘distraction’ burglaries. It was agreed that

	Councillors would verbally advise vulnerable parishioners' and a notice would go on the village Facebook page.
10.	<b>Planning:</b> the implications for the loss of the Parish Council's ability to 'call-in' was mitigated by Cllr Gilford's reassurances that the Unitary Councillors would act as the Council's 'voice' when required.
11.	Cllr Ron Flounders reported that there had been no real progress with the Village Design Statement during the summer and asked for a further update to be included on the November agenda. <b>Action:</b> Cllr. Flounders
12.	The Council is awaiting an update from the Friends of the Plough group and agreed to review any further information at the October meeting.
13.	Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre has had its first visitors of the new term this week, with positive feedback having been received regarding the new parking arrangements.
14.	<b>Highways Update:</b> The works carried out to High Street, between 6 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> September, which overran slightly, have been successfully completed.
15.	It was RESOLVED to approve the appointment of the new Clerk to the following roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NatWest Bankline Service Administrator, excluding power to authorise payments;</li> <li>• Responsible Financial Officer;</li> </ul> The Clerk's Delegated Authority was reviewed and approved without amendment.
16.	The adoption of the BT Phone box was discussed. Cllr Wilkins confirmed the phone box is a K6 and is 'listed' as part of the Conservation review. The Council can adopt the box for £1 and it could be refurbished for approximately £400. Newnham Parish Council have adopted their box and so it was suggested that the Clerk approach them to discuss the project. The Clerk advised that as the box is on the public highway a Highways Section 50 agreement would be required at an approximate cost of £350.  Cllr Flounders suggested the Council approach BT to remind them of their obligation as current owners to maintain the box as a listed property and see if they would refurbish the phone box in the first instance as it has fallen into disrepair. Action: Clerk to contact BT.  <b>Action:</b> Clerk to contact BT.
17.	It was agreed that Cllr Nichols and Cllr Willits will attend the NCALC AGM on Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October at Angel House, Northampton. <b>Action:</b> Clerk to advise NCALC
18.	Date of next meeting – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 11 October 2021. The meeting closed at 7:20pm.

## **Addendum A: September Payments (Item7.3)**

The payments were made using the listed Powers

Payee	Amount	Reason for Payment	Method	Powers
SLCC	£185	Training: ILCA; Powers and Duties; Planning SLCC	BACS	LGA1972 s111
NCALC	£77	Training: Budgeting and Finance; Off to 'A Flying Start'	BACS	LGA1972 s111
E Fothergill	£32.33	Expenses: HP Cartridge	BACS	LGA1972 s112
Image it!	£110	Newsletter	BACS	LGA1972 s143
E-On	£37.52	Streetlight maintenance	BACS	Parish Council Act 1957 s3