# **Everdon Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council**

### Held on 26th September 2022 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall, High Street Everdon.

**Present**:

Councillors Kevin Nichols (Chairman), Shaen Linfoot, Peter Cooper, Peter Bowman and Keith Wilkins.

In attendance: Ruth Scott (Clerk/RFO)

**Minutes**

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|  | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. |
|  | **Requests for dispensation** – none. |
|  | **Public Open Forum** – Two members of the public and Councillor Frost attended. One member of the public felt that the new LED streetlighting was too bright and shone directly into their bedroom. They suggested it was switched off overnight.  The other member of the public wished to discuss the redevelopment of Farthingstone Golf Club as they believed it would have a significant effect on the local environment and that the extent of the development could be much larger than the initial plans suggest. Councillor Frost had no further information on Farthingstone Golf Club’s redevelopment.  Councillor Frost asked if there were any developments regarding The Plough. Councillor Bowman confirmed it has been purchased by a local resident and it would be operated as a community concern.  Councillor Frost will try to confirm the arrangements for the clearing of the culverts on the Fawsley Road due to start 3rd October. No confirmation or details on any road closures have been supplied. |
|  | It was RESOLVED to approve the absence of Councillors Flounders, Willets and Osborne (Personal). |
|  | Declarations of Interest – None. |
|  | It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11th July 2022. |
|  | The Council received an update on the Parish Council’s response to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The book of condolence will be sent to the County Records Office and the Chairman sent a letter of condolence to Queen Elizabeth’s Private Secretary. |
|  | **Finance**: It was RESOLVED to approve the following:   1. July and August 2022 Bank reconciliation. 2. July and August 2022 Receipts & Payments. 3. Payments listed in Addendum A below. |
|  | It was confirmed that Everdon parish Council will continue with the **Smaller Authorities’ Audit Appointments (SAAA).** |
|  | Budget: Councillor Cooper suggested we purchase two new batteries for one of the SID machines.  ACTION: Councillor Cooper to supply the Clerk with the contact details to source a price for the budget. |
|  | It was RESOLVED to approve the following Policies and Procedures:  * Communication and Social Media. * Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy. * Employee Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure |
|  | The Council confirmed there were no objections to Planning Applications:WND/2022/0721 23 Stubbs Road NN11 3BN. Felling of a tree in a conservation area. WND/2022/0727 Wansbeck, Everdon. Felling of a tree in a conservation area. |
|  | The new owners of Farthingstone Golf Club have plans to redevelop the site into a residential hospitality centre. The Charmian and Clerk attended a meeting at which the plans were viewed. The development includes accommodation in 60 cabins, a new restaurant and leisure facilities. The proposals are available for the public to view on Friday 7 October at Farthingstone Village Hall (3pm-8pm) and Saturday 8 October at Farthingstone Hotel & Golf Club (10am-3pm). |
|  | The Chairman updated Council on the plans for the Solar Farm at Fawsley. The land is currently used for livestock and if the installation is approved and installed, this can continue. The proposed site could generate enough power for 4,500 homes. The Council awaits the planning application. |
|  | The LED lighting project is now complete. Western Power has revised the Estimated Annual Energy Consumption and at the current rates it is a saving of 75% on the village’s energy bill. Three residents have raised concerns that the lights are too bright. Some residents have said how the brighter lights make walking in the village much easier. The Chairman agreed the lights are much brighter, but are more environmentally friendly and deliver considerable savings on energy costs.  The Clerk has looked into potential solutions. To install a photocell on specific lights so they can go off between 12-5am would cost £220 per light; to supply a back shield would cost £190. The supplier could do both at the same time for £350 per light. This could be done on a phased basis. It would need to be built into the budget for 2022-23.  Councillor Bowman suggested investigating if lower wattage bulbs are available for selected lights.  ACTION: Clerk to investigate potential lamps and cost implications. |
|  | Councillor Linfoot reported there were no major updates, but to be aware of the energy support emails and text scams in circulation. There is another meeting on 27th September. |
|  | It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the free training which NCALC are offering. |
|  | There are no Councillors available to attend the NCALC AGM on 1st October at Kettering Conference Centre, Kettering. |
|  | Correspondence: None |
|  | The meeting closed at 7.30pm. The next Full Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 10th October 2022. |

Addendum A: **July Payments** (Item 7.3)

**Payments were made using the listed powers**

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| Payee | Amount | Reason for Payment | Method | Powers |
| July Payroll and Expenses | £450.46 | R. Scott’s Salary and expenses | BACS | LGA1972 s112 |
| Luke Costello | £264.00 | Mowing Inv. 108 | BACS | HA1980 s96 (4) |
| NCALC | £479.79 | Annual Subscription. Inv. 1942 | BACS | LGA 1972 s143 |
| NCALC | £297.00 | CILCA Course (reduced fee) Inv. 2183 | BACS | LG 1972 s112 |
| Forde and McHugh | £3151.20 | Conversion of 18 streetlights to LED. Inv 26103 | Cheque No. 1273 | Parish Council Act 1957 s3 |
| 123-Reg | £43.06 | Email Account | DD | LGA1972 s143 |
| Npower | £371.19 | Electricity 1.4.2022-30.6.2022 | BACS |  |

Addendum A: **August Payments** (Item 8.3)

**Payments were made using the listed powers**

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| Payee | Amount | Reason for Payment | Method | Powers |
| August Payroll and Expenses | £450.46 | R. Scott’s Salary and expenses | BACS | LGA1972 s112 |
| HGM (Luke Costello) | £264.00 | Mowing Inv. 0139 | BACS | HA1980 s96 (4) |
| HGM (Luke Costello) | £264.00 | Mowing Inv. 0156 | BACS | HA1980 s96 (4) |

Payments for approval to be paid in September

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| Payee | Amount | Reason for Payment | Method | Powers |
| 123-Reg | £43.06 | Email renewal | BACS | LGA1972 s143 |
| HGM (Luke Costello) | £264.00 | Mowing Inv. 0167 | BACS | HA1980 s96 (4) |
| September Payroll and Expenses | £442.36 | R. Scott’s Salary and expenses | BACS | LGA1972 s112 |