# **Everdon Parish Council**

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

### Held on 10th October 2022 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall, High Street Everdon.

**Present**:

Councillors Kevin Nichols (Chairman), Shaen Linfoot, Will Willits and David Osborne.

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** – Councillor Frost attended to say apart from the public consultation he had no further information on the Farthingstone Golf development. Culvert repairs on the Fawsley Road are still scheduled for week commencing 23rd October. Councillor Willits raised a resident query over the discretionary energy rebates available to some households in Bands E and F. A resident has requested an award and been informed all the funds had been used. Councillor Frost said he would look into the issue. A Parishioner reiterated their concerns over the brightness of one of the streetlights near to the village green. |
|  | It was RESOLVED to approve the absence of Councillors Bowman, Cooper Flounders, Wilkins (all Personal). |
|  | Declarations of Interest – None. |
|  | It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 26th September 2022. |
|  | **Finance**: It was RESOLVED to approve the following: 1. September 2022 Bank reconciliation.
2. September 2022 Receipts & Payments.
3. Payments listed in Addendum A below.
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|  | Councillor Linfoot had attended the Police Meeting and reported the success of the county’s ANPR campaign. All income from the campaign is put back into the highway’s infrastructure. |
|  | The content of the Mowing contract was approved and it was agreed to go out for tender from 14th October. The Clerk reported that she had 3 companies (including the current contractor) who had expressed an interest. Councillor Osborne also had a contact he will forward to the Clerk. |
|  | The Council RESOLVED to not formally comment on the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) review of the boundaries for West Northants.   |
|  | It was RESOLVED to approve the following Policies and Procedures: * Procedure for Complaints against the council.
* Grant Awarding Policy.
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|  | The Chairman and the Clerk attended the public viewing of information on Friday 7 October at Farthingstone Village Hall. We await further information and a formal planning application. |
|  | We have received our first full quarter’s bill with the LED lights and it is £94.33, the charge at a lower cost per Kwh for the same quarter in 2021 was £277, a significant reduction of 66%.Further to an issue raised by a resident, the Clerk investigated whether lower wattage streetlight bulbs are available, but all are the same. The bulbs in Long Row Close are the same as the rest of the village. The light in question (No.19) was checked by the Clerk and the lighting contractor and is 40m from the residents’ property, it is also at an angle to the property. Other solutions considered - to install a photocell on the specific light so it could go off between 12-5am, which would cost £220, or permanently turning the light off, this would make it very dark for pedestrians and drivers in that area. It was agreed to investigate the feasibility and cost of switching light No.19 off for three months and then reviewing.ACTION: The Clerk will speak to the contractor to see if it is possible to switch this one light off for three months and what would be the associated costs. |
|  | Councillor Bowman supplied a report that The Plough’s sale is progressing and contractors are organised to do the required works. Resident donations to support the re-opening are very close to reaching the target figure. Pledges are confidential, but a great many residents have decided to 'buy in', with numerous £100 pledges, together with £1,000 and to £20,000 from two individuals.  |
|  | The Council confirmed there was no objection to the following Planning Application:WND/2022/0789 Wood Farm, Farthingstone Road – single storey extension. (Weedon Parish). |
|  | Correspondence: The grant scheme supporting private landlords for the removal of fly tipping has been extended for another twelve months. |
|  | The Clerk and the Public were excluded from the meeting to discuss the outcome of her appraisal and to determine the 2023/24 remuneration package. Following a very positive appraisal, the Council RESOLVED to raise the Clerk’s salary to £14 per hour form 1st April 2023.  |
|  | The meeting closed at 7.40pm. The next full Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 14th November 2022. The Finance Committee will meet at 6pm on Monday 14th November 2022.  |

Addendum A: September payments

Payments were made using the listed powers

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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 |

Payments for approval to be paid in October

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| Payee | Amount | Reason for Payment | Method | Powers |
| HGM (Luke Costello) | £264.00 | Mowing Inv. 0199 | BACS | HA1980 s96 (4) |
| SLCC  | £112 | Clerk’s Membership | BACS | LGA1972 s 143 |
| 123-Reg | £43.06 | Email renewal | BACS | LGA1972 s143 |
| Npower | £83.18- refund inc. | Streetlighting | BACS | Parish Council Act 1957 s3 |