# **Everdon Parish Council**

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

### Held on 12th December at 6:30pm in the Village Hall, High Street Everdon.

**Present**:

Councillors Kevin Nichols (Chairman), Shaen Linfoot, Will Willits, Kevin Wilkins, Ron Flounders, Peter Cooper 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** – A member of the public asked for an update on the streetlights and appreciated that some residents wanted the lights on but hoped they could be switched off earlier. The Chairman explained that the new LED lights were brighter but resulted in significant cost savings of up 70% and suggested that the fairest way forward was for residents with issues to contact [environmentalimprovement.ddc@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalimprovement.ddc@westnorthants.gov.uk) to make their observations and ask for a site visit and report.  A Village Hall Committee representative said they would like to improve communication within the village and to that end would like to install a lockable noticeboard on the bus shelter. They would also like to display maps contained in the Parish Council’s ‘Welcome Pack’.  Councillor Frost later attended and said he had had a positive meeting with Kier, the Highways contractors. He asked if we received notifications of highway works and the Clerk said since the weekly updates stopped in September no information has been supplied. This may be due to no planned works being scheduled, however other works which affect the locality are not being communicated e.g. temporary traffic lights at Weedon. Councillors emphasised the immediate need for the culverts on the Fawsley Road to be addressed as the situation was dangerous. Grit bin No.273 had been emptied in the last few days and yet the road was still treacherous. The works here have been postponed three times this year. Councillor Frost said he understood this to be a result of lack of materials and that regular maintenance checks were not undertaken any more. Councillor Willits said he would take photographs and send them to demonstrate the serious risk it represented.  ACTION: Councillor Willits to forward Fawsley Road photographs to Councillor Frost.  Councillor Willits thanked Councillor Frost for his support with a resident seeking information regarding financial rebates, this resulted in a positive outcome for the resident. |
|  | It was RESOLVED to approve the absence of Councillor Bowman (Work). |
|  | Declarations of Interest – None. |
|  | It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th November 2022. |
|  | **Finance**: It was RESOLVED to approve the following:   1. November 2022 Bank reconciliation. 2. November 2022 Receipts & Payments. 3. Clerk’s Pay in lieu of holiday April - September. 4. Payments listed in Addendum A below. 5. The Finance Committee reviewed the budget and recommended setting the 2023-24 precept at £14,228 a 0% increase on the 2022-23 sum. It was RESOLVED to submit this as the precept demand for 2023-24. |
|  | Police Representative’s Update: Councillor Linfoot said there was a Cyber Fraud focus and residents should be aware of scams using Voicemail, texts and Whats App and the usual emails. Advice is to delete any suspicious notifications. There was an arson attack on a car in Weedon. |
|  | It was RESOLVED that any residents who had concerns about the LED lights should contact [environmentalimprovement.ddc@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalimprovement.ddc@westnorthants.gov.uk) for an impartial assessment and the Parish Council will follow any advice they offer. |
|  | The Council supported the Village Hall Committee’s request to place a lockable noticeboard in the bus shelter, providing the style was in keeping with the existing structure and it was regularly updated and maintained. The Council is happy to supply the current maps, however as they need updating and the format is difficult to work with, it was agreed Councillor Flounders would look at updating and producing them in a new format. The Clerk will assist with this.  ACTION: Councillor Flounders and the Clerk to look into producing an updated village map. |
|  | A resident requested that the Parish Council lay the hedge at the Little Everdon/Stubbs Road junction as it is a visibility hazard and is reducing the light into the adjacent properties. This hedge is on West Northants’ land and the issue has been reported on ‘Fix my Street’. |
|  | There is a grant available from West Northants for communities to offer ‘Warm Spaces’. The Clerk passed the information on to Councillor Wilkins as the Village Hall representative. |
|  | Village Design Statement: Councillor Flounders reported that he had developed a seven-page document which can be used alongside the Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP). It has been sent to the working party for approval. Councillor Flounders hopes to be able to update Jane Parry at West Northants Council for consultation by the end of the year. There will follow a formal process, leading to the adoption of the Village Design Statement.  Councillor Flounders hoped to have an update for the Parish Council by February. |
|  | Council confirmed its decisions on Planning Applications: WND/2022/0978 Laburnums, Stubbs Road – Removal of trees within a Conservation area. **Supported.** |
|  | Correspondence: An acknowledgement card for the condolence letter sent to Buckingham Palace on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been received. The Clerk will circulate and upload on to the website. |
|  | The meeting closed at 7.30pm. The Chairman wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year. The next full Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 9th January 2023. |

Addendum A: November payments

Payments paid in November (Item 7.4)

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| Payee | Amount | Reason for Payment | Method | Powers |
| November Payroll and Expenses | £442.36 | R. Scott’s Salary and expenses | BACS | LGA1972 s112 |
| SLCC | £410.00 | Clerk’s CiLCA portfolio subscription – Minutes Jan 2022 7.5 | BACS | LGA1972 s 112 |

Payments for approval to be paid in December (Item 7.3)

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| Payee | Amount | Reason for Payment | Method | Powers |
| Clerk’s payment in lieu of holiday | £325.89 | April- September 2022. | BACS | LGA1972 s112 |