

Everdon Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on 6th March 2023 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall, High Street Everdon.

Present:

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

In attendance: Ruth Scott (Clerk/RFO)

Minutes

1.	The Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
2.	Requests for dispensation – none.
3.	Public Open Forum Councillor Smith attended and apologies were received for Councillors Frost and Gilford. Councillor Smith confirmed that West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) had now achieved a balanced budget. The planning application for the redevelopment at Farthingstone Golf Club has been received but not yet validated. Councillor Smith confirmed two new Enforcement Officers had been appointed and that any previous issues for enforcement should be pursued.
4.	Apologies – none.
5.	Declarations of Interest - None.
6.	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13 th February 2023.
7.	Finance: It was RESOLVED to approve the following: 1. February 2023 Bank Reconciliation. 2. February 2023 Receipts & Payments. 3. The Council's General Power of Competency. 4. Payments in Addendum A.
8.	The draft Village Design Statement (VDS) was submitted to West Northamptonshire Council and their comments and revisions were received. The working party felt the document would not provide sufficient additional information to that contained in the CAAMPs to justify the ongoing work and required WNC consultation to complete the process and have advised WNC that Everdon will not be proceeding with the VDS at this time. Councillors approved this decision.
9.	Councillor Wilkins acting as the Village Hall representative asked if the Parish Council would be participating in any activities for the King's Coronation. Councillors agreed they would support community celebrations where they could.
10.	Councillor Linfoot said there was very little to report. The Chairman and Clerk attended the Rural Engagement event on February 20 th and while this was

	targeted at the farming community it contained useful information and explained how the Emergency Services and other agencies work together to support the rural community.
11.	<p>The SID unit from the bottom of the village has a fault. It was RESOLVED to arrange its transportation to Westcotec for assessment and repair. The carriage via DHL will cost £55 and the diagnostic test will cost £39.50. A quote for any required repairs will be supplied before any work is undertaken.</p> <p>ACTION: Councillor Cooper to arrange shipment and liaise with Westcotec.</p>
12.	It was RESOLVED not to participate in 'No Mow May' to ensure the verges remain in good condition for potential Coronation events and reduce the risk of increased dog fouling in longer grass.
13.	<p>Highways have investigated the issue of flooding on Fawsley Road and have visited the site and said it is not a culvert issue but could have been caused by blocked ditches resulting in an overflow from a stream further up the road. Recent work by the landowner may reduce the issues with this. The Council believe there is still a problem with surface water and that there is a culvert issue. Councillor Wilkins requested that Kier and WNC arrange a "walk the village" visit with Councillors so they can accurately identify this and other issues.</p> <p>ACTION: Clerk to write to Kier to request a joint inspection visit with Councillors.</p>
14.	Highways have now investigated and after some confusion have agreed to cut back the vegetation at the junction of Little Everdon Lane and Stubbs Road within the next six months.
15.	It was RESOLVED to simplify the Welcome Pack and supply new residents with a cover letter, to be included within the Village Newsletter, together with the revised house map.
16.	<p>To review Planning Applications including:</p> <p>WNP/2023/0004 Bramley Bank, Stubbs Road. This application was not able to be considered as permitted development as it is within the conservation area and will now be re-submitted.</p> <p>Enforcement of works to Halifax Lodge.</p> <p>ACTION: The Clerk will write to WNC to request the enforcement of the conditions required with the application DA/2020/0312.</p>
17.	Correspondence: None.
18.	The meeting closed at 7.45pm. The next full Parish Council meeting is on Monday 24th April 2023 at 6.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.

Payments made in February (Item 7.5)

Payee	Amount	Reason for Payment	Method	Powers
February Payroll and Expenses	£442.36	R. Scott's Salary and expenses.	BACS	LGA1972 s112