

Everdon Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on 24 April 2023 at 6:00pm in the Village Hall, High Street Everdon.

Present:

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

In attendance: Ruth Scott (Clerk/RFO)

Minutes

1.	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
2.	Requests for dispensation - none.
3.	Public Open Forum - six members of the public and Unitary Councillor, Councillor Frost, were present. Councillor Frost enquired about the meeting with Highways, which Council believed had been useful with the issues at Fawsley being identified and acknowledged. A drain survey was recommended. Councillor Frost advised that the pub at Badby was closing permanently and suggested that when The Plough reopens, and is operating successfully, that the Parish Council might consider reapplying for it to be an Asset of Community Value. Councillor Frost said that Planning seemed to be improving, but was still in state of change. The Clerk explained there had been some IT issues, with not all documents appearing on the portal immediately. A response is still awaited from Planning regarding fulfilment of the outstanding conditions of sanction at Halifax Lodge. The Parish Council confirmed that the issue lies with Planning and that the owners of the property are completely without fault, having received correspondence from Planning, but with confirmation from the developer that all conditions had been met, prior to purchase. The owner of the property involved in Planning Application WND/2023/0216 provided some comments on the rationale of the application.
4.	There were no absences.
5.	Declarations of Interest – None.
6.	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6 th March 2023.
7.	Finance: It was RESOLVED to approve the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. March 2023 Year-end Bank reconciliation.2. March 2023 Year-end Receipts & Payments.3. Payments, listed in Addendum A.4. 2022/23 Annual Accounts.

	<p>5. The continued use of online payments, in terms of paragraph 6.9 of the Council's Financial Regulations</p> <p>6. Continued use of Northants CALC as the Council's Data Protection Officer and internal audit service.</p>
8.	<p>The following Audit 2022/23 documents were reviewed and approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certificate of Exemption (by virtue of the council's income being below £25,000), Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) 2015; 2. Section 1, Annual Governance Statement; 3. Section 2, Accounting Statement; 4. Explanation of variances.
9.	<p>Planning - Councillors reviewed and supported applications WND/2022/0198 and 0216, subject to due care and consideration being taken by the builders involved with application 0216 to ensure the site is kept tidy at all times with minimal disruption to the area.</p> <p>The Clerk has again requested a response from Planning Enforcement regarding fulfilment of the conditions of sanction pertaining to the redevelopment of Halifax Lodge. The assistance of Unitary Councillor Frost was kindly offered.</p>
10.	<p>The Chairman and Clerk met with the PCC at their meeting in March at which the Parish Council offered its help to assist with management of potential traffic issues when attending church events. Advanced notice advisory flyers were delivered by Councillors to properties likely to be affected, which seemed to help manage the expectations of those likely to be affected. It was agreed to continue to work together in future.</p>
11.	<p>The Police Representative reported there have been an increase in the number of police officers and female representation has reached 36%. Nick Adderley has returned to his post as Chief Constable. The Beat Bus attended the village in April but the PC was given no notice and so were unable to advise residents.</p>
12.	<p>Residents were reminded of the Parish Council's resolution to request assessments of the impact of the LED Street lighting from Environmental Improvements at environmentalimprovement.ddc@westnorthants.gov.uk and that the Council will abide by their recommendations. If residents then wish to pay for any remedial works that are recommended the Council is happy for this to be discussed.</p>
13.	<p>There was an issue with horses using the permissive footpaths which are only intended for walkers, however the land owner has erected signs stating 'No horses' and this seems to have resolved the situation.</p>
14.	<p>The SID machine was sent away for repair to Westcotec on Tuesday 18th April, hopefully there will be an update available for the meeting in May.</p>
15.	<p>Councillor Wilkins, Willits and the Clerk met with Highways (Kier) on Friday 21st April to walk through the issues at Fawsley Road. Kier has requested a drainage expert visit the site to survey. The drainage gullies which are the run offs from the farmers' lands need clearing. It was agreed that the culverts need to be addressed by WNC too, they could not confirm if these works could be added to</p>

	the works schedule before Christmas. It is expected that there will be a clearer indication of the required works after the drain survey.
16.	The Village Hall is extending the coffee morning on Thursday 4 th May to a lunch to celebrate the King's Coronation. 'Bluebell Teas' will also be offered on Monday 8 th May.
17.	Correspondence – None.
18.	The meeting closed at 6.55pm. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 15th May 2023 .

Addendum A: March Payments (Item 7.3)

Payments were made using the listed powers

Payee	Amount	Reason for Payment	Method	Powers
March Payroll and Expenses	£498.06	R. Scott's Salary and expenses	BACS	LGA1972 s112
CPRE	£36.00	Annual Membership	BACS	LGA 1972 s143
HGM (Luke Costello)	£264.00	Mowing Inv. 0264	BACS	HA1980 s96 (4)

Payments for approval to be paid in April

Payee	Amount	Reason for Payment	Method	Powers
NCALC	£541.77	Subscription, audit fee and ICO Officer fee	BACS	LGA 1972 s143
April Payroll and Expenses	£483.00	R. Scott's Salary and expenses (inc. annual increase)	BACS	LGA1972 s112
npower	£79.47	Electricity supply for LED lighting.	BACS	Parish Council Act 1957 s3
HGM (Luke Costello)	£264.00	Mowing Inv. 287	BACS	HA1980 s96 (4)