

Everdon Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on 9th October 2023 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall, High Street Everdon.

Present:

Councillors Kevin Nichols (Chairman), Shaen Linfoot, David Osborne and Keith Wilkins.

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 – Councillor Frost attended to say there are still issues within planning and to be vigilant with applications. Highways was improving, but there were still issues.
4.	It was RESOLVED to approve the absence of Councillors Cooper, Flounders and Willits (Personal).
5.	Declarations of Interest – Councillor Osborne declared an interest in Item 10 Planning Application WND/2023/0042 and did not participate in the vote.
6.	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 th September 2023.
7.	Finance: It was RESOLVED to approve the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. September 2023 Bank reconciliation.2. September 2023 Receipts & Payments.3. Payments listed in Addendum A below plus an invoice to npower for £82.79.
8.	The next Police Representative's meeting is on 17 th October. The police reminded residents to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• check their outside security for the Autumn.• Not to upload any doorbell footage to social media as it can compromise prosecutions. There is Safer Driver Course for drivers 60+ in Daventry on 7 th November – details are on the PC website.
9.	It was suggested the PC look at the cost of refurbishing the bench outside The Plough. The Clerk asked for recommendations for a Handyman as there have been no responses to requests for quotes. ACTION: Councillor Linfoot to look at the local publications and social media for contacts and forward to the Clerk.
10.	Planning Applications:

	<p>The Council RESOLVED to object to Planning Application 2023/6874/Full Barley Mow, The Green. NN11 3FF for a loft conversion and single storey extension. The Velux windows at the front and dormer windows are not in keeping with the street scene. Previous applications with these style windows have been refused. It was suggested Velux windows be installed at the rear only.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to object to WND/2023/0042 20 Stubbs Road, Everdon NN11 3BN the revised drawings did not detail the height of the building. In 1996 there were objections over the height of a two-storey garage extension. The application was DA95/0765 and this was eventually passed after several revisions including a reduction in height on 3/4/1996. As the current garage is being demolished and rebuilt the new construction could be single storey with a larger footprint and avoid any impact on the street scene.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to support the revised application 2023/5502/FULL for 1 The Green.</p>
11.	Councillors Nichols and Osborne attended the NCALC conference and reported that the event was well attended and organised. There were some interesting speakers, one of the presentations was on AI and its applications and implications for local government. An example was provided for a possible App which would directly locate highway issues and upload to “Fix My Street”. Presentations were also received from the two Unitary Authorities, both of whom felt administrative improvements were occurring, but there was more work to be done.
12.	It was RESOLVED to participate in the Local Council Award Scheme at a cost of £100.
13.	<p>It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to attend the following training to help achieve the Skilled Officer Development Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media for Councils 15.02.2024 - £42.00 • Communicating with your Community Part One 11.01.2024 - £42.00
14.	Correspondence – None.
15.	The Clerk and the Public were excluded from the meeting to discuss the outcome of her appraisal and to determine the 2024/25 remuneration package. Following a very positive appraisal, the Council RESOLVED to raise the Clerk’s salary to £15 per hour from 1 st April 2024.
16.	The meeting closed at 7.20pm. The next full Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 13 th November 2023. The Finance Committee will meet at 6pm on Monday 13 th November 2023.

Addendum A: September payments

Payments were made using the listed powers

Payee	Amount	Reason for Payment	Method	Powers
123-Reg	£43.06	Email renewal – Clerk’s address via expenses.	BACS	LGA1972 s143
September Payroll and Expenses	£483.00	R. Scott’s Salary and expenses.	BACS	LGA1972 s112
HGM (Luke Costello)	£264.00	Mowing Inv. 432.	BACS	HA1980 s96 (4)

Netwise	£396.00	Annual Subscription and maintenance of the website.	BACS	LGA1972 s143
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Payments for approval to be paid in October

Payee	Amount	Reason for Payment	Method	Powers
HGM (Luke Costello)	£264.00	Mowing Inv. 450.	BACS	HA1980 s96 (4)
Npower	£82.79	Electricity supply for streetlighting.	BACS	Parish Council Act 1957 s3
SLCC	£112.00	Clerk's Membership.	BACS	LGA1972 s143