

Everdon Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on 8th January 2024 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall, High Street Everdon.

Present:

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

Absent: Councillor David Osborne.

In attendance: Ruth Scott (Clerk/RFO)

Minutes

1.	After wishing attendees a Happy New Year, the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
2.	Requests for dispensation – none.
3.	Public Open Forum - no matters were raised.
4.	No apologies for absence were received.
5.	Declarations of Interest – none.
6.	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11 th December 2023.
7.	Finance: It was RESOLVED to approve the following: 1. December 2023 Bank Reconciliation. 2. December 2023 Receipts & Payments. 3. Payments in Addendum A.
8.	Three projects were put forward in the budget for 2024-25: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staining the interior of the bus shelter – after taking advice from contractors it was agreed to let the oak interior age naturally.• Refurbishing the scaffolding at Well Lane ER3 -the scaffolding is the property of West Northants Council and while the Parish Council was happy to repaint the protective guard, on closer inspection it requires considerable remedial works. The Clerk has raised this on 'Fix My Street' (5356799) and, after investigation, Highways has agreed to maintain it within 26 weeks.• After receiving two quotes for refurbishing the bench outside The Plough and comparing the costs of a new bench it was RESOLVED to use F.J.C. Leatherland and Son will refurbish the existing bench. The Clerk will arrange for the work to be carried out in the new financial year.
9.	Councillor Linfoot reported that the next Police Representative's Meeting is on 16 th January and the agenda has not been issued yet. West Northants are piloting a new scheme the 'Immediate Justice Programme' targeting anti -social behaviour whereby offenders undertake community work e.g. if they have graffitied an area the offender will be tasked with cleaning it. The programme will

	roll out nationally in April 2024. The Police precept will increase by £15 and Fire by £5 on a typical Band D property.
10.	<p>Zurich Insurance is pursuing the claim for lamppost No.1 on Stubbs Road, damaged in the road traffic incident on 16th December. It is hoped their Recoveries Team will also reclaim the excess payment of £250. The Clerk has to supply two quotes for the lamppost. A quote has been received from Ford and McHugh and we are waiting a second one. The SID machine was undamaged and has been relocated to the lamppost by The Bungalow. The Invoice for the emergency work by Balfour Beatty and The National Grid has not yet been received. These will be submitted to Zurich as soon as possible. Once the quotes are received and agreed with Zurich, the Clerk will arrange the replacement lamppost.</p> <p>The Clerk will develop a list of emergency contacts for anticipated emergency events and circulate to all Councillors in due course.</p>
11.	<p>Following Councillor Wilkins' resignation as the Village Hall Representative it was RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Linfoot to the role. Councillor Linfoot will no longer be the Police Liaison Representative and it was RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Willits to this role. The Councillors will have a handover discussion for both of the new roles.</p>
12.	<p>Planning Applications – nothing new has been received.</p> <p>With regard to Planning Application WND/2023/0042, the additional drawings supplied in December, have not altered the Council's view that the structure is too high and will have a strong, detrimental impact on the street scene. The Parish Council concur with the comments in the Heritage report. The Clerk will reiterate the Parish Council's views on the Planning Portal and suggest a single-story footprint would be more appropriate.</p>
13.	<p>A resident had raised the issue of overgrown footpaths on the High Street/ Newnham Road on 'Fix My Street' and was advised to contact the Parish Council. The Clerk investigated with Highways and received the following response via email: <i>'Generally footways form part of the public highway. I would suggest you report the problem through to our fault reporting system via the West Northants Council website. When you explain the problem state that you feel that the footway needs 'siding out' this essentially means to clear all of the muck / vegetation and expose the full width of the footway.'</i> The Clerk reported the issue (5398952) and it has been agreed the 'siding out' will be undertaken within 26 weeks. Other Councillors said there was the same issue on the other side of the road and Councillor Wilkins will send the Clerk photographs so a report can be made on 'Fix My Street'.</p> <p>The Clerk is waiting to hear from Highways regarding the issue on the drains on Well Lane.</p>
14.	Correspondence - none.
15.	The meeting closed at 7.10pm. The next full Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 12th February 2024.

Addendum A: Payments

Payments paid in December (Item 7.3)

Payee	Amount	Reason for Payment	Method	Powers
December Payroll and Expenses	£483.00	R. Scott's Salary and expenses.	BACS	LGA1972 s112
Yu Energy	£ 46.93	December payment	DD	Parish Council Act 1957 s3

Payments for approval to be paid in January

Payee	Amount	Reason for Payment	Method	Powers
Reg-123	£14.39	Annual Domain Payment (in RS expenses)	DD	LGA1972 s143