

Everdon Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council

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

Present:

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

In attendance: Ruth Scott (Clerk/RFO)

Minutes

Some items were moved on the agenda for the convenience of Members of the Public but have been minuted under the original Agenda Item number for consistency.

1.	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
2.	Requests for dispensation – none.
3.	Public Open Forum – Despite the contract terms the mowing contractor made an error and mistakenly mowed the bank outside The Bakehouse in June. A member of the public requested that the bank not be mown until after 1st July 2025 to allow the wildflowers on the bank to reseed. Unitary Councillor, David Smith, attended and advised that he now has responsibility for Planning within West Northants Council. He has already made changes to the operational management of planning, ensuring that the reasons for an application being ‘called in’ are included on the notes for the committee and that there is an option for the Chairman to adjourn for clarification during the meeting. Councillor Smith also confirmed that as Councillor Frost sits on the Planning Committee any requests to ‘call in’ applications should be referred to him or Councillor Gilford.
4.	Apologies for Absence – None.
5.	Declarations of Interest – None.
6.	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10 th June 2024.
7.	Finance: It was RESOLVED to approve the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. June 2024 Bank reconciliation.2. June 2024 Receipts & Payments.3. Payments listed in Addendum A below.4. The Clerk has raised a formal complaint with Nat West as the bank has still not closed the account.5. The continued use of online payments, in terms of Section 7 of the New Financial Regulations 2024 approved in the June 2024 (under the old Financial Regulations) minutes Item 7.5.

	6. Revised authority to delegate to the Clerk and Risk Assessment – including Financial Control in light of new 2024 Financial Regulations.
8.	It was RESOLVED to approve the following Policies and Procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct July 2024. • Transparency Code Requirements. • Risk Management Policy. • Health and Safety Policy. • Training and Development Policy.
9.	Planning: There were no new applications. The retrospective planning permission for 1 The Green has been ‘called in’ for discussion at Committee.
10.	Lamp Post Number 1: The replacement lamp post has been installed by Forde and McHugh. The power supplier is to provide a date when they can reconnect. Zurich have stated that the Third-party insurer has been unresponsive. The Clerk is investigating the implications and options for the Council as they do not want the accident to result in an increase in the precept to villagers.
11.	It was RESOLVED to not mow the bank outside of the Bakehouse until 1 st July 2025 to allow the wildflowers to re-establish. ACTION: The Clerk to advise the contractor not to mow until 1 st July 2025.
12.	It was RESOLVED to order the solar powered SIDS machine from Westcotec. Action: The Clerk to liaise with Westcotec to confirm pricing and delivery.
13.	It was RESOLVED to approve the use of the Village Green for the Fete in August.
14.	Police Liaison Report: Councillor Willits reported that there have been some burglaries from places of worship in the locality. In national news there have been over 32 million suspicious emails reported with more than a third in the last year. These reports have led to 329 000 websites being removed by the National Cyber Security Centre. If you wish to report a suspicious email please email report@phishing.gov.uk or forward spam text to 7726.
15.	To promote the Parish Council, and attract new Councillors in the event of vacancies in May 2025, the Clerk circulated a draft flyer. Councillors are to review and supply comments to the Clerk by 26 th July to enable printing and distribution. It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold an open event on Monday 9th September at 6.00pm prior to the September Parish Council Meeting. Refreshments will be supplied and Councillors will be on hand to talk to prospective new Councillors. • A leaflet will be produced and delivered door to door by Councillors during the last week of August. • A poster will be placed promoting the event in the noticeboard before the Fete. • A message advertising the event will be posted on Facebook at the end of August.
16.	Correspondence: The PCC has advised of three weddings in the next few weeks on 18 th , 20 th July and 9 th August.
17.	The meeting closed at 7.15pm. There is no scheduled meeting in August, unless an additional meeting is required – The next Full Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 9th September 2024.

Addendum A: June Payments (Item 7.3)

Payments paid in June

Payee	Amount	Reason for Payment	Method	Powers
St. Mary's Church	£500.00	Grant Payment	BACS	GPoC
Yu Energy	£41.17	Streetlighting	BACS	Parish Council Act 1957 s3
Netwise	£12.00	Switch to .gov.uk domain.	BACS	LGA1972 s143
Netwise	£50.14	Upgrade to email accounts (pro rata to October)	BACS	LGA1972 s143
HGM (Luke Costello)	£264.00	Mowing Inv.	BACS	HA1980 s96 (4)

Payments for approval to be paid in July/August*

Payee	Amount	Reason for Payment	Method	Powers
Luke Costello	£264.00	Mowing Inv. 618	BACS	HA1980 s96 (4)
Forde and McHugh	£1797.00	Replacement lamppost	BACS	Parish Council Act 1957 s3
Yu Energy	£37.44	Streetlighting	BACS	Parish Council Act 1957 s3