

Everdon Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on 9 August 2021 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall, High Street, Everdon

Present:

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

In attendance: Erica Fothergill (Clerk/RFO) and Unitary Councillors Rupert Frost and Jo Gilford

1.	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.
2.	Requests for dispensation - none.
3.	Public Open Forum – Cllrs Frost and Gilford updated council on unitary council matters. Of note was the fact that the constitution of West Northants Council specified that if the parish council wished to object to a planning application, they would need 3 Unitary Councillors to provide support in order to progress.
4.	Absent: Cllr Cooper.
5.	Declarations of Interest – None.
6.	It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12 July 2021.
7.	Finance It was RESOLVED to approve the following documents and payments: 1. July 2021 Bank reconciliation 2. July 2021 Receipts & Payments 3. Payments listed in Addendum A.
8.	Councillors reviewed the cost of vintage lanterns and concluded that, at more than double the cost of contemporary lanterns quoted by E-On, it was not warranted. The Clerk was requested to obtain further quotations for review in September.
9.	Councillor Keith Wilkins was appointed as the Internal Control Councillor for 2021/22.
10.	The Police Representative reported that, apart from theft of plants in Weedon from community owned planters, there was nothing more to report.
11.	Planning The Council was unable to comment on the amended application DA/2021/0282 for work to trees in a conservation area, as it had not been uploaded to the planning website. Unitary Councillor Jo Gilford offered to investigate.

12.	The Chairman reported that interviews for the new Clerk took place on 4 th August with 3 candidates. The Panel unanimously RESOLVED to appoint Mrs Ruth Scott to the role at the starting salary range within SCP13. It was agreed that the current Clerk will also attend the September meeting as part of the handover process. It was RESOLVED to compensate the outgoing Clerk, at her current pay rate, for any work undertaken during the handover.
13.	The Chairman of the Village Design Statement (VDS) Working Party reported that preliminary work had been done and that he will be calling a meeting to progress the VDS and report back at the September meeting.
14.	The following policies were reviewed and approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom of Information Complaints Procedure • Policy for Dealing with Unreasonable Complainant Behaviour
15.	The meeting closed at 7:40pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 13 September 2021.

Addendum A: Additional July Payment (Item 7.3)

The payments was made using the General Power of Competence

Payee	Amount	Reason for payment	Method
Luke Costello	£220.00	Mowing Inv. 1344	BACS