

NYTHE, ELDENE & LIDEN
PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2019 at 6.30pm
in Eldene Community Centre**

Present Cllr K Parry (Chair)
Cllr D Bell (Vice-Chair)
Cllr G Stubbs
Cllr Z Hawson
Cllr B Cockbill
Cllr B Solomon

Officers Sue Frawley (Parish Clerk)

Public Seven

280 **Apologies**
Cllrs Hunt, Brant & Ibitoye

281 **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None.

282 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 14th January 2019 be approved as a correct record.

283 **Pubic Session**
John from Lakeside Avenue complained about the amount of rubbish in Eldene and asked why there were not more bins around the community centre. Cllr Parry stated that since the Parish inception, more bins than ever had been installed in the Parish. With the new budget available from 1st April, this would allow the Parish to install even more bins. When the shops had been removed, a couple of bins had also been removed as these had belonged to the shops. There was also a fly tipping issue, which was why further down the agenda there was a motion to purchase a new security camera which would be installed in the car park adjacent to the pub, to try and catch who was continually doing this and try to get this to lead to a prosecution. John also asked whether it would be possible to get the barrier put back to stop cars parking on the area adjacent to the community centre. This was an accident waiting to happen with children, stones and vehicles. Cllr Parry said he would speak to Swindon Borough Council about this. Cllr Solomon asked that the Clerk circulate how many bins there currently were in Eldene.

Tony, Haynes Close, Eldene asked for an update on the centre island of Shaftesbury Lake. The Clerk confirmed that this would be done on Friday 1st March. Tony also stated there was a problem with the collection of the orange boxes which compounded the litter problem – lids were removed by the refuse teams and then they went to the lorry to empty and obviously on a windy day this led to rubbish being strewn around. Cllr Parry stated that the teams had been trained to pick up any rubbish on the ground but admitted that this was not always done.

Tony thanked the Parish Council for cleaning behind the bench but said that the bushes need the litter removed. Cllr Parry stated that the area was cleaned every week, and also machine swept but not every week.

Tony from Ecklington said he was sure him and his neighbours would be keen to litter pick on a regular basis. Cllr Parry stated that litter picks were available from the Clerk in Liden Library. We already had some volunteers who did this, and the Parish contractor would pick up the rubbish from them. Ron from Eldene also mentioned that there was a bicycle in Nythe pond. Cllr Parry stated that the environment agency would be contacted.

284 **Schedule of Payments**

The Clerk submitted the Schedule of Payments for February 2019 a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book be approved.

285 **Bank Reconciliations and Accounts**

The Clerk submitted Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for January 2019, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation and Accounts which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book be approved.

286 **Prior Approval Required & Given**

To note that 30 Hallam Moor, Liden has approval to erect a single storey rear extension measuring 5.9m (from original rear wall). Height to match existing eaves.

287 **Granted Planning Permission**

To note that change of use of land to class B8 for outdoor storage and distribution use with the erection of an office/cabin at Faraday Road, Dorcan and that 5 Okebourne Park, Liden has been granted permission to erect a two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension and that Unit 12, Murdock Road, Dorcan has permission to alter the front/side (North) elevations (including additional windows).

The Clerk was asked to query with planning the access problems re Faraday Road.

- 288** **Refusal of Planning Permission**
To note that the change of use of highway to siting of a hot food vending van on land at Faraday Road had been refused.
- 289** **Planning Appeal**
To note that 5 Okebourne Park have submitted an appeal to the original application for the erection of a two-storey side and rear extension.
- 290** **Certificate of Lawful Development**
To note that 60 Overbrook, Eldene has permission to erect a single storey rear extension.
- 291** **Parish Logo**
It was agreed to move this item to the end of the meeting due to the time it would take to decide.
- 292** **Risk Management Document**
The Clerk circulated the updated document for approval. Cllr Stubbs asked that there should be mention of GDPR. The Clerk to update the document and re-circulate next month. The original document appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.
- 293** **Interim Internal Audit Report**
The Clerk circulated this document. The recommendations would be implemented but the Clerk to query the need for Parish email addresses. Cllr Parry said that even the Borough Council were happy for Councillors to use private emails. The Report appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.
- 294** **Swindon Community Library Trust**
Cllr Bell stated that he had now been appointed as a Trustee, as per a request by the Parish Council at a previous meeting. He also confirmed that any monies the Parish Council gave, would be used exclusively for Liden Library. Cllr Bell stated that following a look at the accounts, there was a breakeven point for the Library Trust in years 3-4, therefore funding from the Parish could then be reduced. Cllr Solomon asked how much money the Parish were giving to the Trust. Cllr Parry confirmed that the grant is £6,500 p.a. plus the additional grant of £5,000. The rent is separate which is an additional £6,500. The additional grant had been agreed at a previous meeting, but this had only been approved for 12 months, and would be discussed again in the following financial year. Cllr Parry confirmed that there were currently only 3 Trustees. Cllr Cockbill stated that he had not received confirmation of who the Trustees were, as per a previous meeting request. Cllr Parry stated that the Clerk had circulated the names, but the Clerk was asked to send this again to Cllr Cockbill.
- 295** **Purchase of a new bench and litter bin for Shaftesbury Lake**
The Clerk had circulated a quote for the above. The spend was approved by the Parish Council. A copy of the quote appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

It was also confirmed that Cllr Bell was using his Councillor Allowance (which had had not taken over the past 2 years), to purchase a picnic bench for Liden Lagoon.

Cllr Solomon asked about the bench he wanted to purchase as he was not taking his Councillor's Allowance. The Clerk to confirm the cost of a new bench to Cllr Solomon, and how long it would take to completely fund this project.

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Audit of Public Open Spaces and Update of Settlement Boundaries

Cllr Stubbs updated the Council on a meeting he and Cllr Bell had attended at Swindon Borough Council offices. This was an audit of the quantity and quality of open spaces in the Borough, regarding development opportunities in the future. The Parish Council's were being asked to undertake this work as they had the best local knowledge. A methodology statement had been promised, but this had not yet been sent. The average number of open spaces to be assessed per Parish is 12 with a maximum of 20. A 2-3 page questionnaire per space would need to be completed. The meeting confirmed that they were happy for Cllrs Stubbs and Bell to undertake this work.

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Purchase of an additional Security Camera re Fly Tipping

Cllr Parry confirmed that this camera would be used to try and combat the fly tipping issue in Eldene. Cllr Cockbill asked if Cllr Parry was aware of any issues at the allotments as he had seen police cars there a couple of weeks ago. Cllr Parry stated he had not been made aware of any issues, but this was a matter for Cllr Brant. The meeting approved the purchase of a new security camera.

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Parish Council Shaftesbury Lake Clean-Up – 9th March

Meet at Shaftesbury Lake at 10am. Volunteers are insured under the Parish Council policy. Cllr Parry confirmed that the boundary had been agreed between himself, Cllr Chris Watts and the Borough Solicitor.

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Liden Parish Fun Day – 13th July

The Clerk updated the meeting on attractions booked or in the process of being booked – including 8 classes of dog show, Swindon Brass, STFC Youth against Liden Community FC penalty shoot-out, Swindon Musicians, Hot Steppers dance troupe, live music, bouncy castle, close-up magic, face painting, car boot/tables sales, display of classic cars, BBQ and drinks by the community centre, tour of 105.5FM, stocks, hook a duck, name the teddy, ice cream seller, art group display/sale, St. John's Ambulance cover. Cllr Parry asked the meeting for approval of approximately £1,000 budget for the Clerk, as some items like SJA had to be paid for. The meeting approved this budget.

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Date of Next Meeting

6.30pm on Monday 18th March in Nythe Community Centre.

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Staffing Matters

The Clerk and Public left the meeting

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Signed

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Chair of the Council