

NYTHE, ELDENE & LIDEN

PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2019 at 6:30pm in Liden Library

Present:

Cllr K Parry (Chair)
Cllr D Bell (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Z Hawson
Cllr B Solomon
Cllr A Hunt
Cllr O Ibitoye
Cllr G Stubbs
Cllr B Cockbill

Officers:

Pauline Lancaster (Parish Clerk)

Public:

Eight

23 **Apologies:**

Cllr G Cruse

24 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

None

25 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the parish council meeting on the 20th May 2019 be approved as a correct record.

26 **Public session**

Lady from Eldene (Name not stated) - Raised a concern about the state of the path running alongside the play park at Collingsmead. Cllr Parry responded that many paths in the area were undermined by trees on land not belonging to the parish and that the parish was not responsible for relaying paths. Cllr Hawson added that he had been informed that the path in question was not designated by the borough council and was unlikely to be repaired by them.

Mr Bonner – Circulated a letter that he had received from Swindon Borough Council stating that although Shaftesbury lake had several fallen trees the Borough would not cut them before the Autumn due to nesting birds, he also enquired as to whether the

parish would fund its own program for tree cutting. Cllr Parry responded that tree cutting was not normally carried out until the Autumn and that the parish would enquire why the borough thought that the parish was better placed to carry out the works given the parish's lack of suitable equipment. Cllr Parry also confirmed that a litter bin would be fitted near the picnic bench and that the parish clerk would contact the borough council for clarification on the other points.

27 **The Crumpled Horn Public House**

Cllr Solomon brought his motion that the Crumpled Horn should be adopted as a parish protected asset.

Cllr Hunt expressed he wanted to open a dialogue with Arkells Brewery.

Cllr Parry asked for clarification as to what Cllr Solomon wished to do and what this would mean for the Parish council and what this would cost the council financially.

Cllr Solomon said that he wanted the parish to take this grade II listed building into the care of the parish council and be responsible for the maintenance of this building. Particularly the borough owned toilet blocks and the vegetation within the pub's grounds.

Cllr Parry asked for more clarification as to what this means fiscally.

Cllr Solomon said he proposed to use the toilets for tool storage perhaps and would need to get costings.

Cllr Parry said the building was unlikely to be demolished as it was recently listed and that it was in private ownership and that taking on its lease would cost £18,000 pa Owned by Heineken. Eldene Centre regeneration plans had had to be changed due to the location of the pub and its listing. The building would be unable to sell food and had many problems including disabled access. If the parish were to take on this building, he would have to cut a budget elsewhere such as play parks.

Cllr Solomon suggested that the Parish had already began to fund Liden Library and could extend this to the pub.

Cllr Bell said that the pub was a private business and would set a dangerous precedent.

Cllr Stubbs said he was concerned that there was no definition and status as to what this all means.

Cllr Hunt said he wanted to open a dialogue and that he was not talking about spending money.

Cllr Bell said he could not justify spending money.

Cllr Cockbill said he remembered that in the past councils had adopted buildings as public assets.

Cllr Stubbs suggested that there would need to be very careful costings before any decision to take on the pub be made.

Cllr Parry said that the landlords of the pub were seeking tenants and he asked Cllr Solomon to read the motion again.

Cllr Solomon asked why it was not on the agenda and the parish clerk said it was her error and apologised to Cllr Solomon. Cllr Solomon repeated the motion saying that he wanted the Crumpled Horn Public House to be a parish protected community asset

as it was of historic significance, was listed and that this would ensure that it was not demolished at some time in the future. Motion not carried.

28 **Schedule of payments**

It was RESOLVED that the schedule of payments be approved.

29 **Bank reconciliations and accounts**

It was RESOLVED that the bank reconciliations and accounts be approved

30 **Certificate of lawful development**

To note that:

5 Tregantle Walk, Nythe has permission to erect a conservatory.

21 Edale Moor, Liden has been granted a certificate of lawful development to erect a single-story side extension.

44 Fairlawn, Liden has been granted planning permission to erect a single-story side extension.

31 **Grant application D E H Community**

Clerk read out a list of names of nine parish residents received from DEH Community. The Chairman indicated that the annual budget for grants had already been spent and so any grant would have to be funded from other sources. After discussion Councillors requested more information be sought from Derryck Evans House regarding the applicant's authority to ask for a grant in their name and how many of those residents who had been named had access to a car.

32 **Bus Route Number 20**

Cllr Cockbill indicated an interest in this item.

Cllr Solomon laid out that there had previously been a bus service which ran from Stratton to the Great Western Hospital which had been replaced by direct busses to town. Stratton St Margaret Parish Council had sent a letter to NEL Parish suggesting that a new bus route be supported that ran through Kingsdown, Lower Stratton, Covingham, Nythe, Eldene, Liden to GWH.

Cllr Solomon suggested that Covingham Parish Council be contacted about potential joint funding.

Cllr Cockbill suggested that the route would also serve to connect residents across East Swindon.

Cllr Bell stated that he had previously examined a similar idea and it had been found that usage would be too low to prevent large subsidies being required.

Cllr Stubbs suggested that a meeting needed to be sought with the other Parishes due to the significant sum that the letter suggested would be needed.

Cllr Hawson suggested that although a bus route to the hospital is desired by residents, that the Stratton proposals suggested a cost to NEL Parish of £36,000 - £56,000, something that would require a large precept rise to support and that perhaps Swindon Borough Council may be contacted about the subsidy.

Cllr Parry stated that the Borough Council had previously funded a similar route but it had proven unviable due to very low passenger numbers. Furthermore, the running of

bus services would be beyond the responsibilities laid down in the Parish agreement and that even £16,000 would require a 10% precept rise.

It was resolved that further information be sought from Stratton St Margaret Parish Council and a meeting might be held.

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Date of Next Meeting

6:30pm on Monday 22nd July at Nythe Community Centre.

The Meeting closed at 7:16pm