

DRAFT VERSION

NYTHE, ELDENE & LIDEN PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2022 at 6.30pm

At Liden Library

Present Cllr K Parry (Chair)
Cllr D Bell
Cllr Z Hawson
Cllr M Davies
Cllr M Vallender
Cllr G Perkins
Cllr G Stubbs
Cllr B Soloman

Officers Ms Emma Hill (Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer)

Public None

693 Apologies

Cllr C Flux – (Apologies for lateness – Did not attend)

694 Declarations of Interest & Application for Dispensations.

Cllr Bell and Cllr Davies and Cllr Garry Perkins and Cllr Basil Soloman declared members of the Library Trust

695 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting on 19th July 2022 were approved as a correct record.

696 Public Questions, Comments or Representations

A resident of Nythe raised an issue with the new road signs at the Piccadilly Roundabout. The Chairman advised this does not come under the Parish Council, this would be for the Borough Council. The Chairman advised the resident to send the clerk any emails she has sent and is yet to receive a response to and the clerk would forward these to one of the Borough Councillors and it should also be reported to Highways department at Swindon Borough Council.

697 Schedule of Payments

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Schedule of Payments which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book be approved – invoices for September 2022 (£17,135.99)

698 Bank Reconciliations and Accounts

The Clerk submitted Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for up to 30th September 2022, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

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

699 Crimestoppers Grant Application

Application withdrawn.

700 Community Neighbourhood Policing Team

Non-attendance, Clerk to request written update.

701 Planting of Flowerbeds – Edison Roundabout

The Clerk is waiting to receive quotes regarding the planting of Flowers at Edison Roundabout, the council agreed to defer this until the November meeting. Clerk to advise this information to Swindon Borough Council.

702 Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2021/2022

Clerk provided an update to the council that we have received Section 3 of the AGAR for the period 2021/2022. The report had been advertised accordingly with no concerns raised from the External audit company.

703 GDPR/Data Protection Policy

The Council advised the clerk that there were no changes to be made to the policies.

704 Annual Play Inspection Equipment

The Council unanimously agreed the quote provided.

705 Flower Boxes/Beds Contact Details

Councillor Davies requested to contact all residents who maintain the flower boxes within the Parish to build a network to be able to support each other, shares bulbs, cover each other and share ideas.

The Chairman advised this has been discussed previously and it was agreed to bring it back as an agenda item, the Chairman advised that the flowerbox process goes through the Parish Clerk and the process that is in place works very well it also provides an element of protection to the councillors where there can be no accusations of any wrongdoing. Cllr Hawson made the point that from a data protection point of view this type of communication should be done via the clerk. Cllr Davies advised when he asked for the information of the flower box holders back in March, he did not foresee anyone being against the idea, but if people think its bad idea, then Cllr Davies stated he will not move forward with it. Cllr Davies agreed the current process does function well as it is, and it was just a nice idea. Cllr Davies stated he is reluctant for the clerk to take this on as there is more important tasks to be getting on with. The Chairman advised that the general principle is that everything should go through the clerk, the clerk can be contacted about the flower beds at any time in accordance with the consent forms that are signed when taking on the flower bed.

Cllr Davies withdrew the request due to it being too difficult to obtain the contact details he would require.

706 Liden Library Update

Vice Chairman David Bell advised that there had been a very constructive meeting with the Trustees prior to this evenings Parish Council meeting. Cllr Bell advised he has serious concerns surrounding the finances of the Library Trust and unless something positive is done in the short term then the library will not be financially viable anymore. Cllr Bell advised that the trustees need to have a think about how to move forward with a decision of the future of the library, he advised the current Chair of the trustee has now resigned and Cllr David Bell is currently standing in to fill this position alongside three other trustees. The trustees will look into obtaining sources of additional grant funding, However the library need's money spent on it for repairs and maintenance in particular the inefficient heating and lighting system and rising energy costs. Cllr Perkins advised there will be a restructure in the contract from Swindon Borough Council in a few months' time meaning the Library Trust would be solely responsible for the entire building as previous Swindon Borough Council has been responsible for the building repairs etc ... alongside this there will no staff available for the current Library and the restructure will be for a central Library. Cllr Perkins also advised that there is a possibility of finding volunteers, however they would need to be fully trained and whether this could all happen in the short space of time available. Cllr Bell has advised he will provide another update at the next Parish Council Meeting in November, and in the meantime the trustees will look to cover all bases and look for some options but now he feels it is a very awkward situation that has arisen.

707 Nythe Community Centre Update

A discussion took place regarding Nythe Community Centre, it was agreed that the Parish Council would enter the final stages of taking over the Centre. The Centre has been closed with a damaged roof for two years, and needs repairing which Swindon Borough Council are prepared to do. The Chairman advised there was a list of people who are prepared to be Trustees and look after the day to day running of the centre. The Parish Council would financially back, and this would be a building to hold Parish Council Meetings, the final statement from the Chair for the Clerk to take back to Swindon Borough Council - (Yes, we would like to proceed forward, we would also like to take the Land as well as the community centre we would like the restrictions lifted on the carpark. The parish council to have full responsibility and that the building will be left in a good condition fit for purpose to be used as a community centre. – With a finished report to be provided from the surveyor) – The next step would be to wait for a response from Swindon Borough Council regarding the Parishes response and requests, which will be brought back to the Parish meeting to discuss.

708 ‘Slow Down for Drivers’ – On Ducks Crossing Eldene Drive

Cllr Soloman raised a discussion regarding signs to be put up to slow drivers down for the ducks on Eldene Drive. The Chairman advised the signs are £99 + VAT, and this would be subject to Highways approving the Parish Councils request for these signs. The Clerk to go away and contact Highways and to provide update accordingly. Councillors voted seven for and one against.

709 Eldene VC – Eldene Beach Maintenance

Discussions took place to transfer the ownership over from Swindon Borough Council Nythe, Eldene & Liden Parish Council, the Chair advised that the land was taken out because it was part of the Sheila project it was down for development land, which did not happen so the work was conducted and refurbished. Swindon Borough Council are now asking the Parish Council to take over the maintenance, there have been previous discussions where the Parish have said they were happy to do that. We do also as a Parish currently maintain it anyway, Cllr Hawson stated he is disappointed the offer of takeover no longer now comes with the money previously promised, The Chairman advised the money was previously spent and it was agreed through the ward councillors on that and was also put forward for input from the Parish Council so they have done what was technically agreed, the Chairmans understanding is that is what supported by all the ward councillors to that specification. The Chairman requested that when we do get it transferred, we request that the trees that were damaged and broken get reinstated, as what was on the design should be transferred to us. The Chairman stated a response to Cllr Perkins that we are not taking on the land, we are taking on the maintenance. Cllr Davies has requested the Clerk check that the statement the Chair has made is correct regarding the ward councillors supporting the development in its current form, Cllr Davies also mentioned having the fence taken down, The Chairman advised the fence will be taken down, the clerk will check when this happens when she responds to Swindon Borough Council. All councillors unanimously agreed to taking over the maintenance of Eldene Beach.

710 Granted Planning Permission

Planning Permission Granted at Area 14, Murdock Road Dorcan Swindon SN3 5JH, for Installation of over cladding of existing office building.

Certificate of Lawful Development granted at 19 Ashbury Avenue, Nythe Swindon SN3 3LX, for (Existing) for the erection of an outbuilding.

Planning Permission Granted at 23 Fairlawn, Liden Swindon SN3 6ET, for erection of two storey side and rear, and single storey front extensions.

Planning Permission Granted at 21 Blakeney Avenue, Nythe Swindon SN3 3NE, for Erection of a two-storey side extension.

Planning Permission Granted at The Chalet School, Liden Drive Swindon SN3 6EX, for the Erection of an additional single-storey modular classroom building with associated outdoor play area and fencing - Retrospective.

Planning Permission Granted at BD Medical Systems, Faraday Road Dorcan Swindon SN3 5JH, for the Erection of a two-storey rear extension, installation of air handling plant on roof, alterations to parking and siting of temporary portacabin - Removal of condition 5 (Travel Plan) from Planning Permission S/22/0054.

Planning Permission Granted at Unit 3, Richmond House Hindle Way Dorcan Swindon, for Change of use from offices (use class E) to a vocational educational training centre (Use Class F.1a).

Planning Permission Granted at Dorcan 200, Murdock Road Dorcan Swindon SN3 5HY, for Change of use from use class B2 (General Industrial) and ancillary offices to flexible use class E(g)(iii) (Industrial Processes), B2 (General Industrial) and/or B8 (Storage or Distribution) and ancillary offices.

711 Refusal of Planning Permission

No new refusals to note

712 Planning Committee

The Planning Committee minutes were received and approved.

713 Date of Next Meeting

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 6.30pm – Location – Eldene Community Centre

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Signed

Date.....

Chair of the Council