

NYTHE, ELDENE & LIDEN PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2023 at 6.30pm
At Eldene Community Centre

Present Cllr K Parry (Chair)
Cllr D Bell
Cllr Z Hawson
Cllr G Perkins
Cllr C Flux
Cllr G Stubbs

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

Public Six in attendance.

804 Apologies

Cllr M Vallender, Cllr M Davies, Cllr B Solomon (Received via email)

805 Declarations of Interest & Application for Dispensations.

Cllr David Bell, Cllr Garry Perkins declared members of the Library Trust.

806 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th of May 2023 were approved as a correct record.

807 Public Questions, Comments or Representations

A Resident asked a question asked about the Library Funding, the Chair advised that the Parish Fund the Library £18,000 per year which includes an office, the Library Trust Appoint three parish councillors to attend the meetings to represent the parish council. The trust is the governing body, and the volunteers have the run of the day-to-day activities.

Cllr Garry Perkins a trustee of the library advised the main problem was the funding the building, the main issue currently is how we can increase the funding of the library to increase the service – to the value of around £5,000 to £15,000 per year. It is doing very well with the help of volunteers, the members of public asked for a meeting between the trustees and the volunteers.

The chair advised that any questions regarding spend and meeting arrangements should be directed to the Chair of the Library Trust.

A resident raised a point regarding the Grass cutting around the area Crumpled Horn, pavements and roadsides not being up to standards, the resident has been advised to contact the clerk to raise any missed areas or problematic areas. The Chair also advised that the side gated area by the Community Centre was handed over to the community centre to maintain and that the Hedge works have started early than scheduled to due to weather.

The Chair responded regarding the Foot paths that are covered in weeds and advised the resident that the parish council are working with probation to clean the paths of moss and weeds.

A resident raised a complaint regarding the speed of the Lawn Mowers going too fast when mowing the grassed areas, the Chair advised for evidence such a pictures, dates, and times to be sent over to the Clerk. Residents were also advised that the Bin near the Bus Stop at Thorne Road, Eldene is now a dual-purpose bin.

808 Schedule of Payments

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the Schedule of Payments be approved for June 2023 nine payments totalling (£22,800.81)

809 Bank Reconciliations and Accounts

The Clerk submitted Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for up to 30th June 2023, a copy of which appears as June 2023 in the folder for 2023/2024.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Bank Reconciliation and Accounts be approved.

810 Community Neighbourhood Policing Team

PC Rebecca Berni provided an update regarding the Parish unfortunately no action updates could be provided to due ongoing works being carried out. Community action day proposed for August Rebecca will advise on resource date and advertising from the Parish. Knife Amnesty bins no funding for Eldene, only funding for Liden due to Liden being a community hub space and more knives being found in Liden.

Clerk to ring back as an agenda item for a knife amnesty bin in Eldene for the Parish to fund.

Rebecca Berni added Knife crime is hard to report due to funding and resource – it will be heavily advertised when the knife amnesty bins are due to be issued and fitted.

811 Allotment Provision

Covingham Parish Council's request to secure a lease for the piece of land next to Nythe Community Society's allotment site. The Chair and Vice Chair of Covingham attended to request and allotment provision and have attended to ask questions from the business case they have provided. Cllr Parry advised there should have been some questions asked prior to the business case being provided, it would have been better for the Parish to have had conversations prior to this. The Chair Val Curtis added she has been put in a difficult position regarding the land, they thought the best thing to do was to contact a ward councillor Heenan for support. Covingham Parish Council were given false information and in fact no discussions had taken place. Cllr Parry stated there is no bad relations but there needed to be more involvement. Cllr Flux stated Cllr Heenan should have liaised with the councillors and the Clerk. NEL need to have conversation with the NEL Allotment society. Cllr Parry advised we need to look at a solution go away to have discussions with the relevant parties and to bring back to a later meeting.

Clerk to arrange meeting with the NEL Allotment Society and bring back as an Agenda item in September.

One Councillor Abstained and Five Unanimously agreed.

812 Planning Committee Terms of Reference

All Councillors Unanimously agreed to the Planning Committees Terms of Reference.

813 Internal Audit 2023/2024

The Clerk provided a quote from a new Internal Auditing Company to carry out the Parishes audit for 2023/2024. The Clerk explained it was important to have a auditing company carry out the yearly internal audit rather than an individual .The quote received was for £1,100 the clerk explained this will include three visits in October 2023, January 2023, and March 2024, more visits throughout the year and one visit solely for year end and the AGAR preparation would work more efficiently for the Parish Council.

One Councillor Abstained and Five Unanimously agreed.

814 Sold/Unadopted Land (Eldene & Liden)

Chair Kevin Parry advised that many pockets of Land that have been sold throughout Eldene and Liden the question now being should the Parish still maintain the land and it previously has done. The Land was sold by public auction, The Clerk to check Land registry for new ownership details. Clerk to contact the new owners to ask what the intentions are to make sure the land will be maintained. As a compromise NEL PC would charge maintenance to maintain the areas. One concern was the House sized plots (Bevisland) for potential house building. Cllr Hawson to forward and information he has to the clerk, for the clerk to investigate and bring back to a meeting.

815 Matley Moor Playpark

Chair Kevin Parry discussed how it was now prudent to find the owners of this land, as this could potentially be sold. The Parish was planning to maintain the land and refurbishing the playpark until the owners have been identified councillors have unanimously agreed to Pause any refurb plans of Playpark as previously agreed reference MOM

816 Annual Policy Review – 2023/2024

There were no amendments made to the Financial Regulations or Standing Order Policies, Clerk to update documents to reflect date review.

817 Youth Service Update

The Clerk provided an update on the Youth Service Funding for BEST. The clerk advised that new poster for advertising had been created, this can be found on the Parish website. The sessions will be commencing from the 6th of August 2023 for a six-week period and will be held at Dorcan Academy.

818 Probation Service Update

The Clerk updated the Council with the areas and work that the Probation Services have been working on for the Parish, the feedback from residents has been positive. The Clerk advised that any areas or works that need attending too should be forwarded via email and these can be added to the work list.

819 Granted Planning Permission

Planning Permission Granted for the Erection of a single storey rear and first floor side extensions at 12 Hatherley Road Nythe Swindon SN3 3NQ.

Planning Permission Granted for the Erection of a rear dormer window at 8 Farman Close, Eldene Swindon SN3 6DP.

Planning Permission Granted for the Erection of 7no. General industrial (use class B8)/ Commercial, business and service (use class E) units following demolition of existing buildings. The Former Fraser Centre Area 5, Faraday Road Dorcan Swindon SN3 5HS.

Planning Permission Granted for the erection of plant for the manufacture of asphalt as part of existing tarmac recycling depot (Sui Generis) – non-compliance with condition number 2 (plan numbers) of planning permission.

S/20/1274 regarding changes to plant layout and specification. Land at Faraday Road, Dorcan Swindon SN35JY.

820 Refusal of Planning Permission

Refusal of Planning Permission for sitting of a hot food vending vehicle, at Land adjacent to Service Station, Marlborough Road, Swindon, SN3 6AA.

821 Planning Committee

The Planning Committee meeting minutes were received and approved.

822 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th September 2023 – Location – Liden Library

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed

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Chair of the Council