

DRAFT VERSION

NYTHE, ELDENE & LIDEN PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2023 at 6.30pm
At Eldene Community Centre**

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

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

Public Two in attendance.

857 Apologies
Cllr M Vallender, Cllr B Solomon, Cllr C Flux (Non-attendance)

858 Declarations of Interest & Application for Dispensations.
Cllr David Bell, Cllr Garry Perkins declared members of the Library Trust.

859 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th of October 2023 were approved as a correct record.

860 Public Questions, Comments or Representations
One member of public raised questions:

1 Street Lights obstructed by hanging branches, the Chairman advised this was for Swindon Borough Council, the Parish Council only maintain low level branches.

2. A question was asked if the new Blue Recycling bags could be issued from the library for elderly residents, the Chairman advised this would be a question for Swindon Borough Council.

3. The Parish Council advised that the Subways were flooded, and the drains/gullies blocked with leaves. the Chairman advised this would be a question for Swindon Borough Council.

861 Schedule of Payments
It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Schedule of Payments be approved for October 2023 six payments totalling (£72,764.75)

862 Bank Reconciliations and Accounts
The Clerk submitted Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for up to 31st October 2023, a copy of which appears as October 2023 in the folder for 2023/2024.
It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Bank Reconciliation and Accounts be approved.

- 863 Clerk Update**
Clerk update deferred to January 16th, 2024, Meeting, due to the Private and Confidential nature.
- 864 Neighbourhood Policing Team**
The Community Neighbourhood Policing Team provided an update.
- 865 Budget 2024/2025**
The Councillors discussed the proposed Draft Budget, it was agreed that changes were needed to be made to reduce the proposed increase. The clerk to amend and add in requested details asked by the council.
A closed budget meeting will take place on the 5th of December 2023, ahead of the final decision being made at the Parish Council meeting on the 16th of January 2024.
- 866 External Playpark Inspection 2024/2025**
The Councillors reviewed the External Playpark Inspection quote for 2024/2025. This quote is to externally inspect and produce a report of all six playparks. The Councillors unanimously agreed the quote of £541.50 net cost provided by the Play Inspection Company.
- 867 New Benches**
The Chairman proposed the purchase and installation of three new benches within the Parish, Locations Nythe Drive, Eldene Drive and Liden Drive. The quote provided to the Chairman was around £800 per bench, totalling around £2,400 in total. The Council unanimously approved this, the clerk to ensure a written quote is received and the quote is inline with the approval amount before final agreement from the clerk to the contractor.
- 868 Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2023**
The Clerk to recirculate the email received for Swindon Borough Council to all councillors ahead of an emergency meeting to be held on the 5th of December 2023, for the Subject of: 'Parish electoral cycle consultation'. No comments received regarding the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2023.
- 869 Internal Audit 2023/2024 (Visit 1 of 3)**
The Councillors reviewed the interim internal audit report from Visit 1 of 3, from Fair Account. The report contained recommendations for the Clerk to action, the Council agreed Cyber Cover for the council as one of the recommendations. The premium (including IPT and all fees) for the year will was quoted as £336.00, by Coalition Risk Solutions Ltd. The Clerk to formally accept the quote and ensure cover is in place, the Clerk to action other recommendations provided in the report, and to update the Internal auditor on the Councils decisions ahead of Visit 2 of 3 in February 2024.
- 870 Underpass Mural Painting Update**
The Council reviewed the costings and designs provided by a local artist to the Policing Team. Covingham Parish Council decided not to proceed with the artwork for their half of the underpass due to prioritisation of funds which are possibly needed elsewhere, due to this the Councillors decided the Parish would not be proceeding with the underpass mural.
- 871 Weed Spraying**
The Councillors unanimously agreed the quote provided for weed spraying for one man to cover problematic areas for 10hours, Cost £332.50 net plus £50 Chemical cost net. Cllr Hawson requested the Clerk obtain information to whether Swindon Borough Council are weed spraying the roads within the Parish.
- 872 Wick Lane Playpark**
The Clerk provided an update on the ownership of Wick Lane Playpark, Land Registry have confirmed the land is unadopted land leftover from the developers. The Chairman tasked the Clerk to contact Swindon Borough Council and enquire if the Parish could gain ownership as the Parish have been maintaining the Land and Playpark since 2017.

873 Granted Planning Permission

Planning Permission granted for Erection of 2.4-metre-high boundary fencing, and access gates.
At Liden Primary School, Liden Drive, Swindon.

Planning Permission granted for Erection of single-story side extensions, at 56 Overbrook, Eldene, Swindon,
SN3 6AR.

874 Refusal of Planning Permission

No new refusals to note.

875 Planning Committee

The Planning Committee meeting minutes were received and approved

876 Date of Next Meeting

Emergency Meeting Tuesday 5th December 2023 – Location – Liden Library

Tuesday 16th January 2024 - Location – Liden Library

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed

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Chair of the Council