

DRAFT VERSION

NYTHE, ELDENE & LIDEN PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2024 at 6.30pm
At Liden Library**

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

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

Public Six in attendance.

900 Apologies

Cllr M Vallender, Cllr B Solomon, Cllr C Flux

901 Declarations of Interest & Application for Dispensations.

Cllr David Bell declared member of the Library Trust.

902 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th of January 2024 are to be amended (MOM 890 incorrect date recorded)

903 Public Questions, Comments or Representations

A resident asked a question regarding Eldene Centre – The Crumpled Horn, Chairman Kevin Parry advised that the Crumpled Horn and toilets are a listed building and privately owned. The resident stated that the rest of the area is not maintained, in particular the caged area next to the community centre, Chairman Kevin Parry advised it was sold as a community garden and handed over to the community centre which they are not maintaining and is being used as a second entrance into the hall.

A resident asked can we get responsibility for the area to be kept up and maintained, unfortunately Chairman Kevin Parry advised that these issues can be fed back to Swindon Borough and the Parish depending on the concerns and issues raised.

A resident asked who owns the old medical centre Cllr Zachary Hawson advised its owned by the local NHS which would include the carpark.

Another resident raised a question regarding the bin collections, Chairman Kevin Parry advised the resident email Chris Watts the cabinet member.

A question was raised regarding Coate water mini golf – Chairman Kevin Parry advised the question would need to be directed to Cllr Mike Davies who is a Borough Councillor and would be able to investigate this.

A question was raised on the works Probation Services provide for NEL PC in relation to agenda item 12. Chairman Kevin Parry advised that probation services provide work for the parish such as scraping the weeds and widening of paths – The resident asked why weed suppression was not included in the tender document for works to commence from the 1st of April 2024 contract. Chairman Kevin Parry advised that agenda Item 12 is only a contribution. The resident asked was it part of the takeover in 2017, Kevin Parry advised we clean the pavements however the Borough removed the weed spraying services and the probation services would provide a manual version of these services for free. The weed spraying option was removed to give a lower precept to the residents. Chairman Kevin Parry answered the question asked by the resident regarding the

£5,000 for the weed suppression was removed from the contractual works to commence on the 1st of April 2024 had also been removed from the budget and is not included in the requested precept amount.

904 Schedule of Payments

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the Schedule of Payments be approved for January 2024 twelve payments totalling (£11,163.55)

905 Bank Reconciliations and Accounts

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

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

906 Clerk Update

No updates.

907 Neighbourhood Policing Team

The policing team provided updates and statistics for Nythe, Eldene and Liden.

908 Underpass Graffiti Project

A Member of the Neighbourhood Policing Team and a member of the Youth Offending Team attended to explain the project further. The project is fully funded by the YOT, the project will be led by a well-known local street artist and overseen by the YOT at SBC. Chairman Kevin Parry advised the maintenance of the subways is the responsibility of Swindon Borough Council, however the Parish fully support the project, the project will commence in March 2024.

909 IRPP Recommendations for Parish Allowances 2024/25

The Councillor's Allowances new amount to be received, as taken from the Independent Remuneration Panel report has increased from £879 to £894 per year. The Councillors unanimously agreed the new Councillors allowance for 2024-2025

910 Liden Green Play Area

The councillors reviewed two designs for improvement works at Liden Green Play Park, the decision was made to choose Option 1, The Councillors unanimously agreed the design and costings.

911 Probation Services

The Council discussed a contribution to cover tools, and PPE to support the probation services, the contribution is asked for sites that probation services visit 26 or more times a year, if the donation is agreed the probation services will provide NEL PC with a list of equipment needed or arrange for the supplier to liaise with NEL PC and invoice us directly. The work that probation services complete has not and is not part of a paid contract. Weeding and widening paths and block paved areas has been left for many years there is no budget to pay for these services. Residents have asked/complained about this work to be done. The Council unanimously agreed to donate £1300, The £1300 donation of tools annually starting from April 2024 is a donation agreed by the Parish Council and is not dependant on Community Payback working the project. The Probation Services have worked the project for a year with no donation and if there was no donation the project would continue if the Parish Council were no longer able to donate. The Probation Services have strict rules that state we must not replace paid work.

912 Granted Planning Permission

S/23/1475

Permission granted for the erection of a Storage Building at, Td Williamson, Faraday Road, Dorcan, Swindon, SN3 5HF.

S/HOU/23/1535

Permission granted for the Erection of a single storey rear extension and replacement canopy to side/rear, at 22 Northfield Way, Nythe, Swindon, SN3 3NJ.

913 Refusal of Planning Permission

No new refusals no note

914 Planning Committee

No new planning applications since the last PC meeting - no items to cover.

915 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th March 2024 – Location – Liden Library

The meeting closed at 7.05pm

Signed

Date.....

Chair of the Council