

DRAFT VERSION

NYTHE, ELDENE & LIDEN PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2024 at 6.30pm
At Liden Library**

Present Cllr K Parry (Chair)
Cllr D Bell (Vice)
Cllr Z Hawson
Cllr M Vallender
Cllr B Soloman
Cllr Graham Stubbs

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

Public Eight present in the room

931 Apologies

Cllr Garry Perkins, Cllr Curtis Flux, Cllr Mike Davies

932 Welcome – Report by the Parish Council Chairman

Firstly, thank you to David Bell for being Vice Chair this year and Emma our Clerk for all her work.

This Year

Last year we:

- Improved our grounds maintenance with an improved contract with our existing contractor, but with enhanced standard which he must work to.
- Maintained the 15 Grass Cuts per year.
- Improved the grass strimming service.
- Maintained the pavement sweeping.
- Worked with the Probation Service to make improvement such as scraping back pavements and doing other work which our contractor isn't contracted to do.
- Over £80,000 - Nythe Allotments.
- £25,000 for Liden Green Park.
- Supported and funded Liden Library.
- More bins and benches.
- The Clerk now has an office in the library.
- The Parish audit has been passed with flying colours.
- Our year spend came in on budget.

Year Ahead

We will:

- In improving the grounds maintenance service, we had to pay more. However, the Parish Councillors were concerned about a high precept so to keep this down we have had to reduce the playpark funds this year, we must accept that next year we must raise this to cover the long-term cost of running and maintaining the Play Parks.

We must push SBC in completing our lease agreement.

We must make sure that SBC take responsibility and work with us, as set out in the constitution, to deal with Councillors that break the code of conduct.

Respond more to misleading information put out regarding the Parish Council.

Ensure that our contractor is delivering the higher standard which was set out in the tender document.

Swindon Borough Council is requesting we take on their owned buildings (full responsibility) within the parish. We need to look at this in the coming months.

Work more with volunteers as they make a big difference within or community.

Continue to support Youth Service.

933 Election of Chair

Cllr Kevin Parry was the only nominee for the Chairman position for 2024/2025. The Councillors unanimously voted and agreed for Kevin Parry to be re-elected as Chairman for Nythe, Eldene & Liden Parish Council.

934 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr David Bell was the only nominee for Vice Chairman for 2024/2025. The councillors unanimously agreed. Cllr David Bell re-elected as Vice Chairman for Nythe, Eldene & Liden Parish Council.

935 Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Bell, Cllr Bazil Soloman declared members of the Library Trust.

936 Public Questions, Comments or Representations (maximum of 15 minutes – extended at Chair’s discretion).

No questions asked during public question time.

The meeting was followed by the Scheduled Parish Council Meeting:

Signed

Chair of the Council

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