**DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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23rd October 2017

**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**A Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at**

**Duston Community Centre, Pendle Road, Duston**

**Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 7.00pm**

Members of the Public and Press are invited to address the Council at its Public session from 7.00pm to 7.15pm

**SPEAKING AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Persons (other than Members) wishing to address Council may register their intention to do so at the above address by telephone or email by 12 noon on the day of the meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive Apologies for Absence

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive declarations of interest

1. **MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th October 2017 and to authorise the Chairman to sign the same **– APPENDIX A**

1. **PUBLIC SESSION**
2. **POLICE REPORT**

To receive a report from the Police regarding crime issues in Duston during the last period

1. **DUSTON LIBRARY**

To discuss the options around the future of Duston Library

1. **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**
2. To appoint a representative to the Poors Close Allotment Charity
3. To appoint a representative to the Duston Village Hall Institute Charity
4. **COUNCILLOR EMAIL ACCOUNTS**

To approve the creation and use of Duston Parish Council email accounts for councillors.

1. **IN BLOOM 2018**

To discuss possible arrangements for 2018

1. **CASUAL VACANCY**

Council to note that a casual vacancy has arisen in Old Duston to replace Ronald Lawrence.

1. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It is recommended that in view of the confidential nature of the following item, which relates to the business matters of other individuals and organisations, the public shall be excluded while the following item is discussed. This is in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by the Local Government Act 1972

1. **FINANCE**

To receive an update regarding income from room hire and the café **– APPENDIX B**

1. **STAFFING UPDATE**
2. To approve the recommendation of the Chairman and Vice Chairman on the appointment of a new Parish Clerk
3. To note the decision to appoint an Assistant Clerk on a part-time, fixed-term contract until March 2018
4. **SPECIAL DISPENSATION FOR COUNCILLOR ABSENCE**

To approve special dispensation for absence due to illness

**THE NEXT MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL WILL TAKE PLACE ON 7TH DECEMBER 2017**