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ENGAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Matthew Golby (Chair), Cllr David Huffadine-Smith (Vice-Chair), Cllr Mike Ingram,
Cllr Paul Anderson, Cllr Paul Enright-King, Cllr John Caswell
Cllr Shaun Pape, Cllr Sandie Maitland, Cllr Ken Clarke

10th May 2019

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of Duston Parish Council in Duston Community Centre, Pendle Road, Duston, NN5 6DT on **Thursday 16th May 2019 at 6:15pm** when the following business will be transacted.

AGENDA

60. To receive apologies for absence

61. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th April 2019 -(APPENDIX A)

62. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda (Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business).

63. Public participation session (Persons 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).

Please note, this is a public meeting and you may be filmed, recorded and published. Copies of all council papers are available to download at www.duston-pc.gov.uk

64. Mendip Road Park Play Equipment

- To approve new Play Equipment in Mendip Road Park (APPENDIX B).

65. Flag Poles

- To consider options for installing flag poles at Duston Parish Council's Centres (APPENDIX C).

Justin Gleich

Signed on original

Clerk to Duston Parish Council



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ENGAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES 11th April 2019

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE: Councillor Huffadine-Smith (Vice-Chair), in the Chair

PRESENT: Cllrs Maitland, Pape, Caswell, Enright-King, Anderson, Ingram

IN ATTENDANCE:

Justin Gleich – Parish Clerk,
Gary Youens – Deputy Parish Clerk

53. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Golby

54. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2019 -

It was RESOLVED:

- Approve the minutes of the previous meeting and the Vice-Chairman authorised to sign the same (APPENDIX A).

55. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda

None

56. Public participation session

None

57. Events Programme

It was RESOLVED:

- To note the update on the Events Programme from the Business & Community Development Manager (APPENDIX B).

58. Melbourne Lane Park Exercise Equipment

It was RESOLVED:

- a) To purchase and place Exercise Equipment in Melbourne Lane Park (APPENDIX C).
- b) To amend the report to have a maximum expenditure of 17,000 pounds (excluding VAT). Proposed by Cllr Huffadine-Smith and seconded by Cllr Ingram.

59. Flag Pole at St Luke Centre

It was RESOLVED:

- To instruct the Clerk to investigate options for flag poles including at the St Luke's Centre and report back to Committee.



DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Committee: Engagement and Environment
Date: Thursday 16th May 2019
Agenda Item: 64. Mendip Road Park Play Equipment

1. Purpose

To consider purchasing additional play equipment and refurbishing some of the existing equipment.

2. Background

2.1 Committee previously agreed to look into replacing the swings and getting more equipment at Mendip Road Park.

2.2 Duston Parish Council has consistently expressed a view that it wants residents to enjoy the local parks and open spaces as much as possible.

3. Issues

3.1 Much of the play equipment in Duston is now dated and is in need of upgrade. The Clerk has sought professional advice as to what kind of equipment is needed. It is suggested to also have a multi-unit climbing tower, basket swing and a sit in springy for younger children.

3.2 Duston has recently invested in play equipment and exercise equipment in the eastern and southern half of Duston. Therefore, in order for everyone to benefit the same equipment should be purchased for the western and northern part of Duston. Grafton Way Park would be the most suitable for this. The costs for Mendip and Grafton Parks will be met out of reserves.

3.3 The cost of the proposed equipment for Mendip Park is £17,800 (excluding VAT).

4. Recommendations

1. Committee is recommended to approve the purchasing and refurbishment of play equipment at Mendip Road Park.
 2. To approve funding of £17,800 (excluding VAT) for the purchase and renovation of play equipment at Mendip Road Park.
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DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Committee: Engagement and Environment

Date: Thursday 16th May 2019

Agenda Item: 65. Flag Poles

1. Purpose

To consider installing flag poles at Duston Parish Council's Centres.

2. Background

2.1 On 11th April 2019 Committee expressed interest in putting a flag pole (and flag) at St Luke's. It instructed the Clerk to report back with further findings.

2.2 St Luke's Centre used to have a flag pole when it was a lower school.

3. Issues

3.1 The owner of St Luke's Centre, Northamptonshire County Council, has agreed that a flag pole can be installed. However, they have said only one flag pole can be situated there.

3.2 A view was also expressed as to having a flag pole at Duston Community Centre. However, Duston Parish Council does not own the land around the Community Centre and a flag pole would have to be on the public pavement or very near it. Permission would need to be sought from the respective land owner. The other possibility is placing a flag pole on the roof of Duston Community Centre.

3.3 If Committee decides to put a flag pole on the roof of serious consideration would need to be given to the Health and Safety of staff regularly being on the roof. The safety of Duston Community Centre would need to be considered due to the possibility of a flag pole becoming a lightning conductor in severe weather.

3.4 The Clerk recommends that the choice of flags should be agreed by Full Council, if Committee agrees to install flag poles.

4. Recommendations

Committee is recommended to choose from the following two options:

1. To purchase and install a flag pole at St Luke's Centre.
 2. To purchase and install a flag pole at Duston Community Centre.
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