



**DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Engagement and Wellbeing Committee**

CLlr Maitland (Chair), CLlr Stonehouse (Vice-Chair), CLlr Golby, CLlr Roper, CLlr Ennis-Clark

6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Engagement and Wellbeing Committee to be held at Duston Community Centre on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 commencing at 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Issued by:

Gary Youens  
Parish Clerk, Duston Parish Council

### **AGENDA**

**EWC029/22. To receive apologies for absence**

**EWC030/22. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (APPENDIX A)**

**EWC031/22. 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).

**EWC032/22. Public Participation Session** (*Persons wishing to address the committee on an agenda item may register their intention to do so by telephone or email by 12 noon on the day of the meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes*).

**EWC033/22. Discuss future events at St Francis Church / Limehurst Square Area**

**EWC034/22. Discuss celebrations for the Queen Platinum Jubilee**

**EWC035/22. Date of Next Meeting**

- The next Engagement & Wellbeing Committee will take place Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 7pm.



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**MINUTES 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 7pm**

**CHAIR:** Councillor S Maitland

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Roper, Golby, Ennis-Clark, Pape

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nina Villa – Assistant Clerk

**EWC019/21. To receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr Stonehouse

**EWC020/21. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd September 2021 (APPENDIX A)**

- **RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**EWC021/21. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.**

- There were no declarations of interest.

**EW022/21. Public Participation Session**

- There were no speakers from the public.

#### **EWC023/21. Discuss how the Parish Council can deal with Covid 19 more effectively**

- There was a discussion about the Council's existing Covid 19 precautions and whether anything further could be done. Cllr Pape listed the various actions already taken by Council staff to ensure a Covid secure environment but it was agreed that the Clerk should be asked to ensure there are signs asking people to wear masks around the building. All Councillors should be encouraged to wear masks when moving around Duston Community Centre and should be required to inform the Council if they have tested positive in line with Test and Trace. Councillors should also be encouraged to test prior to coming to any Council meeting.

#### **EWC024/21. Discussion on Volunteer Policy**

- There was a discussion on the proposed volunteering policy and whether it was required. It was agreed that whilst the Council may not currently have formal volunteers working directly on Council business on a regular basis, it was sensible to have a policy which dealt with volunteer related issues.
- **RESOLVED:** To recommend the adoption of the Volunteer Policy to the next Council meeting (APPENDIX B)

#### **EWC025/21. Should there be a Duston Womens Forum?**

- **RESOLVED:** To form a Community Safety Working Group which could discuss matters relating to street lighting, safety and security of women along with any other group who might be more significantly impacted by community safety issues. The first meeting will be in the New Year and the Chair of the Committee will arrange a date and time and seek out potential volunteers from the Council and community groups to participate.

#### **EWC026/21. How do we improve the quality of street lighting in Duston?**

- This was discussed in the previous item.