



**DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Duston Parish Council  
Duston Community Centre  
Pendle Road  
Duston  
Northampton  
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**FULL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 7pm**

**CHAIRMAN:**

Councillor Bottwood, in the Chair

**PRESENT:**

Ennis-Clark, Maitland, Hinch, Enright-King, Barnes, Ingram, Liddon, Golby

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gary Youens – Parish Clerk

Alison Grantham – Business & Community Development Manager

**186/22. To receive apologies for absence**

- Cllr Roper, Stonehouse, Mumford

**187/22. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

(APPENDIX A)

- **RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 were approved as a true record of the meeting.

**188/22. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct**

- There were no declarations of interest

#### **189/22. Public Participation Session**

- There were no speakers from the public.

#### **190/22. Presentation from Northampton Leisure Trust (NLT) on Duston Sports Centre**

- John Fletcher and Lawrence Kay from gave presentation on current activities and future proposals for Duston Sports Centre. It was highlighted their health and well-being work. NLT caters for all sections of community from the very young to the old. Good partnerships have been fostered with local stakeholders such as Duston Tennis Club and St Luke's Surgery.
- Future proposals include a swimming pool which would be a 20 – 25 metre single depth swimming pool. A feasibility study would need to be conducted in the first instance and this would take approximately three months to complete.
- If a parish councillor wants a tour of the facilities of Duston Sports Centre then please get in touch.

#### **191/22. Bank Reconciliations**

- **RESOLVED:** To approve the bank reconciliations for February 2022 (APPENDIX B)

#### **192/22. Payment of Invoices**

- **RESOLVED:** To note invoice payments for February 2022 (APPENDIX E)

#### **193/22. Duston Parish Council Events**

- **RESOLVED:**
  - a) To note the report on the benefits / costs of the events programme
  - b) To note the verbal report from the Business Community Development Manager

#### **194/22. Committee Updates**

- **RESOLVED:**
  - a) To note the report in the form of minutes of the Environment Committee (APPENDIX H).

#### **195/22. Committee Proposals and Recommendations**

- **RESOLVED:** To approve the following Environment Committee recommendations
  - a) Purchase 40 Glow in the Dark A3 anti-dog fouling corex signs.
  - b) Declare a climate emergency:

*Duston Parish Council notes that climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing our world and recognises that we need to protect our local area, one of natural beauty and heritage, and secure a sustainable, healthy and prosperous environment for current and future generations to continue to enjoy.*

- c) To place a bench by bus stop opposite Timken Way South subject from permission from Highways or a private land owner.
  - d) To install a litter bin in the Quarry Road shops area as there isn't one. This would be subject in getting permission from Highways.
  - e) In principle agree to register village green status for Errington Park, Mendip Park, Graton Way and Melbourne Lane Open Space. Clerk to report back to the Environment Committee on process and costs.
  - f) Replace the bench in the old village centre adjacent to phone box. Clerk to consult with the Environment Committee.
  - g) A seat in the Limehurst area subject to permission from Highways or a private landowner. Clerk to consult with the Environment Committee.
  - h) Plant a tree in Errington Park and Mendip Park. Clerk to consult with the Environment Committee.
- **RESOLVED:** To approve the following Engagement & Wellbeing Working Party recommendations:
    - i) To go ahead with 8 month trial period with NLT for a Youth Provision (APPENDIX G). Group 1 is Years 6 & 7. Group 2 is Years 8, 9, 10.
    - j) To note the working party progress on looking at The Grow Together Allotment. In the future "Men In Sheds" can be explored.

#### **196/22. Grant Application**

- **RESOLVED:** To grant £600 to Duston Garden Club for their application.

*Council agreed by resolution to suspend Standing Orders and allow for the meeting to continue for another 30 minutes*

#### **197/22. Draft Scheme of Delegation**

- **RESOLVED:** To defer to the next meeting.

#### **198/22. A Four Year Plan Objective**

- In the four year plan it was agreed that the area outside the Library should be paved as it looks untidy and in the winter months it gets muddy. The land is owned by WNC and there is currently no intention on their part to resurface this area.
- **RESOLVED:** Clerk to circulate the three quotes to Councillors and Council to consider it sometime in the future.

#### **199/22. New Litter Bin**

- **RESOLVED:** To defer item to the next ordinary meeting.

#### **200/22. CIL for Duston**

- **RESOLVED:** To submit a Freedom of Information request to West Northamptonshire Council on all CIL owed to Duston since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

The meeting ended at 9:26pm