

**DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Duston Parish Council  
Duston Community Centre  
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**Community Services Committee**  
**Minutes 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 7PM**

Chair: Cllr S Maitland

**Councillors Present:**

Craven, Ennis-Clark, Enright-King, Roper

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gary Youens – Clerk

Ryan Ikavnieks – Assistant Clerk

**CSC54/24. To receive apologies for absence**

- Apologies were received from Cllr Golby

**CSC55/24. To receive and approve the minutes of the Community Services Committee on 21<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (APPENDIX A)**

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

**CSC56/24. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda**

- Members were reminded of the need to declare any interests in the items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. There were no interests declared.

**CSC57/24. Public Participation Session**

- There were no members of the public present.

#### **CSC58/24. Community Service Committee Working Parties**

- **RESOLVED:** That the following verbal reports were received:
  - a) Good Neighbours: Cllr Golby (Chair), Enright-King
    - That the Good Neighbours working party has not met since the previous meeting. It was noted that drive to recruitment volunteers continues.
  - b) Promotion & Marketing: Cllrs Ennis-Clark & Enright-King
    - That the Promotion & Marketing working party has not met since the previous meeting. It was noted that Duston Parish Council now has an Instagram account.
  - c) Youth: Cllr Roper (Chair), Maitland, Golby & Ennis-Clark
    - Members of the Youth Working Party visited Free2Talk during one of their sessions, they highlighted the low turnout of service users. – Cllr Roper to discuss initiatives to increase of users with Jodie Low (Director of Free2Talk)
  - d) Limehurst Shopping Centre: Cllr Maitland
    - Cllr Maitland raised the notion of creating a Friends of Limehurst Square as a way to develop and foster community ownership of the space. Cllr Maitland suggested that this something the Environment Committee could take up.

#### **CSC59/24. Grant Application**

- **RESOLVED:**
  - a) That the grant application (APPENDIX B) from the 39<sup>th</sup> Duston Guides was received reviewed and discussed.
  - b) To recommend to Full Council that the Grant application from the 39<sup>th</sup> Duston Guides of £181.99 be approved.

#### **CSC60/24. Duston Parish Newsletter**

- There was a discussion about what form the newsletter should take and various examples from other local councils were circulated.
- **RESOLVED:**

- a) That the Committee noted Council Resolution 112/23.
- b) That the Clerk produces a report that outlines and provides options on potential printing suppliers with costings and potential delivery options with costings.
- c) To do a newsletter which is A3 folded in half.

#### **CSC61/24. Duston Resident setting up a Charity**

- **RESOLVED:** That the item be deferred until the next ordinary meeting of the Community Services Committee.

#### **CSC62/24. Local Dog Parks**

- Cllr Maitland informed the Committee about dog parks she had seen in Australia and whether they could work in Duston.
- **RESOLVED:** That the proposal be withdrawn.

#### **CSC63/24. Parish Council Noticeboards**

- Noticeboards have been properly discussed for some time and so it is argued that a review was perhaps needed.
- Some of the noticeboards are made from wood and are now looking a bit weather beaten.
- **RESOLVED:**

- a) That the Full Council reviews the current noticeboard sizes and locations and whether any changes are needed.
- b) As part of the discussion Council considers whether to include a double noticeboard at Duston Gardens and another one near the old Sandy Lane.
- c) This to be placed on the next Full Council agenda in February 2024 and the Clerk to make recommendations.

#### **CSC64/24. Councillor Surgeries**

- Cllr Maitland reminded Committee that the first Councillor Surgery will occur on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the United Reform Church and that each subsequent Surgery will be on

the third weekend of each month. Currently, Cllrs Craven, Ennis-Clark, Enright-King, and Roper have agreed to participate.

- Cllr Maitland asked other council members to get in touch with her so she could do a rota for the advice surgeries. An email has been sent out to all councillors. This was part of the four year plan.
- **RESOLVED:** That the verbal update from Cllr Maitland upon Councillor Surgeries was noted.

The Clerk informed the Committee the Information & Wellness Fair is on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Duston Community Centre 10am to 2pm.

*Meeting ended at 8:05PM*

APPROVED