

**DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Duston Parish Council
Duston Community Centre
Pendle Road
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Northampton
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Environment Committee

Cllrs Enright-King, Ennis-Clark, Ingram, Liddon, Craven, Dickinson

12th July 2024

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee to be held at Duston Community Centre on Thursday 18th July 2024 commencing at 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Issued by:

Gary Youens
Parish Clerk, Duston Parish Council

AGENDA

EC17/24. To receive apologies for absence

EC18/24. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th June 2024 (APPENDIX A)

EC19/24. 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*).

EC20/24. 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*).

EC21/24. Signage in Sussex Close

- A request from Sussex Close. To decide whether to purchase and install a sign in Sussex Close asking drivers not to cause an obstruction to the public highway. Sign to be the same manufacture as the current illegal parking at junctions.

EC22/24. Community Speed Watch Initiative

- To discuss a member of the public suggestion for a Community Speed Watch on Main Road.

EC23/24. Signage in Parks

- To discuss whether to get signage on the larger parks we now own – Telstar Way, Newton Road & The Quarry or wait until all park and allotment transfers have taken place. Sign would be the same design and wording we have at Errington Park, St Luke's Field, Grafton Way Meadow and Mendip Park (APPENDIX B)

EC24/24. Signage on Dogs on Leads

- To discuss that there is no signage in parks saying it is DPC Policy that all Dogs must be kept on leads
Proposed by Cllr Liddon

EC25/24. CCTV Stickers

- To discuss whether to get some CCTV Monitoring stickers
Proposed by Cllr Enright-King

EC26/24. No Unauthorised Motor Vehicles Signage

- Discuss whether DPC Parks and Open Spaces should have "No authorised Motor Vehicles" signage.

EC27/24. Newton Road Public Open Space

- Discuss whether bollards should be in place on Newton Road Open Space to stop unauthorised motor vehicles and unauthorised encampments.

EC28/24. Haydown Green Bench

- To agree to purchase and install small bench for the Haydown Green Play Area (APPENDIX C)

EC29/24. Devolution of Environmental Services

- To discuss which Environmental Services should be devolved from West Northamptonshire Council to Duston Parish Council

EC30/24. Tree Inspections

- To note the following DPC Parks and Open Spaces will have Tree Inspections with Year
 - a) Telstar Way "Duston Gardens"
 - b) Duston Wildes "The Quarry"
 - c) Cipton Way
 - d) Brockwood Close
 - e) Westbury Close
 - f) Cheddar Close



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Environment Committee Minutes **Thursday 20th June 2024 7pm**

Chair: Cllr P Enright-King

Councillors Present:

Cllrs Craven, Dickenson, Ennis-Clark, Ingram, Liddon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Youens – Clerk

EC01/24. To elect the Chair of the Environment Committee

- Cllr Paul Enright-King was elected Chair of the Environment Committee for the municipal year 2024/25.

EC02/24. To elect the Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee

- Cllr Mike Ingram was elected Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee for the municipal year 2024/25.

EC03/24. To receive apologies for absence

- No apologies were received.

EC04/24. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th April 2024 (APPENDIX A)

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th April 2024 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

EC05/24. 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.

EC06/24. Public Participation Session

- A member of the public spoke about the state of litter in the alleyway between Whitefield Road and Limehurst Close.
- The member of the public was thanked for her efforts in helping to keep Duston clean and tidy.

EC07/24. Terms of Reference

- **RESOLVED:** The Committee noted the terms of reference of the Environment Committee as set out in the Terms of Reference (APPENDIX B).

EC08/24. Speed Activation Signs

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) The Committee noted the data from the Parish Council Speed Activated Signs (APPENDIX C).
 - b) The Clerk will pass this information to the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

EC09/24. Encroachment of Parks / Open Spaces

- The Council has previously expressed concern about historic "land grabbing" in parks and green spaces.
- **RESOLVED:** All the boundaries of DPC Parks and Open Spaces are mapped out to prevent against future encroachment by neighbouring properties.

EC10/24. QR Code Stickers

- **RESOLVED:** To print QR Code stickers for DPC litter bins. The QR code would take people to the reporting form on the Parish Council website. The sticker to also include logo and contact details.

EC11/24. DPC Corporate Objectives

- **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to put together a draft Corporate Plan for the Committee to consider.

EC12/24. Benches

- **RESOLVED:** To refurbish four benches that DPC purchased and installed 20 years ago (2 Hardlands Road, Main Road and Duston Cemetery) using CIL.

EC13/24. New Signage

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) Not to purchase and install a sign on St Luke's Field and Sussex Close. Inappropriate parking should be referred to the Police or West Northamptonshire Council Highways Dept.
 - b) Agree to purchase bigger park signs. About the size of A3 paper and should be double sided. It should also include the DPC logo.

EC14/24. Junior Goal Post at St Luke's Field

- **RESOLVED:** To purchase and install one junior goal post for St Luke's Field using Community Infrastructure Levy.

EC15/24. Junior Turnstile Roundabout

- **RESOLVED:** To purchase and install a junior turnstile roundabout for Westbury Close using CIL (APPENDIX I).

EC16/24. Clerk Report on Environment Committee Issues

- Goal Posts for Errington Park have arrived
- Three new Litter Bins have been ordered (Haydown Green, Firsvie Drive, Telstar Way).
- Rewilding at Errington Park has started. Seeds have been planted.
- Mendip Park Entrance. The Clerk will get a quote from the contractor on the Soakway to x2 and x4. Also get an approximate cost for installing a bridge.
- Parking near junction signs have arrived but bad weather has prevented them being put out.
- New Play Equipment items for Haydown Green and Grafton Way Meadow has been ordered.

The meeting finished at 8:36pm



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