



DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Duston Parish Council
Duston Community Centre
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Environment Committee Minutes
Thursday 18th July 2024 7pm

Chair: Cllr P Enright-King

Councillors Present:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Youens – Clerk

EC17/24. To receive apologies for absence

- No apologies were received.

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

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th June 2024 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

EC19/24. 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.

EC020/24. Public Participation Session

- A member of the public spoke in relation to agenda item EC22/24. They have some volunteers already but asked the Parish Council for help in trying to recruit some more.

EC21/24. Signage in Sussex Close

- The Clerk present the request for signage from a resident in Sussex Close. People are parking in Sussex Close to use St Luke's Field.
- It was noted by the meeting Sussex Close is a public highway and any car that has tax, MOT and insurance is entitled to use it. It is not a private road.
- **RESOLVED:** Not to install signage as no Highway Code Rules are being broken.

EC22/24. Community Speed Watch Initiative

- **RESOLVED:** To support the Community Support Initiative by helping to advertise for more volunteers.

EC23/24. Signage in Parks

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) To purchase new park signs now for The Quarry, Telstar Way and Newton Road.
 - b) The new signs will be based on the same design as in other parks in DPC ownership (APPENDIX B)

EC24/24. Signage on Dogs on Leads

- **RESOLVED:** Not to install signs in DPC parks saying "All Dogs Must Be Kept on Leads".

EC25/24. CCTV Stickers

- **RESOLVED:** To purchase some small CCTV Monitoring Stickers to act as a deterrent.

EC26/24. No unauthorised Motor Vehicle Signs

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) All DPC Parks should have signage saying "No Unauthorised Vehicles Allowed".
 - b) The wording should be the same as they have in some other parks in Northampton.

EC27/24. Newton Road Public Open Space

- **RESOLVED:**

- a) To get a quote to get some idea of the cost involved.
- b) To present the quote to a future Council meeting for discussion and consideration..

EC28/24. Haydown Green Bench

- **RESOLVED:** To purchase and install a bench for Haydown Green play area (APPENDIX C)

EC29/24. Devolution of Environmental Services

- The Committee expressed an interest in devolution but felt more details need to be provided before any decision could be made.
- The Clerk said West Northamptonshire Council have not indicated they are considering any devolution of environmental services in the foreseeable future.
- **RESOLVED:** To adopt a "Wait and See Approach" when it comes to devolution of services from West Northamptonshire Council.

EC30/24. Tree inspections

- **RESOLVED:** It was noted tree inspections would be carried out on the following Telstar Way, Duston Wildes / Quarry, Cipton Way, Brockwood Close, Westbury Close & Cheddar Close.

The meeting finished at 8:42pm

