



DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Duston Parish Council
Duston Community Centre
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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES
THURSDAY 8th JUNE 2023 7PM

Chair: Cllr P Enright-King

Councillors Present: Ennis-Clark, Golby, Ingram, Liddon, Maitland, Mumford.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Youens – Clerk

Ryan Ikavnieks – Assistant Clerk

22/23. To receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received from Cllrs Stonehouse & Barnes.

23/23. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2023

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday the 18th of May 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the chair.

24/23. 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.

25/23. Public Participation Session

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- There were eight members of the public present; six members spoke upon item 34/23. Two members of the public highlighted the need for a rubbish bin in the Port Road area as it is located near a common dog walking area. They also highlighted that the Speed Activated Sign on Port Road would be better located on the opposite side of the road as to detect vehicles entering Duston.

26/23. Annual Return

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) That the Report of the Internal Auditor for 22/23 was received and noted (APPENDIX B)
 - b) That the Annual Return and Governance Statement 22/23 was approved and subsequently was signed by the Proper Officer and Chair of the Council (APPENDIX C)
 - c) That the Accounting Statements for 2022/23 was approved and subsequently signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and the Chair of the Council (APPENDIX D)
 - d) That the period for the exercise of electors rights, Tuesday 13th June 2023 to Monday 24th July 2023, was confirmed.

27/23. Mendip Park Public Consultation

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) That the report on the public consultation results from the Mendip Park Survey was noted (APPENDIX E).
 - b) That the Council accepts the results of the consultation (137/77.4%, responses in favour, 34/19.9% responses in opposition) to install a gate between Mendip Park and Sam Harrison Way POS.
 - c) That the Clerk seeks to obtain the relevant S106 funds to install a gate and path from Mendip Park into Sam Harrison Way POS. Once funds obtained then draw up a design of the gate and path (or steps) for public information prior to the project commencing.

28/23. Clerk Report

- **RESOLVED:** That the written report from the Parish Clerk was noted (APPENDIX F).

29/23. Covid 19 Bench in Cemetery

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- **RESOLVED:** That the plan to move the Covid-19 memorable bench in Duston cemetery to a new location was approved (APPENDIX G).

30/23. PCSO Sponsor Scheme

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) That the Police Liaison Representative (Cllr Liddon) enquires with the Police & Crime Commissioner for further information and current costs.
 - b) Brings back to a future Council meeting once this information has been obtained.

31/23. Updates from Committees

- **RESOLVED:** That the report in the form of draft minutes from the Planning Committee was received and noted (APPENDIX I)

32/23. Grants Policy

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) Not to approve the proposed Grant Awarding Policy (APENDIX J)
 - b) That the approval of a Grant Awarding Policy be brought forward to the next ordinary Full Council meeting.
 - c) That Cllr Liddon and Cllr Maitland work with Clerk to bring forward a Grant Awarding Policy.

33/23. Record Retention Policy

- **RESOLVED:** That the Record Retention Policy was approved for re-adoption (APPENDIX L)

34/23. Planning Application – WNN.2023/0504 15M 5G TELECOMS INSTALLATION, Main Road

- **RESOLVED:**

OBJECTION - WNN/2023/0504 Land At, Main Road, Duston, Northampton

It is the view of the council that the cabinet infrastructure required could obscure visual sightlines for drivers, potentially creating blind spots and increasing the potential risk of collisions with pedestrians and vehicles.

The Council has placed planters on the grass verge that HGV drivers had previously crashed into. As local businesses in close proximity to the planned sight rely upon HGVs for their deliveries in the tight car park there is a potential risk that the mast could get damaged.

The visual impact of the mast will negatively impact the street scene.

There are suitable discreet locations in close proximity that would be further away from the domestic dwellings located on the second stories of the local businesses.

The meeting closed at 8:48pm

APPROVED