



**DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Duston Parish Council  
Duston Community Centre  
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**Community Services Committee**  
**Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7PM**

**Chair:** Cllr S Maitland

**Councillors Present:**

Craven, Ennis-Clark, Roper, Golby

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gary Youens – Clerk

Ryan Ikavnieks – Assistant Clerk

Alison Grantham – BCD Manager

Cllr Joanne Mumford

Cllr Bill Littlewood

**CSC75/24. To receive apologies for absence**

- Apologies were received from Cllr Enright-King

**CSC76/24. To receive and approve the minutes of the Community Services Committee on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (APPENDIX A)**

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

**CSC77/24. 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.

#### **CSC79/24.Free2Talk Report**

- This will need to be rearranged as a representative of Free2Talk was not available. This will be rescheduled.

#### **CSC80/24. Community Service Committee Working Parties**

- **RESOLVED:** That the following verbal reports were received:
  - a) Promotion & Marketing: Cllrs Ennis-Clark & Enright-King
    - That the Promotion & Marketing working party has not met since the previous meeting. Cllr Enright-King is going to arrange a meeting with Cllr Ennis-Clark.
  - b) Youth: Cllr Roper (Chair), Maitland, Golby & Ennis-Clark
    - There are working a report to go to Full Council.
  - c) Limehurst Shopping Centre: Cllr Maitland
    - It proposed that the first step is to discuss with the nearby residents what they would like to see happen with that green space. Cllr Maitland said that Limehurst Square is looking much better.
  - d) Grants: Maitland, Roper, Ennis-Clark, Craven
    - The Clerk reported there has been a couple of enquiries about grants but nothing has been handed in.

#### **CSC81/24. Newsletter**

- The Assistant Clerk presented the draft newsletter and said he noticed some minor alterations need to be made.
- There was a discussion about the newsletter and it was agreed that the advertisements and map could be dropped to make room for other information. There were lots of good ideas but not all of them could be accommodated in the first issue.
- It was suggested that the Newsletter is printed on recycled paper.
- The Clerk advised that this Newsletter was unbudgeted and Council would need to agree how to pay for it.

- **RESOLVED:** The Assistant Clerk will make the alterations and bring to a Council meeting for final approval.

#### **CSC82/24. Annual Parish Meeting**

- **RESOLVED:** Cllr Golby will contact a Director at West Northamptonshire Council to see if they can come and be part of the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### **CSC83/24. Councillor Surgeries**

- **RESOLVED:**
  - a) To continue with Councillor Surgeries but consider if other places such as the Library most also be used.
  - b) It would preferable if DPC table was kept in the main marquee at Duston Fun Day as this has a higher footfall and therefore easier for councillors to speak to people.

#### **CSC84/24. Grants**

- **RESOLVED:** The Clerk will discuss with NCalc about the legalities of giving small sums of money to start up voluntary groups which do not have bank accounts or constitutions.

#### **CSC85/24. Provision For Older People in Duston**

- The BCD Manager gave a verbal update on DOWPA and the Good Neighbours Scheme.
- It was recognised the great work that DOWPA has done in the past.
- **RESOLVED:** This work is currently being done within the recently adopted DPC Health & Wellbeing Strategy as approved by Council.

#### **CSC86/24. Indoor Car Boot Sales**

- The Clerk reported that these continue to be successful and are held about once a quarter in Duston Community Centre from 9am to 12 noon. It is £10 per table and people must pre-book. Entry for the public is free.
- **RESOLVED:** To note the verbal update from the Clerk on the DPC Indoor Car Boot Sales.

*Meeting ended at 8:26 PM*

