



**DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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Duston Community Centre  
Pendle Road  
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## **Community Services Committee**

Clr Maitland, Cllr Enright-King, Cllr Golby, Cllr Roper, Cllr Ennis-Clark, Cllr Craven

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Community Services Committee to be held at Duston Community Centre on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 commencing at 7pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Issued by:

Gary Youens  
Parish Clerk, Duston Parish Council

### **AGENDA**

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

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

**CSC77/24. 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).*

**CSC78/24. 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).*

**CSC79/24. Free2Talk Report**

- To receive a report from a representative of Free2Talk regarding the Youth Club / Work

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

- To receive reports back on the following working parties:
  - Promotion & Marketing: Cllrs Ennis-Clark & Enright-King
  - Youth: Cllr Roper (Chair), Maitland, Golby & Ennis-Clark
  - Limehurst Shopping Centre: Cllr Maitland
  - Grants Working Party: Maitland, Roper, Ennis-Clark, Craven

**CSC81/24. Newsletter**

- To discuss the draft DPC newsletter (APPENDIX B)

**CSC82/24. Annual Parish Meeting**

- To discuss ideas for the Annual Parish Meeting

**CSC83/24. Councillor Surgeries**

- To discuss the issues that latest issues raised in councillor advice surgeries and how well they are working

**CSC84/24. Grants**

- a) To discuss how the success of grants are monitored and the implications
- b) To discuss Small Grants

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

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

- To receive a verbal report from the Clerk on DPC Indoor Car Boot Sales



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**Community Services Committee**  
**Minutes 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 7 PM**

Chair: Cllr S Maitland

**Councillors Present:**

Craven, Ennis-Clark, Enright-King, Roper

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gary Youens – Clerk

Ryan Ikavnieks – Assistant Clerk

Alison Grantham – BCD Manager

**CSC65/24. To receive apologies for absence**

- Apologies were received from Cllr Golby

**CSC66/24. To receive and approve the minutes of the Community Services Committee on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (APPENDIX A)**

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

**CSC67/24. 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.

**CSC68/24. Public Participation Session**

- No members of the public were present.

### CSC69/24. Community Service Committee Working Parties

- **RESOLVED:** That the following verbal reports were received:
  - Good Neighbours: It was decided that the Good Neighbours working party be disbanded with immediate effect.
  - Promotion & Marketing: The Promotion & Marketing working party has not met between meetings. Cllr Enright-King and Cllr Ennis-Clark would discuss matters further and come up with ideas and suggestions.
  - Youth: Cllr Roper provided the Committee with a verbal update upon Free2Talk, summarising the report that was provided to Council. They noted that turnout was low due mock GCSE's taking place during the week. A deal has been struck with the Table Tennis Club to allow for the use of their table tennis equipment. Outreach work has currently not been conducted due lack of evening light, they aim to pick this up now that the sun sets later.
  - Limehurst Shopping Centre: Cllr Maitland updated the Committee upon the recent addition of two trees on the Square. The working party discussed ideas on how to further improve the area and agreed to survey the surrounding dwellings for input on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. Cllr Maitland said it was important to talk to residents in the nearby properties and ask what they would like to see to improve Limehurst Square and the green space.

### CSC70/24. Newsletter

- **RESOLVED:**
  - a) That the name for the newsletter be Duston Together
  - b) That each page will contain the following content:
    - Page 1 will primarily consist of breakdown of the budget for the municipal year of 2024/25.
    - Page 2 will primarily contain contact information for Cllrs and information about Grants.
    - Page 3 will contain information about DPCs community centres and the community groups within.
    - Page 4 will contain information about the up and coming events and community initiatives.

- c) If councillors have any further suggestions and ideas for the newsletter whilst it is being drafted then they should contact the Assistant Clerk directly.

#### **CSC71/24. Northampton West Local Area Partnership**

- **RESOLVED:** That the item be differed to the next ordinary meeting of the Committee for discussion. Cllr Golby was due to speak on this item.

#### **CSC72/24. Community Governance Review**

- West Northamptonshire Council are currently carrying out a Community Governance Review which they are legally required to do every 10 – 15 years. The previous Northampton Borough Council did a Community Governance Review in 2019/20.
- **RESOLVED:**
  - a) That the report from the Clerk regarding West Northamptonshire Community Governance Review was received, noted and discussed.
  - b) That the current boundary for Duston Parish Council need not change and that no further action is required. The new electoral ward of Duston will match the parish boundary.
  - c) It has been suggested that “Upton Parish Council” is renamed “Upton & St Crispin Parish Council”. This would help potentially to highlight that St Crispin estate is not in Duston.

#### **CSC73/24. Community Info and Wellness Fair**

- The BCD Manager gave a full report to Committee about the event and answered questions.
- Cllr Maitland thanked all the staff involved that made it such a successful event.
- **RESOLVED:** That the feedback report for the Community Info and Wellness Fair (APPENDIX B) was received and noted.

#### **CSC74/24. Councillor Surgeries**

- Cllr Maitland gave an update to the surgeries at Duston United Reform Church Food Bank. Potholes, poor road markings, parking and overflowing bins have been mentioned frequently.

*The meeting closed at 20:20*





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# Duston Together

## Tree of Hope Project



At the end of Berrywood Road stands a symbol of resilience and unity, born out of the challenges of the unprecedented global lockdown of 2020. The Tree of Hope, so called because it symbolises strength and renewed hope for the future, is a testament to the spirit of community emerging from the collective efforts of local residents during the Covid-19 pandemic.

*"Our aim was to come up with a project that would keep our community feeling connected and engaged,"* explains Alison Grantham, Duston Parish Council's Community Development Manager, *"With a national lockdown and many people shielding, there was no option to hold events: knitting and crocheting was something that residents could do from the safety of their homes."*

The project brought together individuals of all ages, from young to old, each contributing their own crafted pieces, from flowers to rainbows, butterflies to hedgehogs.



Even those who couldn't knit anymore found ways to contribute, donating knitting needles, spare wool and buttons to their neighbours, ensuring that the project truly became a collective endeavour.

The Tree of Hope featured in local and national press, BBC online, social media and an even an international knitting magazine. Residents told us that they were sharing pictures of its development with their friends and families all over the world.

Alison reflects, *"Any community project is special, but to create something so beautiful out of pretty dark times for people was extraordinary."*

The Tree of Hope stands tall, not just as a symbol of strength and renewal, but as a testament to the power of community, reminding us that even in our darkest moments, we can find hope and solidarity in coming together. Over the past few years pollution and the elements had taken their toll on the materials used. We needed to come up with another solution to preserve a project that became poignant and significant to a lot of people at that time, whether they contributed to the project or passed it on their daily permitted exercise.

Duston Parish Council were delighted to have commissioned and worked with sculptor, Peter Leadbeater who has done an amazing job of capturing the spirit of a very special project for posterity.



The project was funded with Community Infrastructure Levy monies, a charge imposed on developers when they undertake new building projects.



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# Your Local Parish Council

## YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCILLORS - CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Chair: Paul Enright-King

Vice Chair: Sandie Maitland

### New Duston West

**Clr Matt Golby**

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**Clr Iain Liddon**

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**Clr Joanne Mumford**

Email: [clr.jmumford@duston-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clr.jmumford@duston-pc.gov.uk)

### New Duston East

**Clr Jan Ennis-Clark**

Email: [clr.jennis-clark@duston-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clr.jennis-clark@duston-pc.gov.uk)

**Clr Paul Enright-King**

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Duston Parish Council is comprised of 12 councillors who are elected every four years to represent their particular wards.

### Old Ward

**Clr Sandie Maitland**

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**Clr Sandra Roper**

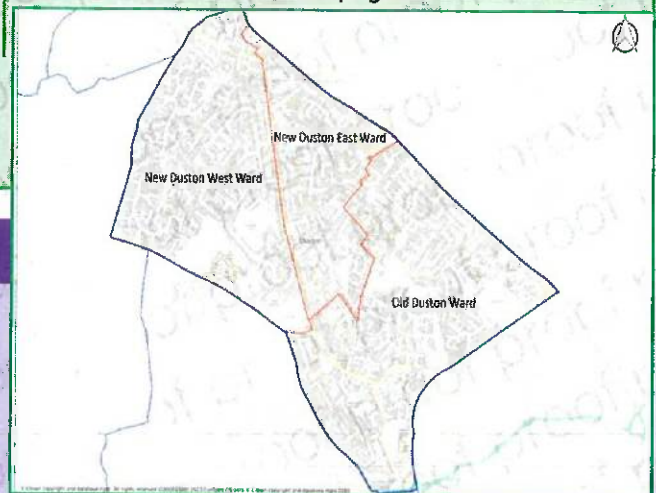
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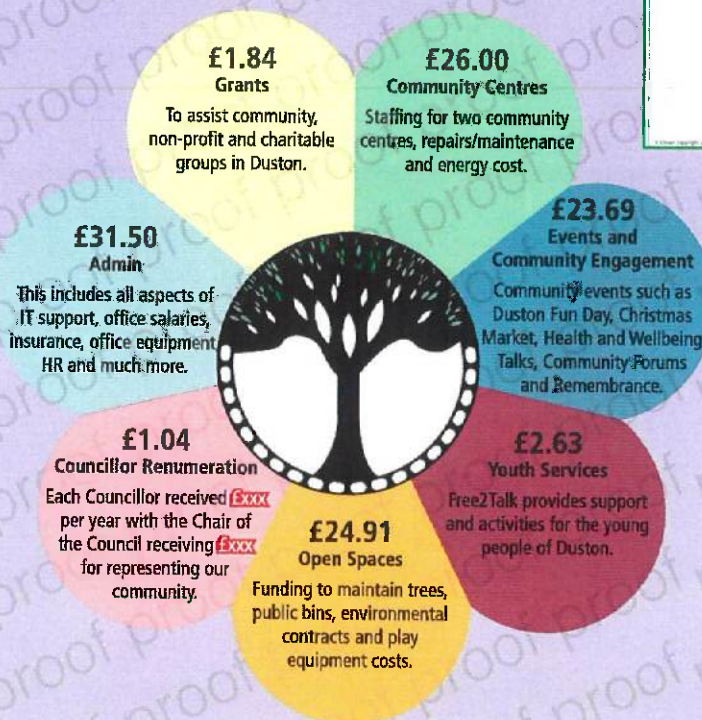
**Clr Bill Littlewood**

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## Precepts and Budget Information

How the £111.61 per household (Band D) per year is allocated:



The Parish Precept is the element of your Council Tax that is paid to Duston Parish Council.

Every year, the Parish Council draws up budgets and calculates how much money it needs for the next financial year. Duston Parish Councils budgeted expenditure for 2024/25 is £871,313 with a planned income of £236,000.

Duston Parish Council precept for a "Band D Equivalent" for 2024/25 is £111.61 (The graphic is based upon a Band D households precept demand).

West Northamptonshire Council charges £5.42 (Band D figure) as a special expenses charge to residential dwelling for grass cutting of parks, open spaces and the cemetery.

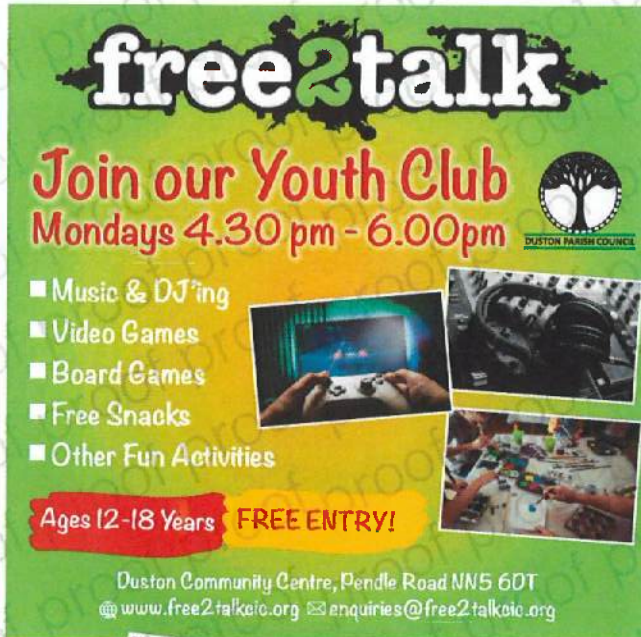
\*Co-opted Councillors do not receive any remuneration and others refuse to accept the funds.



# What's On at our Community Centres?


## Regular Groups Rota

Monday	
Pilates	09:00-10:00
Yoga - Smile Lifestyle	09:30-10:30
Cotswold Bowls	10:00-12:00
Free2Talk Youth Club For Ages 12-18	16:30-18:00
Tuesday	
Active Senior Exercise Class	09:45-10:45
Not So Dusty Social Club (Meets Bi-weekly)	09:30-12:00
Computer Pals	10:00-15:00
Art 4 All (Meets Bi-weekly)	14:00-16:00
Sugar & Spice Social Club (Meets Bi-weekly)	19:00-21:00
Tai Chi	19:00-20:30
Duston Camera Club	19:30-22:00
Wednesday	
Art Group	09:30-12:00
Broomhall's Day Care	09:30-15:30
Lighten Up	10:00-11:00
Long Covid Support Group - Breathing Space Meets Monthly (Registration Required)	10:30-12:30
Happy Circle Whist Club	13:00-16:00
Zumba with Suzi-Suze	18:15-19:30
Move it or Lose it	19:00-20:00
Sewcial Sewing Club (Meets Bi-weekly)	19:30-22:00
Thursday	
Tai Chi	10:00-11:30
Move it or Lose it	14:00-15:00
Duston Parish Council Meetings	19:00-21:00
Cotswold Duston WI (Meets Monthly)	19:00-21:45
Duston Towns-Women's Guild (Meets Monthly)	19:30-21:30
Friday	
Tumble Tots (Term Time Only)	09:30-13:15
Barsews Quilters (Meets Monthly)	10:00-16:00
Saturday	
Assessing & Tutoring with Sarah	09:00-13:00
EkLipsLtd Taekwondo	10:00-12:30



**free2talk**

**Join our Youth Club**  
Mondays 4.30 pm - 6.00pm



- Music & DJ'ing
- Video Games
- Board Games
- Free Snacks
- Other Fun Activities

**Ages 12-18 Years FREE ENTRY!**

Duston Community Centre, Pendle Road NN5 6DT  
[www.free2talk.co.uk](http://www.free2talk.co.uk) [enquiries@free2talk.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@free2talk.co.uk)

**Duston Parish Council owns and operates two community Centres, Duston Community Centre and St Lukes Centre, both are home to regular community groups!**



Scan the QR code for booking information or contact George our facilities manager who will be ore than happy to help: [facilities@duston-pc.gov.uk](mailto:facilities@duston-pc.gov.uk)



# Dates For Your Diary

SAVE THE DATES!

PLEASE JOIN US for our next

## Health and Wellbeing Talk

Thursday 20th June 2024 | 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm

Arthritis Action -  
Self Management and You

with Marc Williams

From Arthritis Action

A Free, informative presentation  
about Arthritis and how you can manage it

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1.15 pm Refreshments  
1.30 pm Talk  
2.35 pm Q&A Session

For more info & to book your FREE place, please  
email [events@duston-pc.gov.uk](mailto:events@duston-pc.gov.uk)

## Duston Parish Council Events and Initiatives

Thursday 16th May 2024	13:15
Health and Wellbeing Talk - Menopause	
Thursday 20th Jun 2024	13:15
Health and Wellbeing Talk - Arthritis Action	
Sunday 30th June 2024	11:00
Duston Fun Day	
Thursday 18th July 2024	13:15
Health and Wellbeing Talk - Navigating the Care Conundrum	
Thursday 17th October 2024	13:15
Health and Wellbeing Talk - Topic To Be confirmed	
Saturday 26th October 2024	
Sunday 10th November 2024	
Duston Remembers 2024	
Thursday 14th November 2024	13:15
Health and Wellbeing Talk - Topic To Be confirmed	
Saturday 30th November 2024	11:00
Sunday 1st December 2024	11:00
A Merry Christmas Tree Festival & Market	

JOIN US FOR.....

## DUSTON FUN DAY!

FREE ENTRY

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE  
11AM - 4PM

ST LUKE'S PLAYING FIELD, MELBOURNE  
LANE, NN5 6HS

MAKERS & COMMUNITY MARQUEE • CROCKERY SMASH  
FIND THE CHARACTER  
STALLS • CIRCUS SKILLS • CRAZY GOLF  
WORLD FOOD ZONE  
DJ ARCHIE • FACE PAINTING • BOX EDDY  
MUSIC, DANCE & MUCH MORE

Duston Parish Council hosts a community  
'What's On' calander to help publicise  
local events.



Scan the QR code for more information.

Alternatively, head over to:

[www.duston-pc.gov.uk/local-events](http://www.duston-pc.gov.uk/local-events)  
or email Sarah, our lovely events officer:  
[events@duston-pc.gov.uk](mailto:events@duston-pc.gov.uk)

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR  
**CHRISTMAS EVENTS**  
30th November & 1st December - Christmas Tree Festival & Market  
1st - 25th December - Duston's Christmas cheer  
[www.duston-pc.gov.uk/events](http://www.duston-pc.gov.uk/events)

GET IN TOUCH WITH DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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