

**DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Duston Parish Council
Duston Community Centre
Pendle Road
Duston
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Community Services Committee
Minutes 14th March 2024 7 PM

Chair: Cllr S Maitland

Councilors 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 17th January 2024 (APPENDIX A)

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th 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 6th 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

