



DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Duston Parish Council
Duston Community
Centre
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Community Services Committee
Minutes 12th September 2024 7pm

Chair: Cllr S Maitland

Councillors Present:

Craven, Roper, Golby Ennis-Clark, Enright-King

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Youens – Parish Clerk

CSC23/24. To receive apologies for absence

- There were no apologies. Cllr Enright-King said he would have to leave the meeting early due to other commitments.

CSC24/24. To receive and approve the minutes of the Community Services Committee on Monday 5th August 2024 (APPENDIX A)

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on the 5th August 2024 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

CSC25/24. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda

- No declarations of interest of interest were declared.

CSC26/24. Public Participation Session

- There were no members of the public present

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CSC27/24. Christmas Market / Tree Event

- The Clerk provided a verbal update on preparation for the Christmas Market / Tree Event which takes place on 30th November.
- Update included
 - 19/30 stalls reserved
 - 8 confirmed and paid
 - Entertainment confirmation awaited for Saturday
 - Musicality 30 mins slot on Sunday
 - Await confirmation from players for Sunday
 - Afternoon tea, awaiting more quotes
 - Sound system, awaiting call back
 - Forms for Christmas trees going out next week
- It will be held at Duston Community Centre
- **RESOLVED:** To note the Clerk Report on preparations for a Christmas Market & Tree Event.

CSC28/24. Free2Talk Report

- Cllrs Maitland & Roper with the Clerk held an online meeting with Free2Talk.
- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) To note the update from Cllrs Roper & Maitland on the Free2Talk Youth Club
 - b) The current Service Level Agreement should be readopted for another 12 months from November 2024 to November 2025
 - c) The price will be the same at £14,182

CSC29/24. Seed Funding

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) To look for examples of other parish councils that do seed funding and see what processes they use.
 - b) The Clerk to draw up an application form for the Committee to consider proposing to Full Council.

CSC30/24. Promoting Peace

- Cllr Maitland described the purpose of the white poppy. It is a flower used as a symbol of peace and is worn place of the red poppy. The white poppy stands for remembrance

for all victims of war, a commitment to peace, and a challenge to attempts to glorify war.

- Traditionally remembrance has focused on the military and soldiers fighting each other in battles. A view was expressed that in 2025 the Parish Council should focus on the promotion of peace instead.
- It was suggested that a working party could be set up to try and progress peace celebrations in Duston rather than the traditional military remembrance.
- **RESOLVED:** Councillors to come up with ideas of how to promote peace activities in Duston. These ideas will be discussed at a future meeting of the Community Services Committee.

CSC31/24. Defibrillator in the old Village Centre

- There is a defibrillator at St Lukes Centre.
- It was suggested in the phone box but it is still not clear when BT will decommission this.
- **RESOLVED:** To the Clerk to find out if a defibrillator on a wall needs planning permission due to it being a in conservation area.

The meeting finished at 8:02pm

