



DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Duston Community Centre
Pendle Road
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Environment Committee

Clrs Enright-King, Ennis-Clark, Ingram, Liddon, Craven

12th January 2024

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee to be held at Duston Community Centre on Thursday 18th January 2024 commencing at 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Issued by:

Gary Youens
Parish Clerk, Duston Parish Council

AGENDA

EC66/24. To receive apologies for absence

EC67/24. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2023 (APPENDIX A)

EC68/24. 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*).

EC69/24. 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*).

EC70/24. Rewilding Project Update

- To receive a report upon the rewilding project. (APPENDIX B)

EC71/24. Hedgehogs In Duston

- To receive a verbal report from Cllr Ennis-Clark upon a Hedgehog awareness campaigns.

EC72/24. Progress Update On Various Projects

- To receive a verbal update from the Clerk upon Various Projects

EC73/24. Tree and Bulb Planting Locations

- a) To discuss and identify locations to designate for Tree Planting.
- b) To discuss and identify locations to designate for Bulb Planting.

EC74/24. Cleanliness of Limehurst Square.

- a) To discuss the proposal of Staff jet washing the public footpath around Limehurst Square.
- b) Whether anti-litter signage is needed
Proposed by Cllr Enright-King

EC75/24. Immediate Justice Initiative

- To discuss and identify ways to use and support the Immediate Justice Initiative.
Proposed by Cllr Liddon

EC76/24. Project Proposals

- To discuss the list of projects proposed by Cllr Ingram and identify potential projects to undertake (APPENDIX C)
Proposed by Cllr Ingram

EC77/24. Volunteering Opportunities.

- To discuss and identify various projects and initiatives that can be used to create local volunteering opportunities for stakeholders to get involved in.
Proposed by Cllr Enright-King

EC78/24. CCTV.

- To discuss DPC sponsored CCTV as a crime prevention measure.
Proposed by Cllr Liddon



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Environment Committee Minutes **Thursday 16th November 2023 7pm**

Chair: Cllr M Ingram

Councillors Present: Liddon, Ennis-Clark

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Youens – Clerk

Ryan Ikavnieks – Assistant Clerk

EC54/23. To receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received from Cllr Enright-King.

EC55/23. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th October 2023

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes (APPENDIX A) of the meeting held on Thursday 19th October 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

EC56/23. 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.

EC58/23. Public Participation Session

- There were no members of the public present.

EC59/23. Litter Bins

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) That the request from residents to install a litter bin on the Duston Garden Estate (APPENDIX B) was received and discussed. The Committee resolved to recommend to Full Council that the installation of the bin be approved and funded via Community Infrastructure Levy monies.
 - b) That the discussion surrounding the installation of a litter bin at the Haydown Green play area was noted. The Committee resolved to write letters to the residential dwellings that face the green to provide their thoughts on the matter.
 - c) That the discussion on the replacement and relocation of two bins at Mendip Park to more suitable locations was noted. The Committee resolved to replace and relocate the dog waste bin with a standard litter bin at new entrance and to clear back the vegetation around the entrance bin. To be funded with CIL monies (APPENDIX C)

EC60/23. Mendip Park S106 Play Equipment Update

- The Assistant Clerk provided a verbal update alongside the current quotes received to be submitted with the S106 application. They noted that we are waiting to receive one quote from a supplier before the application can be submitted.
- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) That the update upon the Mendip Park S106 play equipment project (APPENDIX D) was received.
 - b) Once the application form was complete it should be submitted to West Northamptonshire Council.

EC61/23. Errington Park Path Update

- The Clerk provide a verbal update upon the Errington Park path project, noting that they have received one quote for the work.
- **RESOLVED:** That the verbal update from the Clerk upon the Errington Park path project was received.

EC62/23. Four-Year Plan Review

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) That discussion surrounding the Four-Year plan (APPENDIX E) was noted.
 - b) That the Committee identified the Errington Park path project to be recommended as a priority to Full Council.

EC63/23. Tree Survey

- The Clerk provided a verbal update that informed the Committee that St Lukes Field, Mendip Park, Grafton Way Meadow & Errington Park was done this year.
- **RESOLVED:** That the update from the Clerk as to which Public Open Space trees are inspected next as per Tree Management Policy was received, discussed and noted. This will depend to some extent when asset transfers take place.

EC64/23. Inclusive Play Equipment

- Previously Duston Parish Council has purchased and installed roundabouts that are accessible. Currently, that is the provision of inclusive play equipment that has been provided by the Council. Councillors discussed the addition of inclusive play equipment as part of the S106 application for Mendip Park, however, Officers reminded the Committee that the main entrance is susceptible to flooding / waterlogging. Two suitable locations that were identified Triumph Gardens but a preference was expressed for St Luke's Field / Melbourne Lane park.
- **RESOLVED:** To look further to into installing more inclusive play equipment once the Mendip Park project has been complete.

EC65/23. Dog Walkers on Duston Sports Centre Field

- **RESOLVED:** To put a "No Dogs Allowed on Sports Field At All Times" at Duston Sports Centre.

Rewilding Project Update

As we are now into the new year, I have been roughing out plans for the creation of the wildflower areas. Below is a tentative timetable;

Months	Project Tasks
Jan/Feb	remove turf and rotavate soil
Mar/early April	monitor cultivated ground for signs of pernicious weeds & remove if required
Apr/May	sow wildflower seed
Sep/Oct	cut down flowers & re-seed areas if necessary

At this stage, costs are;

£260.07 Machinery

£480.00 Seed

TOTAL = £740.07

Dan Bell – Operations Officer

Project Proposal from Cllr Ingram

- 1) junior football posts in all Duston parks
- 2) Outdoor table tennis in Errington and Melbourne Park
- 3) Half a MUGA or basketball / netball hoop in Melbourne park this is the only one without one.
- 4) Removal of the railings by the Bakers in Old Duston to improve vision of pedestrians awaiting at the Zebra Crossing
- 5) To work with the Wombles and place strategic purple empty bags in strategic identified litter hot spots.
- 6) Arrange and set date for community tree planting and bulb planting in identified areas.
- 7) To investigate placing Christmas lights around the top of St Lukes roof perimeter to highlight the church type structure (Early I know but the people who specialise in this get booked up early) !
- 8) To investigate Christmas lights for the large tree on the entrance to Old Duston opposite the Art structure.
- 9) To consider direction signs to the shops for the new residents opposite Weggs Farm Road who seem intent on breaking down the hedge rather than looking for the correct route!
- 10) To identify the poor and worn out Road markings in Duston ie Zebra crossing Mill Way?



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