



DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Duston Parish Council
Duston Community Centre
Pendle Road
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Environment Committee

Cllrs Enright-King, Ennis-Clark, Ingram, Liddon,

9th June 2023

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee to be held at Duston Community Centre on Thursday 15th June 2023 commencing at 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Issued by:

Gary Youens
Parish Clerk, Duston Parish Council

AGENDA

EC01/23. To elect a Chair of the Environment Committee

EC02/23. To elect a Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee

EC03/23. To receive apologies for absence

EC04/23. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th April 2023 (APPENDIX A)

EC05/23. 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*).

EC06/23. 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*).

EC07/23. St Luke's Field / Sussex Close Boundary

- To discuss whether any additional boundary features is needed between St Luke's Field and Sussex Close (APPENDIX B)

EC08/23. Litter Bin on Port Road

- Discuss member of public suggestion that there is a litter placed on Port Road.

EC09/23. Cllr Joanne Mumford Report Back From Year 5 The Duston School

- To receive a verbal report from Cllr Joanne Mumford on her talk with Year 5 pupils at The Duston School.

EC10/23. Parking on Footpaths

- To discuss the problem of parking on footpaths in Duston and what action might be taken.

EC11/23. Preserving Hedgehogs

- To receive a verbal report from Cllr Jan Ennis-Clark on the problem of hedgehogs being injured by garden tools.

EC12/23. CCTV in Parks

- To discuss the need and process of installing CCTV in DPC owned parks to reduce anti-social behaviour.

E13/23. Errington Park

- a) To purchase a commemorative bench for Errington Park using Community Infrastructure Levy (APPENDIX C)

- b) To recommend to Council that the two Green Benches adjacent to the play area are refitted with a concrete base and remove the random metal pole. Use Community Infrastructure Levy (APPENDIX D)

EC14/23. Limehurst Square Litter

- Consider writing to a shop regarding litter picks in Limehurst Square.

EC15/23. Clerk Report

- To receive an update on various ongoing projects
 - Benches at bus stops
 - Soakway at Mendip Park entrance
 - Mendip Park / Sam Harrison Way gate using S106
 - Play Equipment at the Quarry
 - Play Equipment at Haydown Green
 - Bee Stops / rewilding at Errington Park, Grafton Way Meadow, Mendip Park
 - Re locating the Covid 19 Bench in the cemetery



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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE **MINUTES 20th APRIL 2023**

Cllrs Enright-King, Ennis-Clark, Ingram, Liddon

CHAIR: Councillor Ingram

PRESENT: Cllrs Ennis-Clark and Liddon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr G. Youens – Clerk

EC091/23. To receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received from Cllr Enright-King.

EC092/23. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th March 2023

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

EC093/23. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda

- There were no interests declared.

EC094/23. Public Participation Session

- There were no public speakers.

EC095/23. Terms of Reference

- **RESOLVED:** The terms of reference for the Environment Committee as set out in the Scheme of Delegation was noted (APPENDIX B)

EC096/23. NALC Briefing Note Policing in Your Area

- The Clerk had circulated the briefing note to the Committee for their information. Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 says town and parish councils have a duty to consider the impact of their decisions on crime and disorder in their local area.
- It was discussed that police resources seem to be diverted away from parishes like Duston and diverted towards Northampton Town Centre. The local Neighbourhood Policing Team stopped providing Duston Parish Council with crime reports about 18 months ago.

EC097/23. Mendip Park

- The Clerk has been in contact with the preferred contractor to commission the work. We are now waiting a start date which is likely to be late spring or early summer. A soakway should alleviate the problem. Unfortunately Duston Parish Council has been denied permission to use the drains.
- The Clerk reported that he has submitted a request to West Northamptonshire Council for s106 monies to pay for additional play equipment in Mendip Park.
- Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of creating a lockable gate between Mendip Park and Sam Harrison Way Open Space. It was noted that once again the fence has been broken and this keeps on happening. The Clerk has reported anti-social behaviour to the Police. The Neighbourhood Policing Team has raised no objection to a gate between Mendip Park / Sam Harrison Way.

RESOLVED:

- a) That a commemorative bench also be requested for Mendip Park from s106 monies (APPENDIX D)
- b) That Council is presented with the results of the public consultation this year and decides whether to have a gate between Sam Harrison Way / Mendip Park.

EC098/23. Errington Park

- The Clerk reported that sometimes during the long summer months, residents complain of loud music and anti-social behaviour in Errington Park Car Park. Northampton Borough Council, as the previous owners, suggested that a gate on the car park was unnecessary.

- The footpath between Main Road and Errington Park now belongs to Duston Parish Council.

RESOLVED:

- a) Not to install a gate at Errington Park car park entrance.
- b) The footpath between Errington Park and Main Road does not need resurfacing but a tidy up and clean.

EC099/23. New Play Equipment Items

- The orders have now been placed for the Quarry. Haydown Green will hopefully be placed very shortly once quotes are finally evaluated. As agreed by Council this will be funded by the Community Infrastructure Levy.
- **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk presentation on new play equipment was noted.

EC100/23. Telstar Way Open Space

- **RESOLVED:** A commemorative bench for Telstar Way Open Space is requested from S106 monies (APPENDIX E)

EC101/23. Grafton Way Meadow

- The new tarmac entrance into Grafton Way Meadow was discussed. This has been well received by the public.
- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) The Clerk to investigate honeycomb matting around the tarmac entrance.
 - b) The Clerk may cut back the vegetation by the entrance once the tree survey has been completed.

EC102/23. COSHH Sheets

- The Clerk has been in contact with West Northamptonshire Council regarding their use of glyphosate. West Northamptonshire Council say the product they use is Trustee Amenity which it is glyphosate based. West Northamptonshire Council say it is very low risk. Removing weeds by hand would be expensive.
- Committee discussed the potential disadvantages such as the impact on the bee population and other wildlife.
- **RESOLVED:**

- a) The information provided by West Northamptonshire Council was noted.
- b) The information is presented to the next Full Council meeting as a stated agenda item for further discussion.

EC103/23. Installation of Benches

- **RESOLVED:**

- a) The Clerk was delegated with installing the benches at bus stops. The Clerk will though consult with current members of this Committee as to specific locations. Weggs Farm Road Tesco was suggested as a preference.
- b) It was agreed to support the proposed design of the DOWPA Bench outside the Co-op on Main Road (APPENDIX F).

EC104/23. Planters

- The Clerk spoke about an outline environmental project outside the Co-op on Main Road. Some of this land is in private ownership and some of it is WNC Highways.
- Council had asked Committee to look a planter(s) for the Limehurst Square area.
- **RESOLVED:** Planters outside the Co-op on Main Road and in Limehurst Square area would be welcome. The Clerk should bring proposals to a future meeting of the Environment Committee.

EC105/23. Bee stops on parks and further rewilding projects

- The rewilding area is still there at Grafton Way Meadow and Duston Parish Council has received no further complaints from the public.
- St Luke's Field will be participating in No Mow May.
- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) To note that planters could also be used as bee stops.
 - b) To create two further similar bee stops at Errington Park and Mendip Park.

The meeting finished at 8:28pm











