

**DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Duston Parish Council  
Duston Community Centre  
Pendle Road  
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**Environment Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 7pm**

**Chair:** Cllr P Enright-King

**Councillors Present:**

Craven, Ennis-Clark, Ingram, Liddon

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Gary Youens – Clerk

Ryan Ikavnieks – Assistant Clerk

**EC66/24. To receive apologies for absence**

- There were no apologies received.

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

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

**EC68/24. 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.

**EC69/24. Public Participation Session**

- There were no members of the public present.

**EC70/24. Rewilding Project Update**

- **RESOLVED:**
  - a) To note the report upon the rewilding project (APPENDIX B)
  - b) To approve for the funding for the project and give up to £1000

**EC71/24. Hedgehogs In Duston**

- **RESOLVED:**
  - a) That the verbal report from Cllr Ennis-Clark upon a Hedgehog awareness campaigns was received.
  - b) That Cllr Ennis-Clark produces a report on how Residents can care for Local Hedgehogs.
  - c) That the Clerk shares information from British Hedgehog Preservation Society on Facebook and the noticeboards.

**EC72/24. Progress Update On Various Projects**

- The Clerk provided Committee with a verbal update on the following projects:
  - Anti-dog fouling signs previously purchased from Keep Britain Tidy. Some have been put back on lampposts and fences.
  - Planters at Limehurst Square. We are waiting for WNC Highways to turn them around to face the same way.
  - Benches. The concrete bases for benches at Errington Park and Mendip Park will soon be done by the contractor. The bench for Duston Gardens has been ordered.
  - 2 Anti-dog walking signs have been installed at Duston Sports Centre as requested by Trilogy.
- **RESOLVED:** That the verbal update from the Clerk upon various projects was received.

**EC73/24. Tree and Bulb Planting Locations**

- **RESOLVED:**
  - a) That the Operations Officer produces a project plan that identifies locations to designate for planting and what species of tree is most suitable.

- b) That the Operations Officer produces a project plan that identifies locations to designate for Bulb Planting.

#### **EC74/24. Cleanliness of Limehurst Square**

- **RESOLVED**
  - a) Not to jet wash Limehurst Square and surrounding footpaths as this could damage the tarmac surface.
  - b) That an anti-litter sign should be put up at Limehurst Square. Exact locations to be suggested to the Clerk.

#### **EC75/24. Immediate Justice Initiative**

- The scheme is to combat anti-social behaviour with offenders having to clean up damage within 48 hours wearing hi-viz jackets. It is to show that justice is being done.
- **RESOLVED:**
  - a) The Committee had no principle objection to the initiative and hoped Duston could benefit.
  - b) Cllr Liddon will bring back to Committee further information on how we could apply.

#### **EC76/24. Project Proposals**

- Cllr Mike Ingram went through each item in turn.
- **RESOLVED:** To bring to the next full council for discussion to be paid for by Community Infrastructure Levy.
  - a) Junior goal posts in Duston Parks. Errington Park to have standard goal posts.
  - b) Outdoor table tennis tables in Errington Park and Melbourne Lane / St Luke's Field.
  - c) Half a MUGA at Melbourne Park
  - d) A DPC litter pick in Limehurst Square

#### **EC77/24. Volunteering Opportunities**

- Cllr Paul Enright-King led a discussion on how volunteering could be used for the benefit of Duston. It was noted that commercial companies do have volunteer days.

**EC78/24. CCTV.**

- There has been some high profile incidents in Limehurst Square recently which is a cause of concern. Concerns of anti-social behaviour at Limehurst Square is being circulated on social media. CCTV might be some kind of deterrent and could be used to identify offenders.
- It was noted that Duston Parish Council had previously put CCTV in Limehurst Square but it was stopped as it was expensive and unclear whether it was actually being effective. The CCTV was paid for by Duston Parish Council but was overseen by Northampton Borough Council.
- The Clerk advised that there is no current budgetary provision to install CCTV at Limehurst Square but could of course be built into next year budget if Council wishes.

*The meeting closed at 8:33pm*

APPROVED