



DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Duston Parish Council
Duston Community Centre
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Environment Committee Minutes
Thursday 20th June 2024 7pm

Chair: Cllr P Enright-King

Councillors Present:

Cllrs Craven, Dickenson, Ennis-Clark, Ingram, Liddon

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Youens – Clerk

EC01/24. To elect the Chair of the Environment Committee

- Cllr Paul Enright-King was elected Chair of the Environment Committee for the municipal year 2024/25.

EC02/24. To elect the Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee

- Cllr Mike Ingram was elected Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee for the municipal year 2024/25.

EC03/24. To receive apologies for absence

- No apologies were received.

EC04/24. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th April 2024 (APPENDIX A)

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th April 2024 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

EC05/24. 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.

EC06/24. Public Participation Session

- A member of the public spoke about the state of litter in the alleyway between Whitefield Road and Limehurst Close.
- The member of the public was thanked for her efforts in helping to keep Duston clean and tidy.

EC07/24. Terms of Reference

- **RESOLVED:** The Committee noted the terms of reference of the Environment Committee as set out in the Terms of Reference (APPENDIX B).

EC08/24. Speed Activation Signs

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) The Committee noted the data from the Parish Council Speed Activated Signs (APPENDIX C).
 - b) The Clerk will pass this information to the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

EC09/24. Encroachment of Parks / Open Spaces

- The Council has previously expressed concern about historic "land grabbing" in parks and green spaces.
- **RESOLVED:** All the boundaries of DPC Parks and Open Spaces are mapped out to prevent against future encroachment by neighbouring properties.

EC10/24. QR Code Stickers

- **RESOLVED:** To print QR Code stickers for DPC litter bins. The QR code would take people to the reporting form on the Parish Council website. The sticker to also include logo and contact details.

EC11/24. DPC Corporate Objectives

- **RESOLVED:** The Clerk to put together a draft Corporate Plan for the Committee to consider.

EC12/24. Benches

- **RESOLVED:** To refurbish four benches that DPC purchased and installed 20 years ago (2 Hardlands Road, Main Road and Duston Cemetery) using CIL.

EC13/24. New Signage

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) Not to purchase and install a sign on St Luke's Field and Sussex Close. Inappropriate parking should be referred to the Police or West Northamptonshire Council Highways Dept.
 - b) Agree to purchase bigger park signs. About the size of A3 paper and should be double sided. It should also include the DPC logo.

EC14/24. Junior Goal Post at St Luke's Field

- **RESOLVED:** To purchase and install one junior goal post for St Luke's Field using Community Infrastructure Levy.

EC15/24. Junior Turnstile Roundabout

- **RESOLVED:** To purchase and install a junior turnstile roundabout for Westbury Close using CIL (APPENDIX I).

EC16/24. Clerk Report on Environment Committee Issues

- Goal Posts for Errington Park have arrived
- Three new Litter Bins have been ordered (Haydown Green, Firsvie Drive, Telstar Way).
- Rewilding at Errington Park has started. Seeds have been planted.
- Mendip Park Entrance. The Clerk will get a quote from the contractor on the Soakway to x2 and x4. Also get an approximate cost for installing a bridge.
- Parking near junction signs have arrived but bad weather has prevented them being put out.
- New Play Equipment items for Haydown Green and Grafton Way Meadow has been ordered.

The meeting finished at 8:36pm

