



**DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Environment Committee Minutes**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes (APPENDIX A) of the meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 relocated 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 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.

