



DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Environment Committee Minutes
Thursday 15th February 2024

Chair: Cllr P Enright-King

Councillors Present:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Youens – Clerk

Ryan Ikavnieks – Assistant Clerk

EC79/24. To receive apologies for absence

- There were no apologies received.

EC80/24. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th January 2024 (APPENDIX A)

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

EC81/24. 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.

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EC82/24. Public Participation Session

- There were no members of the public present.

EC83/24. Limehurst Square

- Due to recent crime events in Limehurst Square, Councillors have raised concerns over the current CCTV provision. The Clerk noted that a majority of the businesses in the square operate their own CCTV, but theft and crime still persist.
- The Chair also highlighted concerns about potential, but not reported, increase in anti-social behaviour from young people due to the Parish installing benches at the Square.
- The Committee discussed that whilst CCTV can be useful in the fight against crime and anti-social behaviour it doesn't eliminate it.
- The point was made that CCTV can play a role in reducing the fear of crime and so making people more safe.
- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) That the Clerk contacts the local policing team and Sharon Henley, the Designing Out Crime Officer for information to support the proposal to install CCTV cameras around Limehurst Square.
 - b) That the Clerk investigates the following proposals:
 - A Cricket: A device that plays a high-frequency that only young people can hear to repel them from loitering.
 - A speaker to play Jazz: As young people don't like Jazz.

The Clerk highlighted concerns with both noise related proposals due to residential dwellings being located above the shop.

EC84/24. Mendip Park Entrance

- The Committee noted whilst the new soakaway was working flooding at the entrance still remained a problem after heavy rain fall. Various solutions were discussed.
- **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contacts the contractor used to install the soakaway to seek suggestions on how to mitigate the flooding further and to seek a potential flooding consultant for input.

EC85/24. Streetlighting

- **RESOLVED:** To discuss how to proceed with possible streetlights in the following areas:

- Meeting Lane (including the alleyway with Sycamore Road): That Cllr Liddon Contacts the Boys Brigade to enquire about the feasibility of installing lighting on the HQ building.
- Cllr Enright-King and Cllr Ingram will look into a light at the Conservative Club.
- Ashtree Way near the Bakery: That the Clerk contacts the bakery to enquire about the feasibility of installing lights on their building to cover the alleyway.

At a later date the Committee will then consider

- Alleyway from Southfield Road to Dover Court (Upton): The Clerk will in the meantime we again try to investigate using "Safer Routes To Schools". Previously no response was forthcoming.
- Alleyway between Brockwood Close and Limoges Ct

EC86/24. Victim Support

- **RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contacts Victim Support to seek effective ways to support the organisation.

EC87/24. Vehicle Activated Signs

- **RESOLVED:** That the information from the Speed Activated Signs was received discussed and noted (APPENDIX B)

EC88/24. Northampton West LAP

- **RESOLVED:** That the information from Northampton West Local Area Partnership was received discussed and noted (APPENDIX C).

The meeting finished at 8:31pm

