



DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Duston Parish Council
Duston Community Centre
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FULL COUNCIL MINUTES
THURSDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2024

Chair: Cllr P Enright-King

Councillors Present:

Barnes, Craven, Golby, Ingram, Littlewood, Maitland, Mumford, Roper

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Youens – Clerk

Ryan Ikavnieks – Assistant Clerk

Alison Grantham – Business and Community Development Manager

137/24. To receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received from Cllrs Dickinson, Ennis-Clark and Liddon.

138/24. To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2024
(APPENDIX A)

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2024 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

139/24. 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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140/23. Public Participation Session

- One member of the public was present and spoke in support of item 153/24. Streetlighting in Meeting Lane suggesting that all alleyways in Duston should be lit for safety reasons and item 154/24. CCTV at Limehurst Square.
- Two members of the police (PCSO Atkins and PC Coot) were also present, they provided the Council with a general overview of the crime statistics for Duston. They also suggested contacting the Crime Prevention Officer for advice in relation to the CCTV and Street Lighting proposals.

141/24. To receive any information update on Section 106 / Community Infrastructure Levy

142/24. Councillor Reports – Information Only

- To receive any informational reports from Councillors.

143/24. Health & Wellbeing Strategy

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) That the update from Cllr Matt Golby and the BCD Manager upon the Health & Wellbeing Strategy was received and noted.
 - b) Cllr Golby and the BCD Manager will produce a DPC Health & Wellbeing Strategy for the next Full Council meeting in March.

144/24. Police Liaison Report

- **RESOLVED:** That the Police Liaison Report from was received discussed and noted.

145/24. Bank Reconciliations

- **RESOLVED:** That the bank reconciliations for November 2023 were received, discussed and approved (APPENDIX B).

146/24. Payment of Invoices

- **RESOLVED:** That the invoice payments for November 2023 were received discussed and noted (APPENDIX C).

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147/24. Committee Updates

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) That the report in the form of draft minutes from the Community Services Committee was received, discussed and noted (APPENDIX D).
 - b) That the report in the form of draft minutes from the Environment Committee was received, discussed and noted (APPENDIX E).
 - c) That the report in the form of draft minutes from the Planning Committee was received, discussed and noted (APPENDIX F).

148/24. Community Services Committee Recommendations

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) That the Grant Application (APPENDIX G) received from the 39th Duston Guides for £181.99 to purchase a projector was approved.
 - b) That the Clerk conducts an audit/review of the Parish Council noticeboards and produces a report with findings and recommendations.
 - c) That, in principle, the Council agrees that there is a perceived need to install noticeboards near the Duston Gardens Estate and Berrywood Road.

149/24. Environment Committee Recommendations

- **RESOLVED:** That the following recommendations set out in APPENDIX I were approved:
 - a) To purchase & install a table tennis table at Errington Park & Melbourne Lane / St Luke's Field. To be funded by Community Infrastructure Levy.
 - b) To purchase two full size goal posts for Errington Park and one for St Luke's Field. To be funded by Community Infrastructure Levy.
 - c) To keep under review whether half a MUGA can be installed at St Luke Field / Melbourne Lane.
 - d) A Parish Council litter pick at Limehurst Square to be organised in the Spring.

150/24. St Luke's Centre Report

- **RESOLVED:**

- a) That the proposal to commission a building survey report on St Luke's Centre at the cost of £3000 (excl. VAT).
- b) To be presented to a Resources and General Purposes Committee for discussion of next steps/

151/24. Clerk Report

- **RESOLVED:**

- a) That the written report from the Clerk (APPENDIX J) was received, discussed and noted.
- b) The Council thanked the Clerk and the team for their work.

152/24. Poor Close Charity

- **RESOLVED:**

- a) In principle the Council would like this green space to become a park to serve the residents of St Giles estate which is lacking green space.
- b) The Clerk to write to the Diocese of Peterborough to express an interest and ask for further details.

153/24. Streetlighting in Meeting Lane

- The Clerk advised that Parish Councils Act 1957 S.3 DPC has the "power to light roads and public places" with the permission of the land owner.

- **RESOLVED:**

- a) That the lack of streetlighting in Meeting Lane was discussed and noted.
- b) Refer this issue to the Environment Committee for further discussion.

154/24. CCTV at Limehurst Square

- There was a discussion about recent anti-social behaviour in Limehurst Square including physical assaults.
- It was noted that Duston Parish Council had previously had CCTV at Limehurst Square and it was stopped due not being effective in relation to the amount money that was being spent. There was public opposition when the Duston Parish Council previously stopped providing this service.
- It was noted that there is CCTV in some of the shops in Limehurst Square.
- **RESOLVED:** To refer the matter to the Environment Committee to discuss further and possibly bring back to Council in due course.

Meeting ended at 8:55PM

