

NYTHE, ELDENE & LIDEN
PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2017 at 6.30pm
In Eldene Community Centre

Present Cllr K Parry (Chair)
Cllr D Bell (Vice-Chair)
Cllr B Cockbill
Cllr G Cruse
Cllr Z Hawson
Cllr A Hunt
Cllr G Stubbs

Officers Sue Frawley (Parish Clerk)

Absent Cllr B Solomon

Public Twelve

87 **Apologies**
Cllr O Ibitoye

88 **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
The Chair declared a prejudicial interest in Min 99 as Chair of Planning at Swindon Borough Council and Cllr Cruse declared a prejudicial interest in Min 85 as head of Nythe Allotment Society.

89 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 18 September 2017 be approved as a correct record.

PUBLIC SESSION A member of the public asked about the Grundy bin location outside of the Liden shops. Agreed bin needed to be picked up and moved.

Following a recent report in the Swindon Advertiser about Shaftesbury Lake, Cllr Parry stated that SBC were responsible for pest control, as a member of the public complained about rats. The lake is within the NEL Parish but the Parish is not responsible for it, Thames Water is. Cllr Parry stated that he had been contacted by Nick (who was in the paper), about a fishing club. He asked about taking on the fishing rights to the lake, which is something that the Parish could look to support him with. Nick said he was going to go away and talk to his friends about this and that was the last I heard from him. This is the same person that wants to set up a fishing club at Liden Lagoon.

As it currently stands, the fishing club informed the Council that Shaftesbury lake was unfishable and they didn't want to pay the lease so gave notice to the Council. As the Parish is not responsible for the lake we would not be in a position to remove items that are dumped in it.

The fishing club and Cllr Watts should have been discussing this with the NEL Parish because it is within the NEL Parish not the Central Swindon South.

The public remain concerned about litter around Eldene, with footpaths not being cleared of leaves and no cleaning being undertaken under benches etc. Cllr Parry stated that more litter picking hours were being undertaken in Eldene than anywhere else and that an additional hour outside the centre has already been added. The clothes bank was not legal and encouraged people to fly tip around it. Cllr Parry liaising with SBC about them being removed.

A member of the public asked about the missing computer. Cllr Parry stated that a computer had never been purchased and therefore had not been missing. The PAYG phone of low value had been written off.

90 **Schedule of Payments**

The Clerk submitted the Schedule of Payments for October 2017 a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book be approved.

91 **Bank Reconciliations and Accounts**

The Clerk submitted Bank Reconciliations and Accounts for September 2017 a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The Bank Reconciliation and the Accounts for September 2017 were noted.

92 **Community Safety Forum – 31 October 2017/Police Initiative**

Cllr Parry stated that following a meeting with the Police, a Community Safety Forum had been set up. Cllr Parry and Cllr Hawson would represent Nythe, Eldene & Liden Parish Council.

93 **Litter Pickers & Hi-Viz Waistcoats (Min 65 – 14.08.17)**

The Clerk stated that 20 litter pickers and 20 Hi-Viz waistcoats with the name of the Parish Council on the back had now been purchased. Cllr Bell asked whether it would be possible to purchase 8 rubbish loops for the black bags to help keep them open. A cost will be brought to the next Council meeting for consideration.

A letter from a local resident about litter picking in Charles MacPherson Gardens was considered.

RESOLVED that the Council would arrange for the black sacks of rubbish from Charles MacPherson Gardens to be collected by the contractor on a weekly basis.

94 **Allotment Licence**

It was noted that the Licence had now been completed and signed.

95 **Allotments for Residents**

Cllr Cruse stated that the Nythe Allotment Society had agreed to include Eldene and Liden residents, but that this needed to be formally put into their constitution. Cllr Cruse hoped that this would take place at their AGM on 1st November. A 9m x 18m plot cost £60 p.a. and a 9m x 9m plot cost £30 p.a. Council tenants received a 50% discount.

RESOLVED that no subsidy would be available to residents who wanted to lease an allotment from South Swindon Parish Council.

(Cllr Cruse declared a prejudicial interest in item 95 and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon.)

96 **Flower Box (Min 80 – 18.9.2017)**

The Clerk stated that Cllr Bell had now put in writing that he did not wish to take his allowance for the year 17/18. It was agreed that a flower box could be purchased – these were approximately £50 each. It was agreed that anyone who took on a box would be responsible for its maintenance.

97 **Xmas Tree/Community Xmas Stalls**

The Meeting considered 2 emails from Cllr Soloman. However, it was felt that due to health & safety concerns, risk assessments and time restraints this would not be possible this year.

RESOLVED that no Xmas tree or Xmas stalls be put outside the Community Centre by the Parish this year.

98 **Granted Planning Permission**

It was noted that permission had been granted to 22 Fairlawn, Liden for the erection of a two-storey rear extension.

99 **Planning Applications**

99.1 **S/17HOU/17/1559**

35 Okebourne Park
Liden
Swindon, SN3 6AH

Erection of a 1st floor side extension &
front porch

DECISION: Objection for the following reason:

1. Overdevelopment of the Plot. It was felt not appropriate for the surrounding area.
2. The Parish Council request that this is referred to the Planning Committee if the officer is minded to grant Planning Permission.

Cllr Bell offered to represent the Parish Council at the Planning Committee Meeting.

99.2 S/HOU/17/1568
17 Kershaw Road Erection of a single storey side extension
Eldene
Swindon, SN3 6BS

DECISION: No objection

(The Chair declared a prejudicial interest in item 99 and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon.)

100 Proposed Purchase of Open Space by Liden Resident
The Meeting considered the application by 89 Okebourne Park, Liden and the comments made by Property Assets and Landscape & Leisure Services from SBC.

DECISION: No objection

101 Covingham Flood Group
It was agreed to support this volunteer initiative. Cllr Parry and Cllr Stubbs to represent the Parish.

102 Office Furniture
Now that the Clerk was based in Liden Library, some office furniture was required. Cllr Bell could provide a desk and chair and had seen a second-hand filing cabinet for around £60.

RESOLVED that a budget of up to a maximum of £500 be agreed and the cost be met from the Office budget.

103 Laying of a Wreath at the Cenotaph
RESOLVED that a wreath be purchased and would be laid at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday, November 11th.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Signed

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Chair of the Council