

NYTHE, ELDENE & LIDEN
PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2018 at 6.30pm in Nythe Community Centre

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

Officers Sue Frawley (Parish Clerk)

Public Three

258 **Apologies**
Cllr G Cruse

259 **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None.

260 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 21st November 2018 be approved as a correct record.

261 **Pubic Session**
Tony, Haynes Close, Eldene stated that the hedge in Haynes Close had now been cut and that the contractor had made a good job of it. He also raised the centre island of Shaftesbury lake – trees were down which now meant that it was possible to walk across the trees to get onto the island. The clerk to speak to Thames Water about getting the trees etc cleared. Tony also raised the recent changes to Coate Water roundabout. Cllr Parry stated that although this was not a parish issue, he was aware that some individuals were still using the left hand lane to go straight on rather than what was indicated on the lane itself ie. M4 left hand turn only. The change had been made due to the 2000 extra homes built/being built on Badbury Park and the need to improve the flow of traffic. The situation would continue to be monitored.

262 **Schedule of Payments**

The Clerk submitted the Schedule of Payments for December 2018 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.

263 **Bank Reconciliations and Accounts**

The Clerk submitted Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for November 2018, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation and Accounts which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book be approved.

264 **Certificate of Lawful Development**

To note that 9 Fairlawn, Liden has permission to a conversion of garage in to a habitable space.

265 **Letter from The Swindon Community Library Trust**

Cllr Parry stated that some of the information contained in the letter ie. about library staff was obviously confidential and should not be discussed openly. Following discussion, it was agreed to support the request for an additional £5000 funding in the year 2019/20. However, the following conditions applied to the monies being available:

- (a) Any monies received by the Library Trust from the Parish Council to be used solely for the benefit of Liden Library;
- (b) That Cllr David Bell be appointed as a Trustee of the Library Trust
- (c) That a full list of Trustees be circulated to the Parish Council (requested by Cllr B Solomon)

RESOLVED that the additional funding request be approved subject to the above conditions. A copy of the letter from the Library Trust appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

266 **Draft Budget for the year 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020**

The Clerk circulated the proposed budget. Cllr Parry stated that this included:

2.99% increase in the Precept
£5000 for the Library Trust
An extra 2 weeks of hedge cutting
Play area fund of £20,000
3% contingency fund

All the above meant that a band D property would only increase by 2.03% year on year ie. by on 99p per household.

Cllr Cockbill raised the question of why there had been no funding included for Nythe community centre. Cllr Parry pointed out that the Parish Council had no plans to take over the community centre and that in fact the funding in the budget had been removed the previous year, which the Councillors had approved the previous year.

RESOLVED that the budget which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book be approved for the year 2019/20. (There were 2 Councillor abstentions).

267 Removal of Logs at Shaftesbury Lake

Cllr Parry stated that most of the logs by the lake were now rotten. The contractor has quoted £800 to remove these and landscape the site.

RESOLVED that the contractor be contacted and asked to do the work at a cost of £800.

268 Date of Next Meeting
6.30pm on Monday 14th January in Liden Library.

The meeting closed at 7pm.

Signed

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Chair of the Council