

NYTHE, ELDENE & LIDEN
PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the meeting held on 18th March 2019 at 6.30pm
in Nythe Community Centre**

Present

Cllr D Bell (Chair)
Cllr G Stubbs
Cllr Z Hawson
Cllr B Solomon
Cllr G Cruse
Cllr O Ibitoye
Cllr Adam Hunt

Officers

Pauline Lancaster (New Parish Clerk)
Sue Frawley (Old Parish Clerk)

Speaker

Angus Macpherson

Public

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Absent

Cllr B Cockbill

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Apologies
Cllr K Parry

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Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation
Cllr David Bell declared an interest in minute number 314.
Cllr Geraldine Cruse declared an interest in minute number 314

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Minutes of the Previous Meeting
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 13th February 2019 be approved as a correct record.

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Pubic Session
Cllr Derek Benfield wanted Cllr Parry to give an update about the clean-up day in Covingham which was posted on the 24th February 2019. No response had been received from Cllr Parry. The public have stated areas in Nythe also needed a clean-up day. Cllr Bell stated that he would speak to Cllr Parry and respond back to him.

Tony, Haynes Close, Eldene – rubbish in the hedges at Eldene Community Centre to the bus stop, litter in the bushes and brambles needs to be removed. It is not being cleaned every week and there is no sweeping. Nothing is being done for Eldene Centre, those bags were there seven weeks ago.

The beach also needed tidying up. Clerk to check the area out Tuesday 19th March 2019.

Tony, what is happening to the trees on the island in Shaftsbury Lake? Cllr D Bell stated that as it is the responsibility of Thames Water it is difficult to manage. Sue Frawley confirmed Thames Water had looked at the job and were unable to do it on 1st March as they had hoped. A boat was needed to get across the lake. The Clerk had asked the Borough Council to continue to push Thames Water and are waiting on a date which should be co-ordinated, and we will advise when we know.

Ron advised Nythe pond bicycle has now been removed. Cllr Bell stated he would contact Ron and meet with him.

306 Gym Equipment for Liden Green

It was unanimously approved that the Parish Council would spend £6,100 on 4 pieces of gym equipment.

307 Schedule of Payments

The Clerk submitted the Schedule of Payments for March 2019 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.

308 Bank Reconciliations and Accounts

The Clerk submitted Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for March 2019, 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.

309 Guest Speaker **Angus Macpherson apologised for being late.**

Although it was some time since he had visited the Parish, he wanted to know what issues we had with regards to street drug dealing. He knew that over the past few weeks, some raids had been made and that this was still a priority for his officers. He asked that should the public see anything suspicious they should report this through 101. He stated at the end of February 2019 he had 34 more Officers in Wiltshire than he had budgeted for. With more money this current year and future years, he estimated the recruitment of a further 10 PCSO's.

In the paper this week an additional £100 million for policing had been made available from the Government, but none of this was earmarked for Wiltshire. This money was earmarked for the seven largest forces, none of which are in the South West. Tomorrow he planned to go to London to meet with the Prime Minister and Victoria Adams to explain the need for spending money on policing in 'safe' areas as you need to keep them safe or you create fertile ground for misuse. There are 375 Special Constables in the County who are not paid and not full time. They are the equivalent to 35 FTE and are now being managed in a different way. These 375 SC's are linked to the Community Policing teams and now have the same priorities as the main Police

Cllr B Soloman asked what budget was available for the County Lines in Swindon due to increased knife crime? AM replied SCEPTRE has been set up on knife crime regarding County Lines. They had a recent closure in Swindon (Toothill) when a vulnerable resident, a known drug addict was being targeted by a cuckoo (dealer using their home). Police regularly check these vulnerable individuals to confirm who at the address is registered. The cuckoos are usually from County Lines and this results in a closure order.

Are there alternatives? Youth Services and Safe Places?

Cllr A Hunt advised it is difficult to run a youth organisation because of current regulations and lack of ownership. The Borough Council continued to close youth services. The Government has changed the balance of monies, now it goes to the older generation, so we must find a way of providing those services. There is no political will at any level to invest.

Cllr Z Hawson asked what progress was being made about tackling County Lines. AM replied that progress was being made and that this was now moving into smaller towns. Empowering people in different ways and changed the emphasis. Global issues now, not individual areas and concepts.

Tony from Eldene asked about young groups and more advertising of these. AM stated that this was why he had supported police cadets which had proved very worthwhile. The days of 'bobbies on the beat' were over.

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Parish Council Asset Register

The asset register was circulated by the Clerk. This was approved at the meeting. A copy of the asset register appears in the Minute book as Appendix C.

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Risk Management Document

The Clerk circulated the updated Risk Management Document. This was approved at the meeting. A copy of the risk management document appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

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Granted Planning Permission

To note that 52 Fairlawn, Liden has planning permission to erect a two-storey side extension, single storey front and rear extensions and detached garage. 14 Okebourne Park has permission to erect a first-floor side and two storey front extension. To note that 10 Canford Close, Nythe has permission to erect a single storey front, side and rear extensions.

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Certificate of Lawful Development

To note that 48 Sedgebrook, Liden has permission to erect a conservatory.

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Grant Applications

The meeting considered a grant application from First Friends Toddler Group. The funding of £1,000 was approved subject to the following conditions – how many in the group at present, how many do they anticipate in the future, how much does the insurance cost out of the £1,000. What resources will be bought with the monies. The Clerk to find out this information from Julie Dommatt and let the Councillors know.

The meeting also considered a grant application for Armed Forces Day for funding of £600. This was unanimously agreed at the meeting.

A copy of both Grant Applications appears as Appendix E in the minute book be approved

315 Yearly Review of Insurance Levels

The Clerk circulated this document as the normal yearly review. This was approved at the meeting.

A copy of the Policy Schedule appears as Appendix F in the Minute book.

316 Purchase of 4 New Litter Bins

The meeting approved the following expenditure – Liden two more bins, Eldene replace the current bin with a larger one and a new bin for Nythe Lake. The Clerk to inform the contractor and get these installed. The Clerk confirmed to Cllr Solomon that there were currently 7 litter bins and 10 dog poo bins in Eldene.

317 Date of Next Meeting

6.30pm on Monday 15th April in Liden Library

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed

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Chair of the Council