

NYTHE, ELDENE & LIDEN
PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes of the AGM meeting held on 20th May 2019 at 18:30
in Liden Library**

Present

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

Officers Pauline Lancaster (Parish Clerk)

Public Twelve

Absent Cllr B Cockbill

1 **Apologies**
Cllr G Cruse

2 **Chairman's Report**

Cllr Kevin Parry reported the following:

The Parish Council added more bins and have doubled the bins since taking over from the Borough.

More dog bins have been added.

We have maintained the 16 grass cuts per year.

Improved the weed killing and strimming.

Added four more weeks bush and tree works to the works programme.

Added outdoor gym equipment in Nythe park with Liden Green to follow shortly.

We have given grants to community groups.

We have given additional funding to Liden Library which now means that Liden Library is secure.

The NEL Parish will see its first Family Fun Day which be in aid of the Mayor's charities (CALM and Swindon & North Wilts Deaf Children's Society

All this has been delivered at less than a £1 per household on a band D property.

3 **Election for Chair**
Two candidates Cllr Kevin Parry and Cllr Bazil Solomon

RESOLVED Cllr Kevin Parry elected as Chair

4 **Election for Vice Chair**
Two candidates Cllr David Bell and Cllr Adam Hunt

RESOLVED Cllr David Bell elected as Vice Chair

5 **Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Declaration signed

6 **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
To receive any Declarations of Interest required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 15th May 2017

7 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 20th May 2019 be approved as a correct record.

8 **Pubic Questions**

Ms Lesley Hill- Liden asked where our Sarsen Stones have gone?
Cllr Kevin Parry stated, they were removed by Swindon Borough Council and will be used by SBC elsewhere.

Tony Bonner – Shaftsbury Lake and trees. Tony has been in touch with Thames water and Swindon Borough Councils, Chief Executive on 1st March 2019 about the trees, interfering with the Swans nesting place. Tony gave us a copy of the letter he had sent.

They have 28 days' notice to respond.

Tony will send a letter to Buckingham Palace with the local MP and the Secretary of State will be copied in if he gets no reply.

Cllr Kevin Parry stated that SBC have promised to do these trees, the Parish Council can only raise the issues, they have no powers as a Parish to force SBC to do the work. If SBC consider it to be safe, that is the Status Quo.

The 'Eldene Beach' is now Development Land, although no work has started yet.

Margaret Lake – Reeves Close stated there is always a van parked in front of number 5. It does not seem to move for days on end then the neighbour swaps it for a bigger van. There is always either a big or small van there. The tree o/s number 5 Reeves Close, Eldene needs a good tidy up.

Peter Bates – Covingham

Item 215 on 16/07/2018 says Cllr David Bell does not wish to take his allowances item 295 says he wants to do something with them.

Cllr Kevin Parry responded stating Cllr Bell had not taken any of his allowances since becoming a Parish Councillor.

NEL carried this over.

Did 16/17 precept include this carry-over?

Cllr Bell has never seen any of his allowances, these were carried over and had no effect on the precept the Parish received.

Peter Bates wanted to know why last year's AGM only lasted 5 minutes.

Cllr Parry stated that it did, and that they then proceeded with the Parish Meeting.

9 **Schedule of Payments**

The Clerk submitted (tabled) the Schedule of Payments for May 2019 a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

On the question of £18,000 for the Library Trust, could we go back to Cllr Dale Heenan to ensure it is spent only on Liden Library.

Clerk to ask the question

It was RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book be approved (with the exception of the Library Trust fund).

10 **Bank Reconciliations and Accounts**

The Clerk submitted Bank Reconciliation and Accounts for April 2019; a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Cllr Hawson had asked why we were members of WALC/NALC at the previous meeting.

WALC and NALC are the legal backstop for the Parish Clerk, and they provide information when required for the Clerk to perform their duties.

They also provide the training which every new clerk is required to do.

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

11 **Audit Report** – the Audit Report was tabled.

RESOLVED that the Audit Report be approved and forwarded to External Audit

12 **Payments in between Parish Meetings**

RESOLVED that any payments due during a month that has no Parish Meeting can be paid and scheduled at the following Parish Meeting. Each of the payments would still require two signatures.

13 **Hard Drive Back up for Parish PC**

RESOLVED An external Hard drive to be purchased to the value of approximately £60, Cllr Hawson to provide advice around back up cloud, and encrypting data.

14 **£1000.00 for bulbs**

RESOLVED £1,000.00 be set aside for bulbs to be planted across the Parish.

15 **CCTV from Swindon Borough Council**

The Parish want to link into SBC's CCTV hub. The Parish will provide up to two cameras for use in known problem areas viewing and data collection to be carried out under the umbrella contract at SBC keeping us in line with GDPR we have old cameras on the allotments

16 **Transfer Covingham Land back to Covingham Parish Council (write a letter to see if they would support the transfer)**

Land that doesn't line up to Covingham – are we happy to re-align the boundaries like in 'the birds' area.
Cllr Solomon suggested we should put it in writing with a little map showing land which has nothing or little to do with this Parish.
It was agreed that a map version would identify the areas of concern in the first instance.

17 **Signs**

Welcome to the Parish signs, possibly with our logo and please drive carefully. Boundary lines need to be confirmed and prices to be sought.

18 **Bench at Liden Park**

RESOLVED to purchase and install a bench at Liden Park.

19 **Bin at Dorcan Academy**

Confirm the Boundary, provide new bin on the Eldene Side, and ensure the new bin has 'spring loaded' base and a non-spill lid.
Cllr Hunt suggested a litter pick with the Academy Students.

Removal of logs at Richard Jefferies and Shaftsbury Lake play parks

Allbuild have submitted a quote for £4000.00, this is on the high side. Health and Safety concern, some have already been removed, Two more quotes required but the need to ensure grass cutting and maintenance can be carried out unhindered (reform the excavation as a continuation of the existing slope).

20 **Granted Planning Permission**

RESOLVED 11Windmere, Liden has permissions to erect a single storey side extension.

57 Tryon Clos has permission to erect a first-floor rear extension.

18 Melford Walk has permission to erect a single storey rear extension.

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Grant Applications

The meeting again considered a grant application from DEH Community. DEH community have applied before, they support local residents with park & ride.

This needs further clarification to determine exactly how many individuals from within our Parish will benefit from this Grant.

The Clerk to find out this information from DEH Community and let the Councillors know.

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Date of the next meeting

18:30 on Monday 24th June 2019 in Liden Library

The meeting closed at 19:18.

Signed

Date.....

Chair of the Council

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of its functions: Equal Opportunities (age, disability, gender re-assignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation), Crime and disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights