



Minutes of the Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 12th April 2021

Present: Cllrs P Morrall (Chair), J Bond, G Broadhead, B Chapman, N. Chapman, S Dodds, S Glover, W Mills, L Morrison, B Rice, C Wells.

Before the formal meeting began, the Chair thanked Cllrs Linda Morrison and Becky Rice who will be standing down from Earls Barton Parish Council at the election in May.

046/21 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public wished to address the members.

047/21 Apologies for Absence

None received.

048/21 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None received.

049/21 Minutes of the Meeting of 8th March 2021

It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a correct record.

050/21 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
182	5039	Total Gas & Power Ltd	EB Library – electricity	117.00
001	5040	Unity Trust Bank Ltd	Transfer to new bank account	10000.00
002	5041	North Northants Council	Cemetery - Rates	1128.17
003	5042	North Northants Council	Park St Car Park – Rates	960.58
004	5043	Society of Local Council Clerks	Community Governance Level 6	1575.00
005	5044	Anglian Water	Allotment	11.72
006	5045	Anglian Water	Cemetery	14.50
007	5046	Anglian Water	Pioneer Sports Field	28.46
008	5047	Heyford Moles & Pest Control	Pest Control – The Grange	180.00
009	5057	E-on	¼ Street Lighting Maintenance	168.64
010	5048	Northants CALC	Subscription/Internal Audit	2078.32
011	5049	James Brady	Repairs – Bin and Bench	200.00
012	5050	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance (Mar)	3054.00
013	5051	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance – Bins (Mar)	132.00
014	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Container Hire – The Grange	99.36
015	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev - Project Management	2640.00
016	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Cost Consultancy Service	4800.00
017	5052	Gravity Engineering Ltd	Skate Park Construction	49800.00
018	5053	Skipton Building Society	Transfer to Sports Fund	46175.00
019	Sports Fund	Watts Plastics Ltd	Fencing – The Grange	12576.00
020-022	5054-5056	Salary Costs	Clerk/Tax/NI/Pension	2725.93
023	5057	Heyford Moles & Pest Control	Pest Control – Pioneer Sports Field	60.00
024	Sports Fund	Countrywide Fencing	Fencing – The Grange	6750.00

051/21 Planning

- (a) Social/Housing/Planning Committee Meeting – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2021 as a correct record. It was resolved that representation shouldn't be made at the North Northamptonshire Council Planning Committee meeting regarding application NW/21/00134/FUL, but a letter would be sent to the Planning Officer reiterating that our previous comments still stand.

052/21 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – The Clerk advised that 30 crimes were reported in February. A joint action group meeting was held in which Sgt Scott Desrochers advised that he would be leaving the Wellingborough Rural Area to be replaced by Sgt Baz Hughes. It was confirmed that Neighbourhood Policing would benefit from an uplift in numbers, with additional officers being allocated to Wellingborough Rural. He also advised that community surgeries would re-start when possible. Concerns were raised over incidents of theft from the Co-op and the 10 violent/sexual offences recorded.
- (b) Relocation of Earls Barton Fire Station – following discussion, it was resolved that an application be made for a Community Right to Bid on the Fire Station.

053/21 Finance & Projects

- (a) Transfer of Bank to Unity Trust – the Clerk advised that the new account is now open and funds are being transferred.
- (b) Earls Barton Library – the trustees will be advised that no funding is currently available for defibrillators before agreeing a next step.
- (c) Audit 2020/21 – The Clerk presented the end of year accounts. Each point on Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 of the audit return was read out to the members for consideration and approved. The Internal Auditors report was shared with the Parish Council and it was resolved to approve the recommendations. It was unanimously resolved to approve the end of year accounts and forward to the External Auditor.
- (d) Grant request from EB Help Scheme – it was resolved to approve an emergency of grant of £500.00.
- (e) Grant request from Barton Wombles – it was resolved to purchase equipment totalling no more than £400.00
- (f) Soap Box Derby – it was resolved to fund £2000.00 towards the screening of the event, with the funds being covered from the 'projects' budget.

054/21 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development – an update was provided on the project. As the detailed cost plan is higher than expected, a value engineering exercise is being carried out to identify cost savings. Funding from National Lottery and Football Foundation is being sought. S106 funds from DWH have been received by North Northamptonshire Council. It was resolved approve delegated powers to the Clerk to seek specialist VAT advice. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Glover for leading the project.
- (b) Pioneer Sports Field – it was resolved to apply for pitch maintenance funding to improve the rating of the grounds.

055/21 Elections 2021

It was noted that there will be an uncontested election. Following discussion, it was resolved to move the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to Monday 10th May. As government legislation currently stands, this will be a physical meeting and the Clerk will book a venue to allow for adherence to Covid-19 guidelines.

056/21 CPRE Membership

Following discussion, it was decided not to join the CPRE.

057/21 Highways & Maintenance

- (a) Skate Park – update – the Clerk advised that work is progressing well and the contractors believe that the project will be completed in time, taking into account contingencies. Discussions to be held with regarding the formal handover.

- (b) 20mph Advisory Speed Sign Pilot – it was resolved that Earls Barton be put forward for any trials, should there not be a cost to the PC.
- (c) High Street – the Clerk advised that the High Street will be closed from 19th-21st April.
- (d) Allotment – it was resolved by a majority vote to accept the recommendations for pest control on the allotment site.
- (e) Request for additional litter bin on The Square – the Clerk to look into options and report back.
- (f) Harcourt Square/High Street Zebra Crossing – a meeting will be held with NNC Highways and local residents on 22nd April.

058/21 Park Street Car Park

No update.

Date of Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday 10th May 2021 – 7.15pm

It should be noted that these minutes are subject to the approval of Earls Barton Parish Council

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