



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 17th April 2023**

Present: Cllrs P Morrall (Chair), J Bond, G Broadhead, N Chapman, S Dodds, V Gould, P Hadman, S Hiscock, C Lloyd-Staples, L Morrison, S Weller.

043/23 Public Speaking Time

Members of the public attended and addressed the members on planning issues.

044/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Brennan and C Wells.

045/23 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of interested were received.

046/23 Minutes of the Meeting of 13th March 2023

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

047/23 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

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| 272 | B/Transfer | Greenerways Environmental | Allotment – asbestos clearance | 795.00 |
| 273 | B/Transfer | Mowerman | Grounds Maintenance (Mar) | 1233.00 |
| 274 | B/Transfer | Park Landscapes | Allotment – hedge cutting | 276.00 |
| 275 | B/Transfer | Anglian Water | Water – Cemetery | 28.21 |
| 276 | B/Transfer | Anglian Water | Water – Pioneer Sports Field | 49.39 |
| 277 | B/Transfer | Anglian Water | EB Library – water | 63.56 |
| 278 | B/Transfer | Rialtas Business Solutions | Professional Services – accounting | 321.00 |
| 001/2 | B/Transfer | Salary Costs | Clerk/Pension | 2547.55 |
| 003 | B/Transfer | North Northants Council | Rates – Park Street Car Park | 1008.61 |
| 004 | B/Transfer | North Northants Council | Rates – Cemetery | 1205.08 |
| 005 | B/Transfer | Northants CALC | Annual Subs/IntAudit/DP Officer | 2921.98 |
| 006 | B/Transfer | Northants ACRE | Annual Subs | 42.00 |
| 007 | B/Transfer | WeedWise | Grounds Maintenance (Mar) | 3056.00 |
| 008 | B/Transfer | Npower | Street Lighting | 376.73 |
| 009 | B/Transfer | Total Energies | EB Library – utilities | 242.84 |
| 010 | B/Transfer | All Saints Church | Church Floodlighting | 510.92 |
| 011 | B/Transfer | James Brady | VAS Maintenance | 195.00 |
| 012 | B/Transfer | Countrywide Fencing | EB Library – fencing | 826.24 |
| 013 | B/Transfer | EB Bowls & Tennis Club | Grant | 3500.00 |
| 014 | B/Transfer | EB Carnival Committee | Grant | 1500.00 |
| 015 | B/Transfer | EB Youth Club | Grant | 1300.00 |
| 016 | Cheque | The Help Scheme | Grant | 300.00 |
| 017 | B/Transfer | Saxon Pre-school | Grant | 1000.00 |
| 018 | Cheque | Under the Tower Drama | Grant | 500.00 |
| 019 | Sports Fund | Pickerings Hire | Sports Dev – Container Hire | 99.36 |

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| 020 | Sports Fund | Stroma Built Environment | Sports Dev – Noise Impact Assess. | 1140.00 |
| 021 | Sports Fund | MAC Ltd | Sports Dev – Revised Layout Report | 1500.00 |
| 022 | B/Transfer | Npower | EB Library – utilities | 187.67 |
| 023 | B/Transfer | North Northants Council | Grounds Maintenance (Bins) | 629.20 |
| 024 | B/Transfer | MB Tree Surgery | The Grange – Treeworks | 900.00 |
| 025 | B/Transfer | Brown & Co | Pioneer – ½ Year Rent | 625.00 |
| 026 | B/Transfer | Greener Grave Care | Cemetery – ground repairs | 404.50 |
| 027 | Cheque | Salary Costs | Tax/NI | 602.84 |

048/23 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
 NW/23/00059/FUL – proposed new two storey rear extension replacing existing structures, new front bay windows and entrance door, new first floor balcony, including internal alterations, and new external insulated render applied to front elevation – 87 Wellingborough Road
 NW/23/00176/FUL – external alterations including re-cladding, new window and door locations, window replacement and change of use from B8 warehouse use with ancillary offices to Class E (g)(i) [display or retail sale of goods] to allow trade counter use of part of the building; Class E (g)(i) & (iii) [office and light industry]; Class B2 [engineering workshops] and Class B8 [warehousing and open storage] – 1 Mallard Close.
 It was noted that application NW/23/00059/FUL has been withdrawn. Following discussion, it was resolved to support application NW/23/00176/FUL.
- (b) Planning Appeals Received:
 NW/22/00332/FUL – change of use for 10 residential caravans restricted to the over 55s, providing affordable housing for the local elderly populous – land rear of 325 Grendon Road (Appeal Reference: APP/M2840/W/22/3313858)
 Following discussion, it was resolved to respond to confirm that the objections raised by EBPC stand and to highlight inconsistencies in the appellants statement relating to the proximity of the village and the A45.
- (c) Street Trading Application:
 Mobile Unit – Car Park Area, Stags Head, Earls Barton
 It was resolved that there was no objection to the application received.

049/23 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – 29 crimes were reported in March.
- (b) Police Liaison Representative – the Clerk advised that the Local Identified Priorities for the Wellingborough Policing Area have been set as road safety and road traffic offences, burglary and drug dealing/misuse.
- (c) Community Speed Watch – the Clerk reported on the latest figures. The next round of Community Speed Watch has begun and more volunteers are needed.

050/23 Sports, Community and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports and Community Development – update – the members confirmed that they had received and fully understood the funding report issued by the Clerk. Following a discussion, it was resolved that the Clerk investigate appointing a professional fundraiser for the project. Concerns over the outstanding planning permission were also raised with Cllr Lawman.

051/23 Finance

- (a) Audit 2022/23 – the Clerk presented the end of year accounts. Each point on Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 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 and action the recommendations made. It was unanimously resolved to approve the end of year accounts and forward to the External Auditor.
- (b) Review Electricity Tariffs – the Clerk confirmed that the electricity for Pioneer Sports Field, Cemetery Chapel and EB Library are being transferred to a 1-year fixed rate tariff.
- (c) Financial Reserves Policy – it was resolved to adopt the updated Financial Reserves Policy.

052/23 Committees

- (a) Strategic Planning Committee – rearranged to 4th May 2023 (venue to be confirmed)
- (b) Environment Sub-Committee – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2023 as a correct record.
- (c) EBPC Climate Action Plan – it was resolved to defer this item to the May meeting to allow members further time to make comment.
- (d) Allotment Committee – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2023 as a correct record.
- (e) Recommendations of Allotment Committee – it was resolved to approve the recommendations of the Allotment Committee relating to the tenancy for the former ManCave plot and changes to the Terms of Reference of the committee.
- (f) Events Committee – following an amendment, it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2023 as a correct record.

053/23 Earls Barton Youth Club

It was resolved to approve the EB Youth Club's recommendation to move junior youth club to Thursday evenings and offer junior and senior youth clubs on alternate weeks. It was resolved to appoint a paid junior and senior youth club leader (the existing senior youth club leader and assistant leaders have stepped down). The Clerk will contact the NAYC for up-to-date information on job descriptions and contracts, and hourly rates.

054/23 Twinning

It was noted that the letter to the Burgermeister of Luxem has been received and a response will be forthcoming in due course. The Twinning Group have contacted a community in Brittany, France regarding the possibility of twinning with them.

055/23 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Road Closure: High Street – information relating to the three-day closure from 15th May were noted.
- (b) Alley from Station Road to Blackwell Close/Saxon Rise – the Clerk will contact the owner of the hedge which is currently overgrown and will also seek a quote for cutting back.

056/23 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) Play Conference – it was resolved to approve the Clerk's attendance on 11th July.

057/23 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllr Brown. Cllr Lawman reported on NNC's drive for tourism, the Local Cycling/Walking Infrastructure Plan which is looking at connecting Wellingborough to the surrounding villages and her request for a footpath from Earls Barton to Mears Ashby. In addition, a request has been made to close the layby on the A4500 (west of the traffic lights at Earls Barton) to prevent fly-tipping. Cllr Lawman also agreed to look into a request to include Earls Barton in the Greenways initiative, which improves walking and cycling route along the River Nene.
- (b) Preliminary North (Wellingborough) 22-23 Parking Review – the Clerk updated members on the proposed site and the responses to the initial consultation.
- (c) Public Spaces Protection Orders – Pre-Consultation Questionnaires – it was agreed that no comment was required on the PSPOs currently in place in Earls Barton.
- (d) Regulation 18 North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan – it was resolved to defer this matter to the May meeting to allow members further time to consider their response to the consultation.

Date of Annual Meeting of Earls Barton Parish Council

Monday 15th May 2023 – 7.15pm

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

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