



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 12th December 2022**

Present: Cllrs P Morrall (Chair), J Bond, V Gould, S Hiscock, C Lloyd-Staples, S Weller.

171/22 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were in attendance.

172/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Broadhead, Chapman, Dodds, Hadman, Morrison and Wells.

173/22 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

174/22 Minutes of the Meeting of 14th November 2022

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

175/22 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
186	B/Transfer	We R Christmas	Xmas Trees	171.96
187	B/Transfer	Mowerman Grounds Maint.	Grounds Maintenance (Nov)	1233.00
188	B/Transfer	Northants CALC	VAT Recovery	103.60
189	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	49.88
190	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	192.93
191	300053	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fees	40.00
192	B/Transfer	Greener Ground Care	Grounds Maintenance	1143.72
193	B/Transfer	Greener Grave Care	Grave Levelling	100.00
194	300054	EBPC – Skipton Building Society	Transfer to Sports Fund	8056.16
195	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Project Manager Fees	600.00
196	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Consultancy Fees	3000.00
197	Sports Fund	Scott White & Hookins	Sports Dev – BREEAM Consultancy	360.00
198	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Sports Dev – Container Hire	95.04
199	Sports Fund	EPS Group	Sports Dev – Energy Statement	1134.00
200	B/Transfer	WeedWise Ltd	Grounds Maintenance (Nov)	3056.00
201	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	355.10
202- 206	B/Transfer/ 300055	Salary Costs	Clerk/Registrar/EBYC Leader/EBYC Assist Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	3524.48

176/22 Planning

(a) Planning Applications Received:

NW/22/00786/FUL – retrospective application for the creation of a gravel surfaced hardstanding to the front of the property – 36 West Street

NW/22/00787/LBC – retrospective listed building consent for the creation of a gravel surfaced hardstanding to the front of the property – 36 West Street

NW/22/00803/FUL – internal alterations, two storey side extension and single storey rear extension to the existing dwelling. Replacement of the existing single car garage with a double (tandem) garage and solar panels on roof. Solar panels on existing and proposed roofs of dwelling – 22 Berry Close.

NW/22/00834/ADV – erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building. Sign A – 1 x new pictorial to existing bracket, new vinyl detail and new linolites. Sign B – 2 x new sets of 10 millimetre foamex letters. Sign C – 1 x new amenity board with vinyl text. Sign D – omitted. Sign E – 1 x new chalkboard with vinyl text. Sign F – 1 x new welcome sign with vinyl detail to existing posts. Sign G – 4 x new wall lights. Sign H – 6 x new led floodlights – Public House, 8 The Square.

NW/22/00838/LBC – listed building consent for the erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building. Sign A – 1 x new pictorial to existing bracket, new vinyl detail and new linolites. Sign B – 2 x new sets of 10 millimetre foamex letters. Sign C – 1 x new amenity board with vinyl text. Sign D – omitted. Sign E – 1 x new chalkboard with vinyl text. Sign F – 1 x new welcome sign with vinyl detail to existing posts. Sign G – 4 x new wall lights. Sign H – 6 x new led floodlights – Public House, 8 The Square.

NW/22/00850/FUL – removal of WC building; erection of pitched roof link building between existing café and tractor shed/storage building; erection of monopitch extension to tractor shed/storage building; use of link building for Café (Class E); part use of tractor shed/storage building (as extended) for bakery/kitchen with associated storage (Class E (b) and B8) and continuing use of wholesale fruit and vegetable store – Farm Shop, Whites Nurseries, Aggate Way.

NW/22/00836/FUL – wall to be carefully taken down, the land behind be regraded to a suitable slope and size and then the wall is to be rebuilt to match prior to deconstruction – boundary wall, Manor House Close.

NW/22/00837/LBC – listed building consent for the wall to be taken down, the land behind to be regraded to a suitable slope and size and then the wall is to be rebuilt to match prior to deconstruction – boundary wall, Manor House Close.

No comments were required on the applications received.

177/22 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – the Clerk advised that 24 crimes were reported in November 2022.
- (b) OPFCC Virtual Meeting – Clerk to attend the virtual meeting on 19th December.

178/22 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development Update – it was resolved that the Football Foundation be given permission to carry out surveys required for the grant application. The Joining Agreement has now been signed by EBPC and EB Sport and Community Trust. Details of the tender applications was deferred to January's meeting, as awaiting a report.
- (b) Ball Strike Fencing – has been removed. EBPC agreed in principle to an additional cost to protect the pitch surfaces. It was resolved to delegate settlement of the account to the Clerk, following email consultation with members.

179/22 Finance

- (a) Finance Committee Meeting – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December as a correct record.
- (b) Northamptonshire Pension Fund Contribution Rates – it was resolved to approve the proposed contribution rates for the next three years.
- (c) Annual Playgroup Inspection – the Clerk was asked to report back with quotes for the works required.

180/22 Vacancy for Parish Councillor

NNC has confirmed that the co-option process can proceed. The Clerk will advertise the position.

181/22 Welcome Event for Ukrainian Families

It is proposed to hold an event on 6th January for Ukrainian Christmas. The Clerk will meet with Simon Elvin to ascertain if this is possible.

182/22 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Footpath Clay Lane to Whiston Locks – it was resolved that the Clerk contact the Rights of Way Officer at NNC and the local police regarding off road motorcycles causing a nuisance in the area.
- (b) Request for Sign, Elizabeth Way – it was resolved to support a request for a 'no HGV access' sign on Elizabeth Way

183/22 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) SLCC Practitioner's Conference – it was resolved to approve the Clerk's attendance at the conference.

184/22 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – Apologies were received from Cllrs Lawman and Hallam. Cllr Brown presented a report which included information about warm spaces in the area (an online map of warm spaces is has been produced), the boundary review, government grants that are available to 28th December to held with home improvements to reduce energy bills and details of the severe weather protocol. Cllr Brown stated that anyone wishing to apply for support with their council tax should contact him, along with anyone experiencing difficulties with banding for social housing. Cllr Lawman also provided a written report. EBPC will ask Cllr Lawman to provide information earlier so that any consultations highlighted can be considered.
- (b) Consultation on Ward Boundaries for North Northamptonshire – it was resolved to respond to the consultation stating that EBPC supports the ward remaining unchanged.
- (c) Local Area Partnership – the Clerk provided a report to members on the LAPs, which are part of Integrated Care Northamptonshire and encourage partnership working to improve health and wellbeing in the community. EBPC supported the Clerk's communication to NNC asking for Earls Barton to be included in the Wellingborough Rural LAP rather than Wellingborough Urban.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9th January 2023 – 7.15pm

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

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