



Minutes of the Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 8th February 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.

015/21 Public Speaking Time

A member of the public addressed the meeting regarding agenda item 024/21(c)

016/21 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

017/21 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Cllr Mills declared a personal interest in agenda item 024/21(c)

018/21 Resignation of Cllr Malcolm Perkins

Cllr Perkin's resignation was received. A letter of thanks will be sent to Malc to thank him for his many years' service to the people of Earls Barton. As an election is scheduled for within the next six months, it was resolved not to co-opt a member, to replace Cllr Perkins.

019/21 Minutes of the Meeting of 11th January 2021

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

006/21 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
151	5014	Total Gas & Power Ltd	EB Library – electricity	167.01
152	5015	Greener Grave Care	Remove ivy from chapel & grave level	250.00
153	Sports fund	Nortoft Partnership Ltd	Update of Business Plan – Sports Dev	216.00
154	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Container Hire – The Grange (Dec)	99.36
155	5016	East Northants Council	Premises Licence Renewal – Rec	70.00
156	5017	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance – Bins (Jan)	105.60
157	5018	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance – (Jan)	3054.00
158	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Container Hire – The Grange (Jan)	90.72
159-161	5019-5021	Salary Costs	Clerk/Tax/NI/Pension	2579.22

021/21 Planning

(a) Planning Applications Received:

WP/20/00868/FUL – demolition of a swimming pool, garage & part demolition of a rear wall & roof to the existing dwelling house. The construction of a detached four car garage with a first-floor gym & shower room. An extension to the first-floor, a new second & third floor, a new single storey & a three-storey rear extension to the house. External alterations to the existing dwelling house which include external cladding, new windows, doors, infilling of windows & doors with a raised patio & one-metre-high fencing to the rear – Eden House, Castle Ashby Station, 366 Grendon Rd.

NW/20/00876/FUL – proposed first-floor extension to form bedroom with en-suite. Render front elevation of building for uniformity – 31 Broad St

NW/21/00002/FUL – change of use of part of the first floor from barbers to first-floor toilets for the ground floor micro pub & revised layout of the micro pub (retrospective) – 25B The Square.

NW/21/00043/FUL – planning application for a 6-month ‘temporary’ consent to retain fabric roof covering over existing rear terraced (outside seating area). Re-submission – Public House, 8 The Square.

NW/21/00054/FUL – extension to front kitchen – 14 Milbury

NCC Planning Services – proposed extension to the existing waste recycling building (retrospective application) – Mick George Ltd Waste Transfer Station, Lower Ecton Lane, Northampton

Following discussion, it was resolved that no comments were required on the applications received.

022/21 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – The Clerk advised that 22 crimes were reported in December.

023/21 Finance & Projects

- (a) Transfer of Bank to Unity Trust – the Clerk will begin the procedure which will, hopefully, be completed for the March meeting.
- (b) Purchase of land Aggate Way – The signed Heads of Terms have been returned to NCC for the contract to be drawn up.
- (c) Church Hall Refurbishment - a discussion was held relating to the refurbishment of All Saints Church Hall. The Clerk advised that, as legislation prohibits expenditure by local councils on property relating to the affairs of the church.
- (d) Earls Barton Library – a request for a defibrillator was discussed. The Clerk will look into costings and available grants and report back to the next meeting.

024/21 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development – it was reported that the Project Managers have been appointed. The grant application to BCW will be discussed at the Resources Committee on 24 February. A quote of £2500 from Stroma for the noise assessment boundary condition survey was approved, as was a quote of £22910 for the ball strike fencing. Both of these are needed to satisfy planning conditions.
- (b) Pioneer Sports Field – the lease has now been signed and we are now waiting for confirmation of the extension of the lease to November 2031.
- (c) Earls Barton Cricket Club – following the approval of a grant in December 2019, an update was provided by EBCC. Following discussion, it was resolved that EBPC would fund the remaining items required, as previously agreed.

025/21 Legislation for Electronic Meetings

Following discussion, it was resolved that the Clerk send a letter to Chris Heaton-Harris MP requesting that legislation is extended to allow electronic meetings past May 2021, with a view to allowing hybrid meetings in the future.

026/21 Highways & Maintenance

- (a) Little Green Car Park – NCC Highways have confirmed that they will remove the kerbing and resurface the area where the tree stood, to allow additional parking.
- (b) Harcourt Square – NCC Highways have confirmed that Harcourt Square will be resurfaced. No response has yet been received from Barkers regarding parking. A further meeting with NCC and residents is to be arranged.
- (c) Dog Fouling – it was acknowledged that there has been an increase in dog mess on the pavements around the village. It was agreed that the consideration needs to be given into how this is to be rectified. An article will be put in Barton Today to raise awareness of the problem. The Clerk has contacted BCW Environmental Health and will report back at the next meeting and further discussion will be held.
- (d) Right of Way Gray Close – the broken fencing alongside the footpath has been reported to NCC.

027/21 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) Northants ACRE Pilot for Natural Capital Maps – an update was received on the latest workshop. It was noted that it could be a useful scheme to incorporate into the review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

028/21 Park Street Car Park

The public and press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item in accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information of the description shown in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

An update was provided by the Clerk.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8 March 2021 – 7.15pm

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

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