



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 13th February 2023**

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

013/23 Public Speaking Time

Members of the public attended and addressed the member on agenda item 027/23(b).

014/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs N Chapman and S Hiscock.

015/23 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of interested were received.

016/23 Co-option of New Member to fill one vacancy following the resignation of Cllr Steve Glover

As no applications had been received by the closing date, this matter will be deferred to the March meeting.

017/23 Minutes of the Meeting of 9th January 2023

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

018/23 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
227	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	322.74
228	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	392.14
229	B/Transfer	Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator Repairs	270.00
230	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (Jan)	3056.00
231	B/Transfer	North Northants Council	Recreation Field – licence	70.00
232	300057	Fantastic Fireworks Ltd	Training -fireworks	195.00
233	B/Transfer	Viking	Stationery	174.62
234	B/Transfer	Midland Tree Specialists	Treeworks (2023/24)	750.00
235	B/Transfer	Npower	EB Library – utilities	248.74
236	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Jan)	1233.00
237	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Project Manager Fees	4428.00
238	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Consultancy Fees	1200.00
239	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Sports Dev – Container Hire	95.04
240	Sports Fund	Ecology by Design	Sports Dev – Biodiversity Report	1152.00
241	Sports Fund	Bates Wells	Sports Dev – FF Undertaking	900.00
242	Sports Fund	Abrams Archaeology	Sports Dev – Archaeology	714.00
243	Sports Fund	Central Bedfordshire Council	Sports Dev – Archaeology Trenching	3414.00
244	B/Transfer	Npower	EB Library – utilities	186.02
245	B/Transfer	Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerk’s Membership	277.00
246- 250	B/Transfer/ 300058	Salary Costs	Clerk/EBYC Leader/EBYC Assist Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	3443.82
251	Sports Fund	CPS Energy Assessments Ltd	Sports Dev – Energy Design Fee	1665.00
252	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	EB Library – utilities	67.29

019/23 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.
It was agreed to support the application received.
- (b) Manor House Wall – Greatwell Homes have advised EBPC that, despite exploring all avenues, the small section of listed wall will need to be completely rebuilt as Built Heritage will not support the building of a retaining wall in front of the existing to protect the listed wall. Unfortunately, this means that, during the works, damage will be sustained to the tree roots that will make it unviable. It should be noted that professional advice taken has indicated that the tree was coming to the end of its lifespan with approximately 15/20 years left. Whilst this is of great disappointment, EBPC are satisfied that all options for saving the tree have been explored and discounted. EBPC will make representation to the Local Planning Authority, and to Greatwell Homes, that a tree planting scheme is put in place and includes a heavy standard, substantial tree is planted in an appropriate location to replace the horse chestnut.

020/23 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – 11 crimes were reported in December and 26 crimes were reported in January.
- (b) OPFCC Virtual Meeting - The Clerk will attend the meeting to be held on Monday 27th February.

021/23 Sports, Community and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports and Community Development – update – it was noted that planning is still outstanding and, as a result, the application for funding with the Football Foundation has been put back. In the meantime, value engineering options will be explored to reduce the cost of the scheme. The Clerk will write to NNC Ward Councillors about concerns raised relating to the delays in obtaining planning permission. Tree quotes were received for works to be carried out at The Grange and it was resolved to accept quote 2 (MB Tree Services).

022/23 Finance

- (a) Wittlich Exchange 2023 – following discussion relating to the request for a grant, it was agreed that a robust grant application process is in place and, as a result, EBPC is not able to offer a grant at this time.
- (b) Cemetery Fees – following consideration, it was resolved that the waiving of the memorial fees, already offered to compensate for an administrative error, is acceptable to the parish council

023/23 Committees

- (a) Strategic Planning Committee – to be held on Thursday 23rd February.
- (b) Environment Sub-Committee – to be held on Thursday 2nd March.
- (c) Allotment Committee – no suitable date could be agreed. The Clerk to liaise with members of the committee and set a date accordingly.

024/23 Welcome Event for Ukrainian Families - update

Arrangements for the event are being made. We are currently awaiting a finalised date.

025/23 Twinning – update

It was resolved that a letter to the Burgermeister of Luxem be sent with the Wittlich Exchange group from Earls Barton United Football Club, inviting a small delegate to visit Earls Barton.

026/23 Events

- (a) Annual Parish Meeting – to be held on the 17th April, prior to the parish council meeting. Local organisations to be asked if they would like to have an information stall.
- (b) King Charles III Coronation – it was agreed to support a street party on The Square. The Events Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

- (c) International Waendel Walk – The opportunity to man a refreshment station to be offered to local organisations to raise funds. Cllr Morrall to provide more information regarding the route.
- (d) Ups and Downs Charity Ride – this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

027/23 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Park Street Car Park – following consideration, it was agreed not to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order to extend the current double yellow lines on Park Street.
- (b) Keep Clear Road Markings (New Barton) – it was noted that the current markings are not preventing parking in the 12 foot alleys, which is restricting access to people’s homes and garages. Following discussion, it was agreed that more signage and an awareness piece be published in Barton Today. Cllr Brown will consult with highways over the possibility of a Traffic Regulation Order, to make parking in the 12 foots illegal, along with the necessary enforcement to support it as the next step should the situation not improve.

028/23 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) Parish Network Event – Cllr Morrison and the Clerk to attend the event on 28th February.

029/23 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllr Lora Lawman. Cllr Brown reported that NNC have achieved a balanced budget for 2023/24, but there are challenging times ahead financially. The changes to the bin routine in Earls Barton was a result of changes in the bin routes to make them more efficient. There is now an opportunity to opt in to the garden waste collection for 2023/24 at a cost of £40 per annum. The Boundary Review deadline has been pushed back. NNC are taking part in a government scheme to buy more homes for refugees.
- (b) Local Area Partnership – Cllr Morrison reported on the meeting. She expressed concerns over the placement of Earls Barton in the Wellingborough Urban section and the possible implication of this.
- (c) North Northants Place Development – Cllr Morrison and the Clerk to attend the meeting on 21st February.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13th March 2023 – 7.15pm

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

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