



Minutes of the Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 11th January 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.

001/21 Public Speaking Time

Members of the public addressed the members regarding planning application WP/20//00843/FUL.

002/21 Apologies for Absence

It was resolved to approve apologies from Cllr L Morrison for her late arrival.

003/21 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Cllr Bond declared an interest in agenda item 005/21. Cllr Dodds declared an interest in planning application WP/20/00843/FUL. Cllr Glover declared a pecuniary interest and Cllrs Rice and Wells declared a personal interest in planning application WP/20/00857/FUL.

004/21 Minutes of the Meeting of 14th December 2020

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

005/21 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
134	4997	Aylesbury Mains Ltd	Replacement Lighting – The Rec	2352.58
135	4998	EB Building Company	Cemetery Chapel – Repairs	338.40
136	4999	EB Building Company	Installation of Christmas Trees	684.00
137	5000	E-on	¼ Street Light Maintenance	168.64
138	5001	Anglian Water	Pioneer Sports Field	5.66
139	5002	Anglian Water	Cemetery	14.64
140	5003	Anglian Water	Allotment	11.85
141	5004	LexisNexis	Local Council Administration Book	149.99
142	5005	Dobbs & Bond Associates Ltd	Installation of Christmas Lights	453.60
143	5006	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance (Dec)	3054.00
144	5007	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance – Bins (Dec)	132.00
145	5008	Northamptonshire ACRE	Annual Subscription	35.00
146	5009	Dobbs & Bond Associates Ltd	Installation of Christmas Lights	540.00
147	5010	E-on	¼ Street Lighting	844.88
148-150	5011-5013	Salary Costs	Clerk/Reg/Tax/NI/Pension	2779.23

006/21 Planning

(a) Planning Applications Received:

WP/20/00843/FUL – proposed 3 no new dwellings within curtilage of: 32 New Street – 32 New St

WP/20/00857/FUL – construction of 2 x garden shelters in an enclosed private garden within a

Conservation Area. Shelter A, measuring (L) 6 metres x (W) 3.5 metres x (H) 2.8 metres (max) made

from wood with graphite metal box profile roof and Shelter B, measuring (L) 3 metres x (W) 3.9

metres x (H) 2.5 metres made from wood with structured polycarbonate opaque roof – re-submission

– 18 West St

Following discussion, it was agreed to object to application WP/20/00843/FUL, based on overdevelopment, highway safety and capacity concerns and visual/layout/design. No comments were required on the other application received.

007/21 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – The Clerk advised that 49 crimes were reported in November 2020. Sgt Desrochers has approved the wording of crime prevention advice relating to unoccupied properties, and this will now be released.
- (b) Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissions – Clerk to share details of dates of virtual meetings and register attendees.

008/21 Finance

- (a) ¾ Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved to approve the ¾ Bank Reconciliation as presented by the Clerk.
- (b) Grounds Maintenance Committee – it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Grounds Maintenance Committee meeting held on 7th January 2021.
- (c) Grounds Maintenance Contract 2021/22 – following a discussion it was resolved to approve the recommendations of the Grounds Maintenance Committee and award the Grounds Maintenance contract to Wellingborough Norse and Greener Grave Care, and Treeworks Contract to Thompson Trees. The Grounds Maintenance contract will include a break-clause should there be any structural changes at the contractors that affect the contract.
- (d) Finance Committee – it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 7th January 2021.
- (e) Grants 2021/22 – following discussion, it was resolved to approve the Finance Committee’s recommendations for grants for 2021/22.
- (f) Risk Assessment/Asset Register/Audit Controls 2021/22 – following discussion, it was resolved to approve the Asset Register, Audit Controls and Risk Assessment 2021/22, as recommended by the Finance Committee.
- (g) Budget and PRECEPT 2021/22 – following discussion, it was resolved to approve the Finance Committee’s recommendation for the budget and PRECEPT 2021/22 (total figure £136266, Band D equivalent £60.00 – a reduction of £0.03
- (h) Renewal of Fixed Business Plan for Cemetery Chapel and Pioneer Sports Field – following discussion, it was resolved not to renew the plan at present.

009/21 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) Sports and Leisure Development Sub-Committee – it was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd December 2020.
- (b) The Grange Sports Development – it was reported that the Project Managers to be appointed have been chosen and will be appointed following a meeting and subject to a clause in the contract that the phasing of the project will be subject to funding. It was noted that the BCW Resources Committee scheduled for the end of January has been postponed. It was resolved that BCW be contacted to find out if an extraordinary meeting to consider the grant application can be held. It was also reported that the 200th occupation at The Wickets has now taken place, triggering the payment of the remaining S106 funding.
- (c) Pioneer Sports Field – it was noted that the signed lease is still outstanding. EBUFC contacted the PC regarding flooding at The Pioneer Sports Field. Following discussion, it was noted that the flooding was due to severe weather and excessive rainfall, and that future flooding will be monitored before a decision is made over possible action.

010/21 EBPC Communication

A discussion was held on how Parish Councillor can engage more with the community. Coffee mornings/surgeries, walkabouts and regular features in the village magazines were considered and will be arranged once Covid restrictions are lifted.

011/21 Highways & Maintenance

- (a) Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2021 – it was resolved to sign the agreement.

- (b) Hedging on Northampton Road – a request to remove hedging on Northampton Road to help alleviate fly-tipping will be referred to Wellingborough Norse.
- (c) Trees on Little Green Car Park – a request to remove the kerbed areas where trees have already been removed to create additional parking will be referred to NCC.
- (d) Harcourt Square – a report was received on a meeting held with local residents who are concerned about the condition of Harcourt Square, pedestrian safety and parking was received. It was noted that a meeting with NCC representatives is to be held once Covid restrictions have been lifted. It was resolved that the Clerk contact Barkers to discuss possible solutions, including re-instigating the retailers parking programme.

012/21 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) Northants ACRE Pilot for Natural Capital Maps – an update was received on the scheme.
- (b) NCALC Local Government Reorganisation Q&A – Cllrs N Chapman, Cllr Morrison and the Clerk to attend.
- (c) NCALC Police Liaison Representative – following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk be nominated at the Police Liaison Representative, with Cllr Mills filling the role where the Clerk is unable to.
- (d) SLCC Practitioners Conference – it was resolved to approve the Clerk's attendance at the Conference.

013/21 Northamptonshire County Council Correspondence

- (a) Transfer of Household Waste Recycling Centres to Urbaser – information noted.
- (b) Vote of No Confidence in County Councillor – following discussion, it was unanimously agreed to a Vote of No Confidence in Cllr Robert Gough based on the following:
 - In the opinion of Earls Barton Parish Council Cllr Gough offers no representation to Earls Barton at a Borough Council level or to Earls Barton at a County Council level.
 - In the opinion of Earls Barton Parish Council Cllr Gough was elected to serve, but is not serving the people of Earls Barton.
 - There has been a lack of communication to Earls Barton Parish Council from Cllr Gough over the past two years.
 - Cllr Gough has not attended a Parish Council or provided Earls Barton Parish Council with a personal report in the past two years.
 - In the opinion of Earls Barton Parish Council Cllr Gough has not offered support to the people of Earls Barton throughout the Covid-19 pandemic or during the Local Government Reorganisation.

014/21 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 February 2021 – 7.15pm

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

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