



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 10th July 2023**

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

099/23 Public Speaking Time

Members of the Barton Today team attended to talk to the parish council about providing updated on the Sports & Community Development.

100/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Morrall.

101/23 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

102/23 Minutes of the Meeting of 12th June 2023

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

103/23 Review of Policies

Following a vote, it was resolved to approve the following policies: Equal Opportunity and Racial Harassment Policy, General Statement of Safety Policy, Grant Funding Policy and Grievance Policy.

104/23 Review of Terms of Reference

Following discussion and some minor amendments, it was resolved to approve the following Terms of Reference: Finance Committee and Grounds Maintenance Committee.

105/23 Accounts

(a) Expenditure - it was resolved to pay the following accounts:

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
054	D/Debit	SSE	EB Library – utilities	72.90
055	B/Transfer	Mrs R A Smart	Reimbursement of McAfee Security	149.98
056	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Jun)	1233.00
057	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Water – allotment	6.89
058	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Water – cemetery	19.96
059	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Water – Pioneer Sports Field	26.84
060	B/Transfer	CPRE	Training – Planning Roadshow	15.00
061	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	EB Library – water	77.30
062	B/Transfer	Greener Ground Care	Grounds Maintenance	936.24
063	B/Transfer	Weedwise	Grounds Maintenance (Jun)	3056.00
064	B/Transfer	Weedwise	Grounds Maintenance – Aggate Way	396.00
065	B/Transfer	James Brady	VAS Maintenance	195.00
066	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	20.75
067	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	231.67
068	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Sports Dev – Container Hire	95.04
069	Sports Fund	CC Town Planning	Sports Dev – Planning Consultant	1092.00
070-072	B/Transfer/ 300066	Salary Costs	Clerk/Registrar/Tax&NI/Pension	3578.71

073	B/Transfer	F & R Cawleys	Carnival Bins (to be reimbursed)	432.00
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- (b) Income – it was resolved to approve the receipts received.
- (c) Internal Financial Checks – a report from the Chair of the Finance Committee confirming the checks have been carried out with no abnormalities to the reported.
- (d) ¼ Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved to approve the bank reconciliation to 30th June 2023.

106/23 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
NW/23/00334/FUL – demolition of existing rear conservatory and WC and erection of a two-storey rear extension and single storey side extension – 15 London End.
Following discussion, it was resolved that no comments were required on the application received.
- (b) Manor House Wall – an update was received from Greatwell Homes which advised that, due to the tendering process and the fact that they would not want to carry out work over the winter months, it is likely that work will not begin on the wall until Spring 2024. They will advise if this is due to change.
- (c) CPRE Planning Roadshow – Cllr Lloyd-Staples presented a report on the Planning Roadshow.
- (d) EB Neighbourhood Plan – it was resolved that the review of the EB Neighbourhood Plan should include an updated Housing Needs Survey and that funding will be reallocated in the budget for this purpose.

107/23 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – no crime figures were received. It was noted that concerns raised by a member of the public regarding the speed of police vehicles on Doddington Road had been investigated and that all vehicles identified were responding to an emergency at the time.
- (b) NCALC Police Liaison Representative - the Clerk reported that Neighbourhood Alerts has been relaunched under the new name of Northamptonshire Talks. All residents are encouraged to join Northamptonshire Talks to be sent alerts for their area.
- (c) OPFCC Virtual Meeting – it was confirmed that the Clerk will attend the meeting on 19th July.

108/23 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development Update – It was noted that planning permission has still not been granted, although progress has been made with the outstanding issues. Following a discussion, it was resolved to send a letter of intent for the Football Foundation grant. The Clerk will also continue to investigate alternative funding options for the development.

109/23 Grounds Maintenance Contract

Following a meeting with the contractor, it was agreed that concerns over the standard of work carried out were teething issues and that the contractor were doing all they could to improve the standard. The contract will continue to be monitored by EBPC.

110/23 Events

- (a) D-Day 80 - It was resolved that arrangement for D-Day 80 be passed to the Events Committee.

111/23 Inclusivity for LGBTQIA+ Young People

A letter from a pupil from EB Primary School was read out and a response agreed.

112/23 Earls Barton Annual Parish Meeting

A discussion on the pros and cons of the Annual Parish Meeting held in April were discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Morrison and the Clerk work together to arrange the APM for 2024.

113/23 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) NCALC Training – it was noted that leadership training has been booked for Cllrs Chapman and Gould.
- (b) Local Council Clerk Week – the week to raise awareness of the work of parish council clerks from 10th-14th July was noted and the Clerk thanked for her work on behalf of EBPC.

114/23 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown and Hallam. Cllr Scott Brown sent a written report advising that Kettering Leisure Village has been saved, although the conference centre

will remain closed. Nominations are now open for the North Northants Active Communities Awards (more information can be found online). A host of events, including free swimming, are to be announced for the summer holidays. Cllr Graham Lawman has stood down as Executive Member for Highways, to be replaced by Cllr Matt Binley. Cllr Mark Rowley will take on the portfolio for Housing, Communities and Levelling Up.

- (b) Local Area Partnership – the Clerk provided an update on the work of the Wellingborough West LAP, which is focussing on young people.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th September 2023 – 7.15pm

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

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