



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 13th June 2022**

Present: Cllrs P Morrall (Chair), J Bond, G Broadhead, N Chapman, S Dodds, S Glover, P Hadman, C Lloyd-Staples, S Weller.

086/22 Public Speaking Time

Members of the public attended to speak in objection to planning application: NW/22/00026/FUL and to support the bunting in the colours of the Ukrainian flag around the war memorial railings.

087/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs V Gould, S Hiscock, L Morrison and C Wells.

088/22 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

089/22 Minutes of the Meeting of 9th May 2022

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

090/22 Review of Policies

Following a vote, it was resolved to approve the following policies: Code of Conduct for Members, Accessibility Statement, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Complaints Procedure and Disciplinary Policy.

091/22 Review of Terms of Reference

Following a vote, it was resolved to approve the following Terms of Reference: Allotment Committee and Events Committee.

092/22 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
046	B/Transfer	E-on	Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field	228.85
047	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	91.93
048	B/Transfer	MO Sounds	Projects – Jubilee Stage	700.00
049	B/Transfer	Elite STR	Projects – Jubilee Expenses	450.00
050	Chq – 300040	All Saints Church	Church Floodlighting	486.52
051	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	EB Library – water	123.84
052	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Consultancy Fees	600.00
053	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Project Manager Fees	1200.00
054	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Sports Dev – Container Hire	95.04
055	B/Transfer	Any Occasion	Projects – Jubilee Toilet Hire	468.00
056	B/Transfer	James Brady	Projects - Jubilee Beacon	50.00
057	B/Transfer	A Teck Productions	Projects – Jubilee Sound	650.00
058	B/Transfer	Thompson Tree (Northants)	Treeworks	8400.00
059	B/Transfer	Npower	EB Library – utilities	269.35
060-064	B/Transfer/ 300041	Salary Costs	Clerk/Y-Club Leader/Y-Club Assist Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	3356.34

093/22 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
- NW/22/00026/FUL – change of use from highway land to domestic curtilage including new hardstanding, means of enclosure and landscaping. NEW RED LINE AND AMENDED PLANS – 29 Streton Way
- NW/22/00332/FUL – change of use for 10 residential caravans restricted to the over 55s, providing affordable housing for the local elderly populous – land rear of 325 Grendon Road.
- NW/22/00339/FUL – construction of new triple garage with workshop bench space and a staircase to access the habitable space upstairs. Upstairs there is a provision for a habitable area, with 3 no. dormer windows facing the existing house, and 2 no. velux-type windows south facing – 28 Harrowick Lane.
- NW/22/00388/FUL – conversion of existing garage to form snug and study together with internal alterations and the removal of the existing garage door and replacement with brick infilling and a bay window and the addition of a window in the side elevation – 11 Barnard Close.
- Following discussion, it was resolved to object to application NW/22/00026/FUL due to loss of biodiversity, green space and local amenity and ask for a site viewing. It was also resolved to object to application NW/22/00332/FUL as it is outside the village boundary and contravenes policies of the EB Neighbourhood Plan. It was also resolved to ask for a site viewing of application NW/22/00339/FUL in order to assess concerns with loss of privacy and light. No comments were required on the other application received. It was also agreed that the Clerk post details of planning applications received on the Parish Council's social media.
- (b) Boundary of DWH/Cemetery – an update was received suggesting that consideration would be given to planting a hedge on the boundary.

094/22 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – the Clerk advised that 24 crimes were reported in May 2022.
- (b) Concerns over anti-social behaviour on Golding Crescent – the Clerk is still awaiting a response from Northants Police. Any incidents should be reported to Northants Police and Greatwell Homes, where necessary.

095/22 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development Update – Cllr Glover reported that he has written to CS2 (Project Managers) asking for an update on the current position of the project. The planning application needs to be submitted by the end of June. It was resolved to approve the Architects fees for Chris Wayland.

096/22 Committees

- (a) Events Committee Meeting – it was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of 25th May 2022 as a correct record.
- (b) Events Committee Report – a report was received on the Jubilee events, the lighting of the beacon and Rock Out on The Rec. Both events were well attended and thanks were expressed to all those involved, especially Cllr Chapman. A debrief will be held by the Events Committee.
- (c) Allotment Committee Meeting – it was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of 30th May 2022 as a correct record.
- (d) Allotment Committee Report – a report from the meeting was received. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for works to be carried out on the vacant plots to make them more attractive to potential tenants.
- (e) Environment Sub-Committee Meeting – it was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting of 1st June 2022 as a correct record.
- (f) Environment Sub-Committee Report – a report from the meeting was received. It was resolved to accept the recommendations of the sub-committee to trial wildflower verges on the slope on Aggate Way and south of the barrier on Station Road.

097/22 Finance

It was resolved to delegate powers to the Clerk to review the electricity business plan for the Cemetery and Pioneer Sports Field.

098/22 Parish Council Identification

It was agreed that it would benefit Parish Councillors to wear identification at formal events and when representing the Parish Council. It was resolved to delegate powers to the Clerk to deal with this, in consultation with Cllr Lloyd-Staples.

100/22 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Metal Detection on Parish Council land – following a discussion, it was resolved that metal detecting would not be permitted on any parish council land.
- (b) Grit Bin, Park Close – following discussion, it was resolved that a grit bin would not be installed on Park Close at present.
- (c) Bins on Station Road – following a discussion on a request for more bins on Station Road, south of the underpass, it was agreed that this matter be deferred until the Clerk has contacted local businesses for sponsorship.
- (d) Bench, Station Road – a request for a memorial bench south of the barrier on Station Road was approved. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Bond on this matter.
- (e) Bunting – following discussion and written support from the Royal British Legion, it was resolved that the blue and yellow bunting remain in the war memorial railings until the end of Festival Fortnight.
- (f) Telephone Box – a request to use the telephone box on The Square as part of an exhibition was discussed. It was agreed that the phone box should be used for community use to promote local organisations.

101/22 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) SLCC National Conference – the attendance of the Clerk was approved.
- (b) Northants CALC Larger Council's Partnership – Cllr Lloyd-Staples reported on the meeting which included presentations on electric vehicle charging points and Football Foundation funding opportunities.
- (c) Northants ACRE Northamptonshire Village Awards 2022 – the judges have visited Earls Barton. The results will be announced at an awards ceremony on Monday 11th July.

102/22 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – Apologies were received from Cllrs Lawman and Hallam. Cllr Scott Brown reported that the NNC AGM has taken place, seeing a changes to the Chair and to the Executive Committee. Kier has been appointed as the highways contractor for NNC for the next 7 years. NNC have set up a new employment page, highlighting opportunities within the organisation. Delays in bins being emptied is due to staffing issues. If your bin is not emptied, the advice is to leave it presented and the team will empty it as soon as possible. Everyone that pays their Council Tax by direct debit should now have received their rebate. If not, please contact a NNC ward councillor. Information will be released shortly for those who don't pay by direct debit. There are currently 483 guests from Ukraine who have been welcomed in North Northants, with a further 428 expected.
- (b) UK Shared Prosperity Fund Consultation – no comment required.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th July 2022 – 7.15pm

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

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