



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre  
on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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

**081/23 Public Speaking Time**

No members of the public attended to address the parish council.

**082/23 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Wells.

**083/23 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

**084/23 Minutes of the Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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

**085/23 Review of Policies**

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

**086/23 Review of Terms of Reference**

Following discussion and the agreement to amend the Events Committee TOR to add Churches Together, it was resolved to approve the following Terms of Reference: Allotment Committee and Events Committee.

**087/23 Accounts**

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

|         | <b>Chq no</b>         | <b>Payee</b>    | <b>Details</b>                     | <b>£</b> |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 041     | B/Transfer            | E-on            | Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field | 45.97    |
| 042     | B/Transfer            | James Brady     | Repairs – refurb of youth shelter  | 610.00   |
| 043     | B/Transfer            | Npower          | EB Library – utilities             | 33.06    |
| 044     | B/Transfer            | Mowerman        | Grounds Maintenance (May)          | 1233.00  |
| 045     | B/Transfer            | NCALC           | Training – Emergency Planning      | 146.40   |
| 046     | B/Transfer            | Total Energies  | EB Library – utilities             | 42.79    |
| 047     | Sports Fund           | Pickerings Hire | Sports Dev – Container Hire        | 99.36    |
| 048     | B/Transfer            | Npower          | Street Lighting                    | 257.81   |
| 049     | B/Transfer            | ESE Direct Ltd  | Road Closure Equipment             | 463.00   |
| 050-052 | B/Transfer/<br>300065 | Salary Costs    | Clerk/Tax&NI/Pension               | 3153.69  |
| 053     | B/Transfer            | Weedwise Ltd    | Grounds Maintenance (May)          | 3056.00  |

(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.

**088/23 Planning**

(a) Planning Applications Received:

NW/23/00258/FUL – conversion of detached garage to habitable accommodation including a utility and garden room plus WC and the removal of a garage door and infilling with brickwork and roof lantern – 137 Dowthorpe Hill.

NW/23/00289/FUL – proposed conversion of barn to a 2-bedroom dwelling house and associated works including landscaping, biodiversity enhancements and formalising existing access – land below sub-station, Aggate Way.

Following discussion, it was resolved to object to application NW/23/00289/FUL due to the development outside the village boundary. No comments were required on the other application received.

#### 089/23 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – the Clerk advised that 18 crimes were reported in May 2023.
- (b) NCALC Police Liaison Representative Conference – it was confirmed that the Clerk will attend the conference on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 091/23 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development Update – Following a discussion, it was resolved to appoint a professional fundraising advisor to assist with fundraising for the project. In addition, the Clerk reported on a meeting held with the NNC Planning Officer and reported that progress had been made with the outstanding matters relating to the planning application.

#### 092/23 Climate Action

- (a) EBPC Climate Action Plan- it was resolved to adopt the EBPC Climate Action Plan.
- (b) Declaration of Climate Emergency – it was resolved to declare a climate emergency. All action to be taken will be in line with the EBPC Climate Action Plan.

#### 093/23 Finance

It was noted that the review and renewal of the electricity business plan for the Cemetery and Pioneer Sports Field has already been dealt with.

#### 094/23 Grounds Maintenance

It was resolved that concerns about the current standard of work be referred to the Grounds Maintenance Committee, who will arrange a meeting with the contractor.

#### 095/23 Christmas Market Event

It was resolved to support a request to close the Little Green Car Park on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December to hold a Christmas market. The Clerk will apply for the road closure order.

#### 096/23 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) EBPC Sports Day – it was resolved to approve a request from EBPS to use the recreation field on 6<sup>th</sup> July for their school sports day.

#### 097/23 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) NCALC AGM - the date of the AGM (7<sup>th</sup> October) was noted. Attendance to be confirmed at a later date.

#### 098/23 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – Apologies were received from Cllrs Lawman and Hallam. Cllr Scott Brown reported on the school transport consultation and boundary reviews. There is a new in-house parking enforcement team who will be covering North Northants. The executive have approved a public space protection order consultation. Kettering Leisure Village is a risk of closure. A joint statement regarding the trees in Wellingborough has not been released as no agreement has been reached between the developers and the protesters.
- (b) Consultation on Draft Recommendations for Ward Boundaries in North Northamptonshire – it was resolved that no response was required.
- (c) Home to School Transport Policy Review Consultation 2023 – it was resolved that no response was required.

- (d) Local Area Partnership – the Clerk reported that the Wellingborough LAPs have been renamed and Earls Barton now fall under Wellingborough West. The next meeting will be held at the end of June. Cllrs Chapman and/or Morrison to attend.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 7.15pm

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

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