



## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Earls Barton Primary School**

**Present:** Cllrs P Morrall (Chair), J Bond, G Broadhead, N Chapman, S Dodds, S Glover, V Gould, P Hadman, S Hiscock, S Weller.

### **031/22 Public Speaking Time**

No members of the public were in attendance.

### **032/22 Cllr Sam Weller**

Cllr Weller was welcomed to the Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### **033/22 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wells.

### **034/22 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

No declarations of interested were received.

### **035/22 Co-option of New Members to fill one vacancy following the resignation of Cllr Wayne Mills**

Due to an error in the vacancy notice issues by North Northants Council, this item was deferred to April's meeting.

### **036/22 Resignation of Cllr Mary Walters**

The resignation of Cllr Walters was received and accepted. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Walters for her service on the Parish Council. The Clerk will begin the process to advertise the vacancy.

### **037/22 Minutes of the Meeting of 14th February 2022**

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

### **038/22 Twinning Project**

Simon Elver addressed the Parish Council to give an update on the twinning project. He advised that a group has been formed which is looking into twinning opportunities with village close to Niort in France and Wittlich in Germany. It was resolved that Cllr Morrall join the twinning group and the Parish Council continue to support this initiative.

### **039/22 Accounts**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts (subject to checks on the payment to St John Ambulance):

	<b>Chq no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>£</b>
285	B/Transfer	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance (Jan)	3254.63
286	B/Transfer	James Brady	Repair works	80.00
287	B/Transfer	James Wilson Associates	N/Plan Monitoring Report	840.00
288	B/Transfer	Thompson Tree (Northants) Ltd	Emergency Tree Works	1440.00
289	B/Transfer	Npower	EB Library – utilities	158.54
290	B/Transfer	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance (Feb)	3254.63
291	B/Transfer	St John Ambulance	SBD – first aid cover	705.60
292	B/Transfer	Greener Grave Care	Cemetery – grave levelling	70.00
293	B/Transfer	SLCC	Membership Fee – Clerk	270.00
294	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	349.19

295	B/Transfer	Northants ACRE	Membership Fees	35.00
296	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Project Manager	1800.00
297	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Consultancy Fees	300.00
298	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire Ltd	Sports Dev – Container Hire	86.40
299	Sports Fund	Nortoft Partnerships Ltd	Sports Dev – B/Plan update	2400.00
300	Sports Fund	RELM Consultants Ltd	Sports Dev – site visit	84.00
301	B/Transfer	Westcotect	VAS Batteries	393.00
302-306	B/Transfer/ 300030	Salary Costs	Clerk/Y-club Leader & Assistant Leader/Tax/NI/Pension	4748.58
307	B/Transfer	Park Landscapes	Allotment – hedge cutting	264.00

#### 041/22 Planning

- (a) Applications received:  
 NW/22/00128/FUL – planning permission to carefully take down an existing listed boundary wall and rebuild a section of the boundary wall fronting the High Street – boundary wall, Manor House Close, Earls Barton.  
 NN/22/00001/MINVOC – variation of condition 6 of planning permission 15/00091/MINVOC for an extension of time in order to complete extraction of permitted material – Earls Barton Spinney Quarry, Grendon Road, Earls Barton.  
 Following discussion, it was resolved to object to application NW/22/00128/FUL as it is believed that there has been an administrative error as it has not been submitted for Listed Building Consent, and the proposals do not show a like for like replacement. No comment was required on the other application received.
- (b) Permission to remove Horse Chestnut tree (High Street) – following discussion, it was resolved that a letter of complaint be submitted to North Northants Council regarding the fact that EBPC were not consulted on the proposal to remove the tree within the Conservation Area.

#### 042/22 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – The Clerk advised that 19 crimes were reported in February 2022.  
 (b) Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Virtual Councillor Meeting – the next meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April was noted.

#### 043/22 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development – update – the project management team are currently looking at options for the western boundary. Additional costs required to redesign the current plan for the pavilion to meet the Football Foundation requirements were relayed to the members. It was noted that the marquee bought for EBCC is no longer usable, and EBCC will be asked to repay the cost to EBPC. A structure is being created for Earls Barton Sports and Community Trust to help it become more active as the development progresses.

#### 044/22 Grounds Maintenance

- (a) Grounds Maintenance Contract 2022/23 – a letter has been received from Norse confirming that NNC will take over the contract for six months before a review is carried out.  
 (b) Tree Planting - it was confirmed that a licence has been issued to plant trees for the Queen's Green Canopy on Station Road, south of the barrier. Date of planting to be confirmed.

#### 045/22 Events

- (a) Events Committee – the Events Committee meeting has been rescheduled to 15<sup>th</sup> March.  
 (b) Queen's Platinum Jubilee – following discussion, it was resolved to allocated £300.00 to provide each child at the Primary School, as well as at the nurseries, with seeds to plant for the jubilee. Any left over will be offered to others around the village.  
 (c) Compton Way Green Area – it was resolved to allow permission to hold a plant sale on Compton Way on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Plans for a Big Jubilee Lunch were also noted.

#### 046/22 Earls Barton Neighbourhood Plan

Work will now be carried out to make the necessary amendments to the Neighbourhood Plan. NNC to be consulted to ensure they are supportive of the changes.

047/22 Earls Barton Library and Community Centre

Cllr Hadman was appointed representative of EBPC on the board of trustees.

048/22 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Phone Box – awaiting quotes. Deferred to April’s meeting.

049/22 Northants CALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) Northants ACRE – it was agreed that Cllr Chapman and the Clerk attend the Parish Network Event: How to Green your Community on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

050/22 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllrs Brown, Lawman and Hallam – it was noted that a consultation has begun into charging for brown bin collections. In addition, Councillors have now been issued with funds that can be awarded as grants to community groups – further information can be provided by the ward councillors.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting which will begin at 7.15pm

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

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