



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 13th March 2023**

Present: Cllrs P Morrall (Chair), G Broadhead, N Chapman, S Dodds, V Gould, P Hadman, S Weller, C Wells.

030/23 Public Speaking Time

Members of the public attended and addressed the members on the proposed footpath from The Wickets to the industrial estate, and on the planning appeal lodged in relation to NW/22/00730/OUT.

031/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Bond, S Hiscock and C Lloyd-Staples.

032/23 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of interested were received.

033/23 Co-option of New Member to fill one vacancy following the resignation of Cllr Steve Glover

3 applications were received. Following the voting process which requires the successful candidate to receive an absolute majority, Tim Brennan was co-opted as the new member of the parish council.

034/23 Minutes of the Meeting of 13th February 2023

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

035/23 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
253	B/Transfer	J R Garden Solutions	Pest Control	200.00
254	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Feb)	1233.00
255	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (Feb)	3056.00
256	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	224.42
257	B/Transfer	Npower	Christmas Lighting	26.65
258	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	344.00
259	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Consultancy Fees	1200.00
260	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Sports Dev – Container Hire	86.40
261	Sports Fund	DTE Demolition	Sports Dev – Ball Strike Fence Removal	6120.00
262	Sports Fund	Crawt Simpkins Partnership	Sports Dev – M&E Consultancy	12540.00
263	Sports Fund	MK Consulting Engineers	Sports Dev – M&E Consultancy	12540.00
264	B/Transfer	Greener Ground Care	Grounds Maintenance	751.24
265- 269	B/Transfer/ 300059	Salary Costs	Clerk/EBYC Leader/EBYC Assist Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	3310.44
270	B/Transfer	Npower	EB Library – utilities	166.30
271	B/Transfer	E-on	Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field	558.42

036/23 Planning

(a) Planning Applications Received:

NW/23/00071/FUL – demolition of an existing single garage and replacement with a double garage.

New vehicular access from Aggate Way and demolition of stone wall to create a 3 metres wide access

and automatic single leaf sliding gate and formation of an additional area of hardstanding – 3 Aggate Way.

NW/23/00096/FUL – the wall and pier to be carefully taken down, the land behind to be regraded to a suitable slope and size and once the land has been regraded, the wall and pier are to be rebuilt to match existing prior to deconstruction – Boundary Wall, Manor House Close.

NW/23/00097/LBC – listed building consent for the wall and pier to be carefully taken down, the land behind to be regraded to a suitable slope and size and once the land has been regraded, the wall and pier are to be rebuilt to match existing prior to deconstruction – Boundary Wall, Manor House Close.

NW/23/00099/FUL – retrospective application for the creation of a hardstanding to the front of the property. Resubmission of NW/22/00786/FUL – 36 West Street

NW/23/00100/LBC – retrospective listed building consent for the creation of a hardstanding to the front of the property. Resubmission of NW/22/00787/LBC – 36 West Street.

NW/23/00122/FUL – new orangery with alteration to adjacent sitting room full height windows converting them to bi-folding doors – 4 Woodlands Grange.

Following discussion, it was agreed to object to application NW/23/00071/FUL due to the loss of parking/local amenity, retain the objection to NW/23/00097/LBC due to the loss of a mature tree (but request replacement of the tree should it be removed) and support application NW/23/00096/FUL.

(b) Planning Appeals Received:

NW/22/00489/FUL – demolition of existing garage building and stores and erection of a part two storey part single storey side extension to form self-contained annexe – 126 Northampton Road (Appeal Reference: APP/M2840/D/23/3314524)

NW/22/00730/OUT – an outline application for up to 48 affordable dwellings, including means of access, attenuation basin, public open space, landscaping and other associated infrastructure – land rear 142 to 150 Wellingborough Road (Appeal Reference: APP/M2840/W/23/3316424)

Following discussion, it was resolved to respond to NW/22/00489/FUL as the proposals contradict EB Neighbourhood Plan Policy EB.D1 and respond to NW/22/00730/OUT requesting a public hearing rather than written responses and asking why there is no allocation of S106 funding to Earls Barton Parish Council should the scheme go ahead.

(c) North Northants Council Planning Service Review – the Clerk presented a report on proposed changes to the planning service at NNC, including a review of the Planning Scheme of Delegation which will remove the ability of parish councils to request that applications are referred to the planning committee, except for major applications, and amending the planning committee structure and create two planning committee for NNC (North and South Planning Committee).

037/23 Police/Community Safety

(a) Crime Figures and Report – 19 crimes were reported in February.

(b) OPFCC Virtual Meeting - The Clerk will attend the meeting to be held on Monday 18th April.

036(a)/23 Sports, Community and Leisure Development

(a) The Grange Sports and Community Development – update – still awaiting planning approval.

037(a)/23 Finance

(a) Electronic Office – it was resolved to defer this agenda item whilst the Clerk gathers additional information.

(b) Review Utility Tariffs – it was resolved to sign up for a 1-year fixed rate for gas at EB Library. It was also resolved to delegate powers to the Clerk to deal with the electricity tariffs.

(c) Allotment – it was resolved to accept a quote received to remove asbestos from the allotment site.

038/23 Committees

(a) Strategic Planning Committee – to be held on Monday 3rd April (venue to be confirmed)

(b) Environment Sub-Committee – to be held on Monday 20th March (venue to be confirmed)

(c) Allotment Committee – to be held on Tuesday 28th March (venue to be confirmed)

(d) Events Committee – to be held on Thursday 16th March at The Grange Sports Field.

039/23 Welcome Event for Ukrainian Families - update

The event is scheduled to take place at the church hall on 25th March. Two councillor offered to cover the cost of drinks for the event. The clerk will contact Simon Elvin about the arrangements and any additional costs.

040/23 Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on a separate date to the Parish Council meeting. Meeting date to be confirmed.

041/23 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Request to store trailer – it was resolved that the scouts can store a trailer at the allotment at their own risk.

042/23 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllrs Lora Lawman and Clive Hallam. Cllr Brown reported on the NNC planning review. Proposals for ward boundary changes in NNC have been submitted, with a recommendation of no change to Earls Barton ward. Garden Waste Subscription comes into force from 1st April at a cost of £40 per annum.
- (b) Local Area Partnership – the Clerk reported on the meeting attended by Cllr Morrison and the Clerk. Concerns were raised over the possibility that policing teams will be changed to reflect the Local Area Partnership areas, and it was agreed that any move out of the Wellingborough Rural Policing Team should be opposed.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 17th April 2023 – 7.15pm

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

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