



## Minutes of the Meeting held at via Zoom on Monday 11 May 2020

Present: Cllrs J Bond, B Chapman, N Chapman, S Dodds, S Glover, W Mills, P Morrall, L Morrison, M Perkins, B Rice, C Wells.

### 050/20 Election of Chair

Following a vote, Cllr Morrall was elected as Chair and will sign the Acceptance of Office at the first available opportunity.

### 051/20 Election of Vice Chair

Following a vote, Cllr Mills was elected as Vice Chair.

### 052/20 Resignation of Cllr Irene Abbott

The resignation of Cllr Abbott was accepted. Thanks were expressed for Cllr Abbott's long service to the parish council. The Notice of Vacancy will be placed on the village notice board.

### 053/20 Election of Committees

The members of each committee were reviewed. The following committees were duly elected: Allotment Committee, Events Committee, Finance Committee, Grounds Maintenance Committee, Personnel Committee, Sand and Gravel Committee, Social/Housing/Planning Committee, Sports Development Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Youth Affairs Committee

### 054/20 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public addressed the parish council.

### 055/20 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

### 056/20 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were made.

### 057/20 Minutes of the Meeting of 9 March 2020 and Extraordinary Meeting of 23 March 2020

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

### 058/20 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

	<b>Chq no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>£</b>
01	4878	Borough Council of Wellingboro	Rates – Cemetery	981.02
02	4879	Borough Council of Wellingboro	Rates – Park St Car Park	960.58
03	4880	Northants CALC	Membership Subscription/Internal Audit	2058.06
04	4881	Imagine Inflatables	SBD – sand bags	192.00
05	4882	Imagine Inflatables	SBD – Gantry Arch	1914.00
06	4883	E-on	¼ Street Light Maintenance (Jan-Mar 20)	168.64
07	4884	Northants CALC	Elections Training	44.00
08	4885	Imagine Inflatables	SBD – 2 x Gazebos	1428.00
09	4886	Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Membership	235.00
10	4887	EB Youth Club	Grant – Insurance	1300.00
11	4888	Saxon Pre School	Grant	706.15

12-16	4889-4893	Salary Costs	Clerk/Registrar/ Y-Club Leaders/Tax/NI/Pension	3461.42
17	4894	E-on	Electricity – Cemetery Chapel	102.47
18	4895	E-on	Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field	114.51
19	4896	E-on	¼ Street Lighting (Jan-Mar 20)	837.01
20	4897	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance – Bins (Mar 20)	105.60
21	4898	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance (Mar 20)	3195.51
22	4899	Viking	Stationery	206.50
23	4900	James Brady	Installation of benches & soldiers	270.00
24	4901	Brown & Co	¼ Year Rent – Pioneer Sports Field	625.00
25	4902	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	Accounts Software and Support	148.80
26	4903	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance – Bins (Apr 20)	132.00
27	4904	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance (Apr 20)	3054.00
28	4905	Barton Today	Grant	500.00
29-31	4906-4908	Salary Costs	Clerk/Tax/NI/Pension	2435.36
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#### 059/20 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
- WP/20/00231/FUL – proposed single storey side flat roof extension to form new garden store room, study & WC – 64 Doddington Rd
- WP/20/00243/FUL – single storey kitchen and lounge extension to the rear and detached annex to the side of the house – 10B Berry Close
- WP/20/00249/FUL – new wooden garden fence (182cm high) to be positioned on the property boundary adjacent to footpath – 85 Churchill Rd
- Following discussion, it was resolved to object and request application WP/20/00249/FUL is referred to the planning committee due to concerns over visibility/highway safety. No comments were required on the other application received.

#### 060/20 Finance & Projects

- (a) Audit 2019/20 – The Clerk presented the end of year accounts. Each point on Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 of the audit return was read out to the members for consideration. It was unanimously agreed that points 1-8 be approved as “yes” with point 9 being approved as “not applicable”. The Internal Auditors report was read out to the Parish Council and it was resolved to approve the recommendations. It was unanimously resolved to approve the end of year accounts and forward to the External Auditor.
- (b) Grant Request for Barton Today – it was confirmed that a request for a grant of £500.00 to cover printing of copies for the vulnerable in the village had been approved through delegated powers.
- (c) Grant Request for Barton Awards – members were told of plans to hold an event at the end of the Coronavirus outbreak. No financial support is being sought, but support with the organisation of the event. It was agreed that EBPC would help, in principle, further details will need to be provided once restrictions begin to be lifted.
- (d) EBIK Coronavirus Response Group – the Clerk reported on the work of the EBIK Coronavirus Response Group. It was agreed that the parish council would continue to support the group. Thanks were expressed to Mary Ayotte for all her hard work in the setting up and administration of the group.

#### 061/20 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – no crime figures or report were received.

#### 062/20 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development Update – it was reported that the planning application is still in the consultation phase. The Project Management Team are working with Richard Coulson to meet the requirements of the planner and deal with any issues raised during the planning process. It was resolved to accept a quote of £2000.00 for flood risk work related to the application. Letters will be sent to the principal councils and MP asking for support.

- (b) Pioneer Sports Field Update – applications for funding have been submitted to the Football Foundation and Mick George. Hanson have confirmed that the lease for the Pioneer will run for 10 years from the point of signing.

063/20 Aggate Way

It was confirmed that, as the land had originally been acquired through a compulsory purchase order, it is best practice to offer the land to the previous owner before proceeding with the transfer. Whilst a response is awaited, it was agreed that delegated powers be granted to the Clerk to acquire quotes from solicitors to carry out the conveyancing, with email approval required from a majority of members.

064/20 Local Government Reorganisation

The Clerk provided an update of the Local Government Reorganisation. The vesting day for the North Northamptonshire Unitary Council will be 1 April 2021, with elections held on 6 May 2021. In the meantime, all existing Borough, District and County Councillors covering the area will form a shadow council. It was resolved that delegated powers be granted to the Clerk to respond to any consultations received, following email approval from a majority of members.

065/20 Earls Barton Angling Club

Correspondence received from a member of the Angling Club over the loss of the lease for Hardwater Mill Waters. It was resolved that the Clerk contact the Angling Club committee to ask what support they would require from the parish council, and look into the matter further prior to the next meeting.

066/20 Northamptonshire County Council

- (a) Earls Barton Library – the solicitor is currently in communication with NCC over a break clause on the lease that we would like to be changed. Once this has been agreed, the lease can be signed.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8 June 2020 – 7.15pm

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

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