



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre  
on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Present: Cllrs J Bond, T Brennan, N Chapman, V Gould, C Lloyd-Staples, P Morrall, L Morrison, S Weller, C Wells.

058/23 Election of Chair

Following a vote, Cllr Morrall was elected as Chair and signed the Acceptance of Office.

059/23 Election of Vice Chair

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

060/23 Cllr Tim Brennan

Cllr Brennan was welcomed to Earls Barton Parish Council.

061/22 Election of Committees

The members of each committee were reviewed. It was resolved to elect the following committees with the changes agreed: Allotment Committee, Events Committee, Finance Committee, Grounds Maintenance Committee, Personnel Committee, Sand and Gravel Committee, Social/Housing/Planning Committee, Sports and Community Development Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Environment Sub-Committee, Youth Affairs Committee

062/23 Review of Policies

It was resolved to approve the following policies: Model Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, and the Code of Conduct for Members.

063/23 Review of Terms of Reference

It was resolved to approve the following Terms of Reference: Sports and Community Development Committee and Sports and Community Development Project Management Team (working party).

064/23 General Power of Competence

Following confirmation of eligibility, it was resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence.

065/23 Public Speaking Time

Members of the public attended to address the Parish Council on the planning appeal of application NW/22/00026/FUL and on agenda item 077/23(a).

066/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Broadhead, S Dodds, P Hadman and S Hiscock.

067/23 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

068/23 Minutes of the Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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

069/23 Accounts

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

	<b>Chq no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>£</b>
028	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	114.14

029	B/Transfer	Viking	Stationery	92.52
030	B/Transfer	Rialtas Business Solutions	Accounting Software	185.04
031	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Apr)	1233.00
032	300063	Skipton Building Society	Transfer to Sports Fund	40629.06
033	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Sports Dev – Container Hire	86.40
034	Sports Fund	Crawt Simpkins Partnership	Replacement of lost cheque	12540.00
035-037	B/Transfer/ 300064	Salary Costs	Clerk/Tax&NI/Pension	3261.55
038	B/Transfer	Npower	EB Library – utilities	225.22
039	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	278.61
040	B/Transfer	WeedWise Ltd	Grounds Maintenance (Apr)	2948.00

- (b) Income – it was resolved to approve the receipts received.
- (c) Internal Financial Checks – a report from the Chair of the Finance Committee confirming that checks have been carried out with no abnormalities to be reported.

#### 070/23 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:  
NW/23/00096/FUL and NW/23/00097/LBC – Tree Replacement Plan in support of application – Boundary Wall, Manor House Close. It  
Following discussion, it was resolved that Cllr Brennan attend the NNC Planning Committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May when these applications will be determined.
- (b) Planning Appeals Received:  
NW/22/00026/FUL – change of use of highway land to domestic curtilage including new hardstanding, means of enclosure and landscaping – 29 Streeton Way (Appeal Reference: APP/M2840/W/22/330682)  
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 to rear 142 to 150 Wellingborough Road – update.  
Following discussion, it was resolved that written representation be sent to the Planning Inspectorate relating to NW/22/00026/FUL. No further update has been received for the planning inquiry into NW/22/00730/OUT. The Clerk will attend and a decision on who will speak on behalf of EBPC will be made nearer the time.

#### 071/23 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – the Clerk advised that 18 crimes were reported in April 2023.
- (b) OPFCC Parish Councillors Meeting – the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 072/23 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development Update – it was resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to appoint a professional fundraiser following consultation with the members of the Sports & Community Development Committee. It was noted that planning is still outstanding.

#### 073/23 Climate Action

- (a) EBPC Climate Action Plan – the Plan was reviewed and the recommended changes will be made prior to adoption at the June meeting of EBPC.
- (b) Declaration of Climate Emergency – a discussion was held and a decision will be made at the June meeting of EBPC.

#### 074/23 Strategic Plan

- (a) Strategic Planning Committee – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May as a correct record.
- (b) EBPC Draft Strategic Plan – the draft plan was approved and will now be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee prior to public engagement being carried out.

#### 075/23 Celebration for 50 Years as a Preacher – Jonathan Thompson

It was resolved that Cllrs Morrall, Chapman and Morrison attend the event on 18<sup>th</sup> October with the Clerk.

#### 076/23 Earls Barton Youth Club

The Clerk provided an update confirming that the roles for Junior and Senior Youth Club Leaders are to be advertised.

#### 077/23 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Request for Traffic Regulation Order on Churchill Road – following discussion, it was resolved to support the application for double yellow lines on the bend just north of the school, subject to highways investigations.
- (b) Alley from Station Road to Blackwell Close/Saxon Rise – NNC Rights of Way officer to be asked to contact the property owner.

#### 078/23 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) Asset Mapping Project - it was noted that Barkers Canteen is not listed as an Asset of Community Value, as believed. It was resolved the Clerk apply for Barkers Canteen to be registered as an ACV.
- (b) Northants ACRE Parish Council Network Programme – details of the next sessions were noted.

#### 079/23 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllrs Lawman and Hallam. Cllr Scott Brown reported on the work of North Northants Council over the past year. It was noted that meetings of NNC are now live-streamed. The boundary review is yet to be finalised, but there will be no changes in Earls Barton ward. A balanced budget has been posted, but there is likely to be a deficit in future years. There have been several successful prosecutions for fly-tipping in the area. The CEO, Rob Bridge, is leaving and George Candler will become the interim CEO until a replacement is appointed. The Isham bypass has been backed by both NNC and central government. And NNC has been allocated £1.1m for a Rural England Prosperity Fund.
- (b) Regulation 18 North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Travellers Local Plan – the responses to the consultation were approved.
- (c) Earls Barton Primary School Public Consultation Event – the Clerk reported on the event.
- (d) Town and Parish Forums – the Clerk advised that she would attend the meeting on behalf of EBPC.

#### 080/23 For Information Only

- (a) Earls Barton Help Scheme – thank you letter for grant.

#### Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 7.15pm

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

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