



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 11th September 2023**

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

115/23 Public Speaking Time

Members of the public team attended to talk to the parish council about proposals for electric vehicle charging points on Churchill Road and the planning application for the expansion of EB Primary School.

116/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Wells.

117/23 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

118/23 Resignation of Cllr Stephen Hiscock

The resignation of Cllr Hiscock was received and accepted, and thanks were expressed to Cllr Hiscock. The Clerk will begin the process to advertise the vacancy.

119/23 Minutes of the Meeting of 10th July 2023

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

120/23 Review of Policies

Following a vote, it was resolved to approve the following policies: Model Publication Scheme, Pension Discretionary Policy and Social Media Policy.

121/23 Review of Terms of Reference

Following discussion and some minor amendments, it was resolved to approve the following Terms of Reference: Personnel Committee, Sand and Gravel Committee and Social/Housing/Planning Committee.

122/23 Accounts

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

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
074	B/Transfer	MSM Insurance	Soap Box Derby – insurance	1000.00
075	D/Debit	SSE	EB Library – utilities	237.44
076	B/Transfer	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit Fees 2022/23	756.00
077	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	236.27
078	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (Jul)	3056.00
079	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Jul)	1233.00
080	B/Transfer	North Northants Council	Bins (Apr-Jul)	1887.59
081	B/Transfer	Midland Tree Specialists	Treeworks	660.00
082	B/Transfer	E-on	Electricity – Pioneer	125.87
083	B/Transfer	Northants CALC	Councillor Training	57.60
084-086	B/Transfer/300067	Salary Costs	Clerk/Tax&NI/Pension	3150.39
087	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Sports Dev – Container Hire	90.72
088	B/Transfer	Greener Ground Care	Cemetery – ground levelling	94.00

089	B/Transfer	EasyPyro	Firework Event- Expenses	44.40
090	B/Transfer	N Chapman	Allotment – new padlock	16.58
091	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Aug)	1233.00
092	B/Transfer	Phoenix Fireworks	Fireworks	2929.45
093	B/Transfer	SLCC	Training – Practitioner Conference	411.00
094	B/Transfer	BHIB	EB Library – insurance	752.35
095	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (Aug)	3056.00
096	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	232.00
097	B/Transfer	Bonds Electrical	Carnival Electric & Defib Repairs	212.50
098	B/Transfer	Interdirect Ltd	Website – domain name	180.00
099	300068	SSE	Electricity – Chapel	100.83
100	300069	SSE	Electricity – Pioneer	255.43
101	B/Transfer	First Class Effect & Ent.	SBD – Foam Cannon	800.00
102	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Sports Dec – Container Hire	99.36
103	B/Transfer/300070	Salary Costs	Clerk/Tax&NI/Pension	3224.53

- (b) Income – it was resolved to approve the receipts received.
- (c) Internal Financial Checks – as the Chair of the Finance Committee has resigned, the Clerk presented an updated budget, including income and expenditure, to the council, which was approved.

123/23 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
- 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 (off Northampton Road)
- NW/23/00372/FUL – proposed single storey rear and part side extension, including removal of half of existing flat roof garage and single storey rear store – 39 Broad Street
- NW/23/00418/FUL – use the car park every Wednesday from 16:00 – 21:00 for ‘The Flavour Trailer’ burger truck – Farm Shop, Whites Nurseries, Aggate Way.
- NW/23/00462/PNT – proposed telecommunications installation: proposed 15 metre 5G telecoms installation: H3G street pole and additional equipment cabinets – STREET RECORD, Holdenby Lane.
- NW/23/00526/FUL – construction of a new teaching block comprising of 5 classrooms, relocation and enlargement of on site staff car parking provision, formation of new vehicular crossover to proposed car park from Churchill Road, removal of 2 mobile classrooms, minor alterations to existing KS1 and KS2 buildings to allow interface with new teaching block and associated landscaping and external works – Earls Barton Primary School, 1-5 Broad Street
- NW/23/00548/FUL – erection of a single storey triple garage – 29 Harrowick Lane.
- NW/23/00603/FUL – single storey front extension to create a new entrance porch, rear and side single storey extensions. Demolition of conservatory and detached shed – 2 Allebone Road.
- Following discussion, it was resolved to object to NW/23/00289/FUL due to its location outside the village boundary and the contravention to the EB Neighbourhood Plan, to support NW/23/00418/FUL and to object to NW/23/00462/PNT as it is too close to residential properties and on land on which a licence has been granted to EBPC for tree and wild flower planting. In addition, application NW/23/00526/FUL will be asked to consider the possibility of opening the parking for community events. No comments were required on the other applications received.
- (b) Campaign to opposed major warehouse development in North Northants – following discussion, it was resolved to support the campaign to opposed the proposed development located off the A510 between Finedon and the A14.

124/23 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – no crime figures were received for July or August.
- (b) NCALC Police Liaison Representative - the Clerk reported that the new Local Identified Priorities for Wellingborough area are burglary, drug dealing/misuse and road safety and road traffic offences.

125/23 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development Update – It was noted that planning permission has still not been granted. Cllr Morrall is to contact planning officers and Cllr Scott Brown will escalate to the NNC

Executive Member with responsibility for planning. The clerk will begin looking into the complaints procedure.

126/23 Finance

- (a) Audit 2022/23 – the report of the External Audit was received and approved. No issues have been identified. Audit has been passed with no issues being identified.
- (b) Annual Insurance Renewal – following discussion, it was resolved to renew with Clear (formerly BHIB) Insurance.
- (c) Website – following discussion, it was resolved to delegate powers to the Clerk to make a decision on website providers after receiving quotes and email consultation with parish councillors.
- (d) Tree Inspection – it was resolved to accept the quote received from Wilby Tree.
- (e) Allotment Asbestos Removal – following discussion, it was resolved to accept a quote from Greenerways to carry out asbestos removal works on the allotment. As this has not been budgeted for, the funds will be allocated from the projects budget.
- (f) Utility Aid – following discussion, it was resolved to delegate powers to the Clerk to make a decision on street lighting provider, following consultation with Cllr Dodds.

127/23 Committees

- (a) Events Committee - It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 24th August 2023 as a correct record.
- (b) Events Committee Recommendations – it was resolved to accept the recommendation that Rock Out on The Rec is held in August 2024, and that costings will be sought to be included in the budget for 2024/25.
- (c) Environment Sub-Committee – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 31st August as a correct record.
- (d) Environment Sub-Committee Recommendations – comments regarding the proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Churchill Road were noted. It was resolved to look into planning a horse chestnut tree on the Rec to replace that being lost at Manor House Flats. It was noted that EBPC are working with the Rotary to obtain tree packs for planting.
- (e) Aggate Way – following discussion, it was resolved to accept a quote from Countrywide Fencing to fence the area on Aggate Way.

128/23 Proposal for Electric Vehicle Charging Points on Churchill Road

Following discussion, it was resolved to object to the proposal. It will be made clear that EBPC are in favour of charging points, but that this is the wrong location. Complaints received about the consultation will also be raised with NNC and ward councillors copied in.

129/23 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Treework on the Rec – following discussion, it was resolved that advice be sought from the tree inspectors as to what action can be taken with regards trees that are getting close to and over people's properties, so that quotes can be sought for work to be carried out next financial year.
- (b) Sunnyside – it was noted that a road closure order has been issued for the closure of Sunnyside from 23rd October for up to three days.
- (c) Station Road Underpass – it was resolved to approach Highways England about making the underpass a graffiti-friendly zone.

130/23 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) SLCC Practitioners Conference – it was resolved to approve the Clerk's attendance.
- (b) NCALC AGM - it was resolved that the Clerk attend to represent EBPC along with Cllr Morrison if she is available.
- (c) Northamptonshire ACRE AGM - the Clerk will attend, if able to.

131/23 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – Apologies were received from Cllrs Lawman and Hallam. Cllr Scott Brown reported the following:
 - No schools in North Northants are identified as being affected by RAAC concrete.

- In the Annual Audit 2021/22, NNC have been given an amber rating which means there are no risks of significant weaknesses but recommendations have been made. A summary is available to view through the NNC website.
 - An NNC Pay Structure has been agreed, which should help with staff retention.
 - The consultation over the relocation of Wilby School to Glenvale continues.
 - School application are open for those starting/changing schools in 2024. The deadline for those entering year 7 is 31st October 2023 and the for those entering Reception year is 15th January 2024.
 - Community Grants are now available through NNC of up to £5000.00. The closing date is 2nd October.
- (b) Assets of Community Value – the Clerk advised that the renewal of the ACV on Earls Barton Library and Community Centre has been submitted.
- (c) Parking in Access Lanes in New Barton – following discussion, it was agreed that a leaflet drop in the area is considered before further action is considered.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9th October 2023 – 7.15pm

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

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