



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 11th March 2024**

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

029/24 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were in attendance.

030/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Morrison and Cllr C Wells.

031/24 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of interested were received.

032/24 Minutes of the Meeting of 12th February 2024

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

033/24 Accounts

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

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
219	D/Debit	SSE	EB Library – utilities	645.36
220	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Feb)	1233.00
221	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	252.16
222	B/Transfer	Society of Local Council Clerks	Training – Community Engagement	78.00
223	B/Transfer	Northants CALC	Cllr Training – Community Leadership	50.40
224	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Sports Dev – Container Hire	90.72
225	B/Transfer	Rutherfords	Projects – QGC Plaque	717.60
226	B/Transfer	Mineral Star Construction	Pioneer – Repairs	465.60
227	B/Transfer	Greener Ground Care	Grounds Maintenance	395.00
228	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	348.46
229	B/Transfer	Npower	Festive Lighting	52.44
230	B/Transfer	WeedWise Ltd	Grounds Maintenance (Feb)	3056.00
231	Sports Fund	EBPC	Transfer to General Reserves	3250.20
232- 235	B/Transfer/ 300082	Salary Costs	Clerk/EBYC Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	3512.67
236	B/Transfer	EB Building Company	Xmas Trees	594.00
237	B/Transfer	Mrs M Burrows	Reimbursement of Allotment Rent	15.00

(b) Income – it was resolved to approve the receipts for February 2024

(c) Internal Financial Controls – it was resolved to approve the updated budget, including income and expenditure, as presented by the Clerk.

034/24 Planning

(a) Planning Applications Received:

NW/24/00044/FUL – single storey side extension to detached garage, alterations to and conversion of same into annex for elderly person – 106 Station Rd

NW/24/00077/FUL – alterations and extensions including new roof and tiles, external insulated render, new front and rear dormers and replacement with flat roof single storey extension. New double garage and electric boundary gates – 53 Mears Ashby Road.

Following discussion, it was resolved that no comments were required on the applications received.

- (b) Green Hill Solar Farm – Cllrs Chapman, Lloyd-Staples and Smith and the Clerk reported on the meeting held with the developers on 5th March. It was resolved that the parish council accept an invitation to join a working group with other parish councils.
- (c) Planning Consultants – members of the public and press were excluded from the meeting during this agenda item under section 100A(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as this would result in the disclosure of exempt information as described in Sch 12A (Part1(1)) of the LGA 1972. Following discussion, it was resolved to agree to a meeting with the planning consultants.

035/24 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – no crime figures were received for February. Elections for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire will be held on 2nd May.

036/24 Sport, Community and Leisure Development

Planning permission has still not been determined. It was agreed that a letter of complaint be sent to the Chief Executive of North Northants Council.

037/24 Events Committee

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Events Committee – It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2024 as a correct record.
- (b) Carols on The Square – following discussion, it was resolved that the money raised through the collection at Carols on The Square be split equally between All Saints Church and the Methodist Church, to donate to a charity of their choice.
- (c) Martyn’s Law – following discussion, it was resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to respond to the consultation. The Clerk will also contact local organisations to make sure they are aware of the proposed legislation.

038/24 Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th May, from 6pm-8pm, at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre.

039/24 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) SLCC Expo – the Clerk’s attendance at the event on 12th June was approved.

040/24 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllrs Lawman and Hallam – Cllr Brown reported on the following:
 - Adele Wylie, the new Chief Executive of NNC, visited Earls Barton during a tour of the ward with the three ward councillors.
 - A meeting of the full council was held to approve the budget, which included an increase in council tax of 2.99% and an increase in the garden waste service which will increase to £45 per year.
 - It was noted that 83% of applicants received their first-choice placement for secondary school education.
 - The following grants are available through NNC; Rural Business Grant, Home Upgrade Grant, £20,000 for local community groups and Member Empowerment Fund. More information can be obtained on the NNC website.
 - Work is to be carried out on The Square to help prevent flooding around the junction with Station Road.
- (b) Local Transport Fund – NNC will be allocated £150m from 2025/26 over a period of seven years to make significant improvements to the local transport networks. Suggestions for improvements can be made via NNC ward councillors.

- (c) Rural Business Grants – funding of up to £50,000 is available. Further information can be obtained on the NNC website.
- (d) NNC Information Sessions with Kier Transport – sessions held in April and May at Swanspool House in Wellingborough will be attended by Cllrs Chapman, Dodds and the Clerk.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8th April 2024 – 7.15pm

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

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