



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre  
on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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

041/24 Public Speaking Time

A member of the public attended to speak to the NNC Ward Councillor about the condition of Grendon Road. Cllr Lawman agreed to look into the matter and report back.

042/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Lloyd-Staples and Cllr C Wells.

043/24 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of interested were received.

044/24 Minutes of the Meeting of 11th March 2024

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

045/24 Accounts

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

	<b>Chq no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>£</b>
238	B/Transfer	MB Tree Surgery	Removal of Tree – The Grange	1200.00
239	B/Transfer	V Rowlands	Refund of allot. fee – overpayment	10..00
001	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Consultancy Fees	1980.00
002	B/Transfer	J R Garden Solutions	Cemetery – pest control	75.00
003	B/Transfer	SSE	Electricity – Cemetery Chapel	163.52
004	B/Transfer	SSE	Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field	86.32
005	B/Transfer	Northants ACRE	Subscription – 2024/25	42.00
006	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (Mar)	3056.00
007	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Mar)	1233.00
008	B/Transfer	North Northants Council	Rates – Park Street Car Park	1109.47
009	B/Transfer	North Northants Council	Rates – EB Cemetery	1325.60
010	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Water – Cemetery	11.97
011	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Water – Pioneer Sports Field	156.22
012	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Water – Allotment	17.32
013	B/Transfer	Clock Close Allotments	Grant	3300.00
014	B/Transfer	EB Primary School PTA	Grant	1000.00
015	B/Transfer	EB Youth Club	Grant	2000.00
016	300083	The Help Scheme	Grant	300.00
017	B/Transfer	Saxon Pre School	Grant	2000.00
018	B/Transfer	Under the Tower Drama	Grant	500.00
019	B/Transfer	Magpas Air Ambulance	Grant	1000.00
020	B/Transfer	Rialtas Business Solutions	Professional Fees – accounting	230.40
021	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	219.87
022	B/Transfer	Northants CALC	Annual Subs/Int Audit/DPO	2666.71
023	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Apr)	2731.64
024	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	357.58

025	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire	Sports Dev – Container Hire	90.82
026	B/Transfer	Midland Tree Specialists	Treework	942.00
027	B/Transfer	James Brady	VAS Maintenance	195.00
028-031	B/Transfer	Salary Costs	Clerk/Registrar/EBYC Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	3755.15

- (b) Income – it was resolved to approve the receipts for March 2024
- (c) Internal Financial Controls – it was resolved to approve the updated budget, including income and expenditure, as presented by the Clerk.

#### 046/24 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
  - NW/24/00085/FUL – full planning permission: removal of existing timber profile windows and replace with white UPVC profile double glazed units. Replace door on rear elevation – 15 The Square.
  - NW/24/00112/LBC – Listed Building Consent: listed building consent for the addition of ensuite in a first-floor bedroom and an external soil pipe on the east elevation – 32 West Street.
 Following discussion, it was resolved that an objection should be made on NW/24/00085/FUL in line with the consultation response from Built Heritage. It was also resolved that no comments were required on the other application received.

#### 047/24 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – according to the police.uk website, 23 crimes were recorded in February. PC Foster will be bringing the Beat Bus to Earls Barton on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 2pm.

#### 048/24 Sport, Community and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Development – update – it was noted that, despite numerous letter and emails being sent to NNC, planning permission has still not been determined and there is now a danger that considerable funding could be lost as a result. Cllr Lawman agreed to try and get a meeting organised with the CEO and Leader of North Northants Council. If a satisfactory outcome has not been reached by 10<sup>th</sup> April, further action will be taken. It was also agreed that the Terms of Stewardship for The Grange be signed.
- (b) Storage Container – it was resolved that, rather than hiring and additional storage container for The Grange, two previously used containers will be purchased and the current hired container will be returned.

#### 049/24 Finance

- (a) Review of utilities supplier – it was resolved to delegate this matter to the Clerk, with consultation with Cllr Dodds.
- (b) Earls Barton Cemetery – it was resolved to accept a quote from Greener Grave Care to carry out litter picking and general tidies of the cemetery.

#### 050/24 Churchyard and Mound Investigations

It was resolved to agree a request to carry out non-invasive investigative work on the mound.

#### 051/24 Park and Ride Enquiry

Following discussion, it was agreed that a park and ride scheme is not currently viable in Earls Barton, due to the lack of parking on the outskirts of the village and the current regular bus services that run through the village centre.

#### 052/24 Events Committee

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Events Committee – It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 as a correct record, and to approve the recommendation to form a working party to start organising Rock Out on the Rec.
- (b) Christmas Lights Trail – it was resolved to approve the proposal by Cllr Smith to create a Christmas Lights Trail. This matter was delegated to the Events Committee to organise.

#### 053/24 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Dog Bin, Mill Lane – following a request for a larger dog bin at Mill Lane, it was resolved to purchase a bigger bin for Mill Lane and, should a key be sourced for the existing bin, that will be moved to the alley from Fairhurst Way to Doddington Road. If a key is not sourced, and additional standard sized bin will be purchased for the alley.

#### 054/24 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllr Brown – Cllr Lawman reported on the following:
- £5m fund for cultural projects has been announced.
  - Consultation on the Kettering Energy Park is ongoing.
  - There is a delay in issuing garden waste stickers for 24/25. Collections will still be made if the renewal and payment has been submitted to NNC.
  - The Annual Meeting of NNC will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
- (b) On-Street Charging Points – following discussion, it was agreed that the option of 2 bays both dedicated to electric vehicles would be the best of the two options put forward by NNC. However, our preferred option would be one bay dedicated to electric vehicles with the other EVCP being located elsewhere in the village.

#### Date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – 7.15pm

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

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