



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 10th June 2024**

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

074/24 Public Speaking Time

A member of the public addressed the parish council on the proposed Green Hill Solar farm.

075/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Brennan and L Morrison.

076/24 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

077/24 Minutes of the Meeting of 13th May 2024

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

078/24 Review of Policies

Following a vote, it was resolved to approve the following policies: Accessibility Statement, Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Complaints Procedure and Disciplinary Policy.

079/24 Review of Terms of Reference

Following an amendment to change the frequency of allotment inspections to quarterly on the Allotment Committee ToR, it was resolved to approve the following Terms of Reference: Allotment Committee and Events Committee.

080/24 Accounts

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

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
052	300085	EB Sport & Community Trust	Sports Development Contribution	25000.00
053	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	105.09
054	B/Transfer	Greener Grave Care	Grave Levelling	70.00
055	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (May)	3100.00
056	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Bins (Apr/May)	1300.00
057	B/Transfer	James Brady	Repairs – bench on The Square	600.00
058	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	2.80
059	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	253.83
060-063	B/Transfer	Salary Costs	Clerk/EBYC Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	3550.17

(b) Income – it was resolved to approve the receipts received.

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

081/24 Planning

(a) Planning Applications Received:

NW/24/00270/FUL – Full Planning Permission: single storey side extensions – 10 Park Street.

Following discussion, it was resolved that no comment was required on the application received.

082/24 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – figures provided by Northants Police confirmed that 15 crimes were reported in February, 10 in March, 16 in April and 19 in May.

083/24 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development Update – The clerk advised that the planning conditions are being worked through. A positive meeting has been held with a Football Foundation and the funding application will be considered by the board in July. Thanks was expressed to all of the member of the Project Management Team, especially those involved in submitting the funding application to the FF.
- (b) PWLB Loan – following discussion and a review of the options, it was resolved to apply for a £200,000.00 over an 11 year repayment period. No further increase in the precept will be required to meet the repayments.

084/24 EB Library and Community Centre

- (a) Review of Gas Supplier – as the required information for renewal had not been received, it was resolved to delegate this matter to the clerk, who will liaise with Cllr Dodds.
- (b) EBPS Extension Project – following discussion, it was resolved to grant permission for National Grid to route the new power supply through the library car park, subject to conditions agreed with the library and EBPC.

085/24 Campaign to Improve Safety of Lithium Batteries

Following discussion, it was agreed that EBPC would support the campaign. Further details of safety measures will be provided for an article in Barton Today.

086/24 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) EBPC Sports Day – it was resolved to approve a request from EBPS to use the recreation field on Wednesday 3rd July for their school sports day.

087/24 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) Local Council Clerk Week – the national week (10th-14th June) to highlight the work of town and parish council clerks was noted.

088/24 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – Apologies were received from Cllrs Lawman and Hallam. Cllr Scott Brown reported on the NNC Annual Meeting, £3.8m received from central government to help the authority to meet carbon neutral targets, 'no mow May' and the continued mowing strategy and Carer's Week. In addition, the following points were noted:
 - there are delays in garden waste subscriber stickers being issued and that discussions are ongoing regarding the removal of garden waste bins for households in New Barton who are not part of the scheme.
 - There has been an increase in activity around the repairing of potholes. Some roads in our area are also being resurfaced.
 - Residents are reminded that time is running out to register to vote in the General Election and that photo id will be required on polling day in order to vote.
 - Grants are available for cultural projects (up to £500,000) and a Community Support Fund (£25,000).
 - A walking group for men has been started. The group meets at 10am every Saturday morning outside the café at Sywell Country Park. All men welcome.
 - Concerns have been raised relating to anti-social behaviour in the public right of way off Keats Close.

Cllr Brown was asked to report back on the renewals for the garden waste subscription service, where concerns had been previously raised over the renewal period, on a request to resurface Grendon Road, and on whether temporary repairs could be made to potholes on the route for Earls Barton Carnival to prevent injury.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8th July 2024 – 7.15pm

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

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