



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 10th February 2025**

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

015/25 Public Speaking Time

The path warden attended to address the members regarding highway issues and MP surgeries.

016/25 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

017/25 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of interested were received.

018/25 Minutes of the Meeting of 13th January 2025

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

019/25 Accounts

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

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
214	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	EB Library – utilities	301.78
215	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field	78.65
216	B/Transfer	Midland Tree Specialists	Treework	1314.00
217	B/Transfer	Midland Tree Specialists	Allotment – treework	240.00
218	B/Transfer	TDP Limited	Cemetery – memorial bench	478.01
219	B/Transfer	Midland Tree Specialists	Treework	1218.00
220	B/Transfer	Greener Grave Care	Cemetery – grave levelling	300.00
221	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Feb)	3381.65
222	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (Jan)	3100.00
223	B/Transfer	Viking Office UK Ltd	Stationery	140.14
224	B/Transfer	North Northants Council	Rec – renewal of licence	70.00
225	B/Transfer	All Saints Church	Church Floodlighting	1278.07
226	300088	EBPC – Skipton B/Society	Transfer to Sports Fund	4633.56
227	Sports Fund	Drage Electrics Ltd	Sports Dev – Electrical Data Logging	686.40
228	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	32.55
229	B/Transfer	North Northants Council	Planning Fee	272.58
230	B/Transfer	Greener Grave Care	Grounds Maintenance	350.00
231-233	B/Transfer	Salary Costs	Clerk/Tax&NI/Pension	3586.81

(b) Income – income received in January was noted and approved.

(c) Internal Financial Checks – the Chair of the Finance Committee reported that all internal checks had been carried out and that there are no discrepancies or concerns to report.

020/25 Planning

(a) Planning Applications Received:

NW/24/00730/FUL – demolition of existing external first-floor terrace, raised external ground floor, front porch and external store areas. To be replaced with a new single-storey extension with a replacement first-floor terrace along with internal re-configurations – 1 Sunnyside

NW/24/00736/FUL – two-storey front extension with 1 no window and 2 no dormer windows to front elevation including internal alterations. Two-storey side extension including internal alterations and single-storey rear extension with roof lantern – 22 New Street.

NW/25/00016/FUL – proposed single-storey flat roof rear extension and pitched roof single-storey side extension. Demolition of rear conservatory and store and side porch – 1 Mount Pleasant.

NW/25/00022/FUL – demolition of rear conservatory, single storey garage, passageway and store and double garage. Wraparound single storey side and rear and two storey side extension – 25 Mears Ashby Road.

Following discussion, it was resolved that no comments were required.

- (b) Green Hill Solar Farm – following discussion, it was resolved to re-open the community survey following an amendment to remove ‘other comments’ from the survey, to run until a response is required to the planning application.

021/25 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – it was advised that 13 crimes were reported in January.

022/25 Sports and Leisure Development

Due to delays relating to the discharge of planning conditions, the start date has been rearranged.

Negotiations continue with DWH regarding outstanding issues relating to the sports field.

023/25 Finance

- (a) Skipton Building Society Sports Fund – consideration was given to moving the sports fund from Skipton Building Society to Unity Trust. It was agreed that, before a decision is made, the Clerk investigate alternative instant access high interest accounts and report back at March’s meeting.
- (b) EB Cricket Club Request for Funding - it was resolved to approve the request for funding for 2024/25 to cover the cost of the servicing of the mower and fuel costs. EBCC will be asked to advise what the costs for maintenance in 2025/26 will be without fuel and will then be asked to apply for grant funding through the grant funding programme from 2026/27 onwards.

024/25 Election 2025

The following information was noted:

- Nomination open – Friday 7th March
- Nominations close – 4pm Wednesday 2nd April
- Nomination papers can be downloaded from Electoral Commission website and must be delivered, by appointment, to the NNC offices in Kettering during the dates stated above.
- Elections will be held on Thursday 1st May.

The Clerk will provide additional information as it becomes available.

025/25 Committees

- (a) Events Committee – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 23rd January 2025 as a correct record.
- (b) Allotment Committee – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 27th January 2025 as a correct record.

026/25 Christmas Market

CLlr Hadman advised that the Christmas Market 2025 would take place on Sunday 30th November.

027/25 Making Earls Barton a Fair-Trade Village

It was agreed that this item be deferred to March’s meeting to allow a representative to address the members.

028/25 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Station Road (south of River Nene) – it was agreed that the Clerk was for a copy of the report into the coring work before responding.

- (b) Flooding of footpath on Main Road – it was resolved that the Clerk liaise with Cllr Brown and to write to NNC Highways regarding the state of the footpath and asking that work is carried out to rectify the problem.
- (c) Footpath between Dowthorpe End and Sheffield Way – concerns were raised over the lack of lighting in the alley. It was resolved that the Clerk write to NNC requesting that a light is installed.
- (d) High Street – it was noted that High Street will be closed from 24th February to 7th March for Anglian Water to carry out sewer repair works.

029/25 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE

- (a) Standards and Conduct Framework – it was agreed that the Clerk respond to the consultation.

030/25 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllrs Lawman and Hallam. No report was received.
- (b) Strategic Town and Parish Forum – it was agreed that the Cllr Morrison would attend with the Clerk.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10th March 2025 – 7.15pm

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

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