



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 14th July 2025**

Present: Cllr V Gould (Chair), J Bond, G Broadhead, T Brennan, N Chapman, S Charouneau, C Lloyd-Staples, L Morrison, S Olloman, D Smith, C Wood.

110/25 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were in attendance.

111/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Dodds and C Wells.

112/25 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

113/25 Approval of Minutes

- (a) It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 9th June 2025 as a correct record.
- (b) It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of 23rd June 2025 as a correct record.

114/25 Review of Policies

Following discussion and an amendment to the Grant Funding Policy it was resolved to approve the following policies: Equal Opportunities and Racial Harassment Policy, General Statement of Safety Policy, Grant Funding Policy and Grievance Policy.

115/25 Review of Terms of Reference

It was resolved to approve the following Terms of Reference: Finance Committee and Grounds Maintenance Committee.

116/25 Accounts

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

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
067	B/Transfer	Wellers Law Group	Sports Dev – legal undertaking for FF	6600.00
068	B/Transfer	Alan Riordan	Projects – Allotment Clearance	2650.00
069	B/Transfer	SLCC	Training – National Conference	585.60
070	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	31.50
071	B/Transfer	James Brady	VAS Maintenance	195.00
072	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field	78.77
073	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	EB Library – utilities	218.62
074	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Jul)	3424.85
075	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (Jun)	3100.00
076	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Water – Pioneer Sports Field	19.26
077	B/Transfer	Greener Grave Care	Cemetery – Grave Levelling	245.00
078	B/Transfer	Mr A T Taylor	Projects – QGC Plinth	1075.00
079	B/Transfer	Brown & Co	Pioneer – ½ Year Rent	625.00
080	B/Transfer	JDEcology	Sports Dev – Bat Survey update	3000.00
081	B/Transfer	Central Beds Council	Sports Dev – Archaeology	10184.40
082	Int Transfer	EBPC	Transfer from sports fund to current	17587.00

083	Int Transfer	EBPC	Transfer to new sports fund	100000.00
084-087	B/Transfer	Salary Costs	Clerk/Registrar/EBYC Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	4304.63

- (b) Income – it was resolved to approve the receipts received for June 2025.
- (c) Internal Financial Checks – it was resolved to accept the report from the Chair of the Finance Committee who has carried out the internal financial checks and found all in order.

117/25 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
NW/25/00307/FUL – first floor extension over existing single storey section of dwelling – 50 Station Road.
Following discussion, it was resolved that no comment was required on the application received.
- (b) Green Hill Solar Farm – it was resolved that EBPC send a member to the Stop Green Hill Solar Group meetings where someone is available.
- (c) Manor House Flats Tree Planting – it was noted that, although EBPC requested replacement planting for the trees that were removed behind the main section of wall during reconstruction, EBPC has been advised that this was never a planning condition. The Clerk will establish whether this is the case and will write to Greatwell Homes asking them to consider a replacement planting scheme.

118/25 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – the crime figures show that 16 crimes were report in June 2025.

119/25 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development Update – construction of the 3G pitch, access road and car park is progressing well. An updated cost for the new pavilion has been received from the preferred contractor, and shows an increase. Talks are now underway to look for where savings can be made. The Clerk will contact NNC over delays in the validation process on this latest submission for discharge of planning conditions.

120/25 Finance

- (a) Christmas Tree – it was confirmed that Wilby Tree have again offered to provide a Christmas Tree for 2025.
- (b) PC Laptop – it was resolved to authorise the purchase of a new parish council laptop up to a budget of £1000.00.

121/25 Heritage Plaques

It was resolved to support a proposal by Earls Barton Museum to place heritage plaques on buildings of significance around Earls Barton. Cllr Charouneau will attend a meeting with EB Museum.

122/25 National Grid Consultation

It was resolved that the Green Hill Solar Farm Working Party agree a response to the consultation.

123/25 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Station Road/Grendon Road – NNC advised that repair works on the bridges will be carried out in February 2026, with surface dressing expected to be carried out in Summer 2026.
- (b) Posts and Rails in Village Centre - it was agreed that the Clerk look into the cost and any restrictions and report back to the September meeting.
- (c) Village Notice Board - it was resolved that the Clerk obtain quotes for consideration at the September meeting.
- (d) Notice of Road Closure on Victoria Street – a notice to close the road for three days from 18th August was noted.

124/25 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllrs Brown and Jessop. No report was received.
- (b) Artisan Market – this item was deferred to the September meeting at the request for Cllr Jessop.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8th September 2025 – 7.15pm

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

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