



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

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

167/25 Public Speaking Time

Member of the public attended to discuss vegetation overhanging footpaths in West Street and Aggate Way, and the reforming of the Barton Wombles.

168/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Broadhead, C Lloyd-Staples and C Wells.

169/25 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

170/25 Approval of Minutes

- (a) It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 13th October 2025 as a correct record.
- (b) It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of 3rd November 2025 as a correct record.

171/25 Accounts

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

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
168	B/Transfer	E Lee & Sons	SBD – volunteer refreshments	165.00
169	B/Transfer	Viking	Stationery	113.33
170	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting (Sept)	502.68
171	B/Transfer	Npower	Late payment charges	120.00
172	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Sports Dev – sewer connection	508.00
173	B/Transfer	Tarkett Sports	Sports Dev – 3G pitch	331290.29
174	B/Transfer	Brown & Co	Pioneer – ½ Year Rent	625.00
175	B/Transfer	Parish Online	Website Services	378.00
176	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Nov)	3424.85
177	B/Transfer	Insite	SBD – toilets	216.00
178	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (Oct)	3100.00
179	B/Transfer	Sports Ground Development Ltd	Sports Dev – stand balance	28228.20
180	B/Transfer	Mineral Star Construction Ltd	Sports Dev – structural engineer	432.00
181	B/Transfer	St John Ambulance	Fireworks – first aid	205.92
182	B/Transfer	Black Box	Firework – PA	100.00
183	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	Electricity – Chapel	21.07
184	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field	80.27
185	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	EB Library – utilities	254.57
186	300093	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Sunday Wreath	30.00
187	B/Transfer	N Chapman	Firework – expenses	26.15
188	B/Transfer	G Mills	SBD – expenses	52.19
189	B/Transfer	EBPC	T/F to Unity Sport Fund	100000.00
190	B/Transfer	Trendgrey Construction Ltd	Sports Dev – new pavilion	49020.00

191-194	B/Transfer	Salary Costs	Clerk/EBYC Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	4041.42
195	B/Transfer	Rialtas Business Solutions	Professional Fees – accounts	42.00

- (b) Income – it was resolved to approve the receipts received for October 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.
- (d) ½ Year Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved to approve the Bank Reconciliation to 30th September 2025.

172/25 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
NW/25/00443/OUT – outline planning application for a detached 4-bedroom dwelling on existing side garden land, demolition of part of a front boundary wall and balustrades, a new vehicular access and hardstanding off Northampton Road (access to be determined as part of the application) – 56 Northampton Road.
25/00974/HFUL – single storey side and rear extension and raised patio – 131 Dowthorpe Hill.
Following discussion, it was resolved that concern would be raised over the loss of trees and the balustrades on application NW/25/00443/OUT, whilst no comments were required on the other application received.
- (b) Green Hill Solar Farm – Cllr Wood update on the examination which began with a Preliminary Meeting on the 21st October. Three examiners have been appointed and site visits have commenced. A further meeting with NNC will be held on 3rd December. Stop Green Hill Solar have appointed KC and are looking for ideas to fundraise for this.
- (c) Neighbourhood Plan Review – the Clerk advised that all responses to the Neighbourhood Plan Review Survey have now been input. The response to the request for minor modifications from the last review has been delayed. A meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be organised.

173/25 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – the crime figures show that 8 crimes were report in October 2025.

174/25 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development Update – the first progress meeting has been held with the contractors of the new pavilion. Whilst they are currently around 1 week behind on works, they are hopeful that this can be made up before the Christmas break.

175/25 Annual Parish Meeting 2026

It was agreed that a working party be formed to arrange the APM. This will consist of Cllrs Chapman, Charouneau, Morrison and Olloman, as well as the Clerk.

176/25 Meeting Dates 2026

It was resolved to approved the meeting dates presented. In addition, the Clerk will also look into scheduling Committee meetings for 2026.

177/25 Allotment Committee

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 3rd November 2025 as a correct record.

178/25 Christmas Lighting

- (a) Lighting on The Square – the retailers’ trees are due to be erected on 21st November. The tree on The Square will be delivered to be decorated on Saturday 29th November.
- (b) Future Plans for Christmas Lighting – following discussion, it was agreed that the work involved in lighting the trees in the village centre is too involved to get it completed for this year. Cllr Smith will investigate the best way to light the trees for future years.
- (c) Christmas Lights Trail – Cllr Smith reported that there are currently 46 properties signed up to take part in the Christmas Lights Trail, with many of the retailers involved this year.

179/25 St John Ambulance

The Clerk reported that the PWLB application has been submitted. As of 5th November, no other offers had been received for the building.

180/25 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) 20mph Advisory Signs – following a request regarding positioning of 20mph advisory signs, it was agreed that a list of sights would be considered once the signs are received.
- (b) Lighting on the Piece – as a further quote had not been received in time for the meeting, it was resolved to give delegated powers to the Clerk to engage a contractor following consultation with the Finance Committee.
- (c) Yarn Bombing Xmas Banner – it was agreed that EBPC would not object to the banner being displayed on the railings in the village centre.

181/25 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) SLCC Practitioners Conference – it was resolved that the Clerk attend the conference.
- (b) Introduction to North Northamptonshire BIG50 Vision – the Clerk spoke about the vision and encouraged all councillors to attend one of the online introductory meetings.

182/25 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllr Jessop. Cllr Brown reported the following:
 - Corporate Plan 2025-2029 – the draft plan has received support during its consultation. Final tweaks will now be considered prior to the document being adopted in December.
 - Health and Social Care – a new “Models of Care” pilot is being introduced, an initiative to shift health services towards prevention and community-based support. Broad Street surgery in EB will be one of the pilot sites when the initiative begins in April 2026.
 - Avian Flu – confirmed cases have been detected locally. There are no immediate risks to Earls Barton but bird owners are asked to remain vigilant and to check for regular updates on the NNC website.
 - Ecton Household Waste & Recycling Centre – no agreement has been reached to allow residents who live within NNC to use the recycling centre at Ecton. Discussion with officers and leadership teams within NNC and WNC are ongoing.
 - Consultations:
 - Proposed Housing Allocation Scheme – open until 3rd December.
 - Proposed School Admission Arrangements.
 - Grants Available:
 - Community Grant Funding - up to £5000 to improve the quality of life for residents.
 - Ward Empowerment Fund – small grants available to apply to from your Councillors.
- (b) Artisan Market – as there was no further update, it was resolved to remove this item from the agenda until contact is received from officers at NNC.
- (c) Urban Highway Grass Cutting 2026/27 – it was resolved to continue with the agreement between NNC And EBPC.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8th December 2025 – 7.15pm

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

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