



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 8th December 2025**

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

183/25 Public Speaking Time

Members of the public attended to discuss the community survey results relating to the St John Ambulance building, and to raise concerns over proposed development in and around Earls Barton.

184/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Broadhead.

185/25 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

186/25 Approval of Minutes

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 10th November 2025 as a correct record.

187/25 Accounts

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

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
196	B/Transfer	Safety Signs 4 Less	Road Closure Signs	184.32
197	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting (Oct)	693.91
198	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	32.55
199	300094	F C & C C Elderton	SBD – bales	720.00
200	B/Transfer	SLCC	Training – Practitioners Conference	520.00
201	B/Transfer	Tarkett Sports	Sports Dev – 3G Pitch	10100.47
202	B/Transfer	Greener Grave Care	Grounds Maintenance	1750.00
203	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	31.50
204	B/Transfer	E-on	Street Lamp Repairs	73.80
205	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (Nov)	3100.00
206	300095	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	52.00
207	B/Transfer	Park Landscapes Ltd	Allotment – hedgecutting	300.00
208	B/Transfer	EBPC	Int Transfer to Unity Current	100000.00
209	B/Transfer	EBPC	Int Transfer to Unity Sport Fund	319564.58
210- 213	B/Transfer	Salary Costs	Clerk/EBYC Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	4031.25
214	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting (Nov)	747.66
215	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Dec)	3424.85

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

188/25 Planning (The Chair took this agenda item at the start of the meeting, after agenda item 186/25)

(a) Planning Applications Received:

NW/25/00414/FUL – construction of rural retail pods and associated works including new car parking, formalisation of existing car parking, hard and soft landscape works, biodiversity enhancement and surface water drainage – Farm Shop, Whites Nurseries, Aggate Way.

25/01200/LBC – Listed Building Consent: external repairs to roof and replacement of dormer windows – 40 The Square.

25/01281/FUL – Insertion of rooflights and solar panels, construction of pergola and new garden wall – 9 High Street.

25/01296/FUL – proposed retaining wall and railing to create additional terrace seating area and improved access – 29 The Square.

25/01410/HFUL – single storey rear extension, single storey side extension for storage and conversion of garage to habitable use – 3 Mills Close.

25/01533/TCA – Tree Notification of Works in a CA: T1/T2; *Pittosporum Tenuifolium* – crown thin by 20%. Crown reduction of 3/4m – 33 West Street.

25/01682/OUT - outline planning application for the erection of up to 250 residential dwellings (use Class C3) including affordable housing, over-55s/extra care accommodation, public open space, means of vehicular access into the site (not internal roads) and associated infrastructure, with all other matters (relating to appearance, landscaping, scale and layout) reserved – land between Station Road and Northampton Road, Station Road, Earls Barton.

Following discussion, it was resolved to:

- Support application NW/25/00414/FUL
- Object to 25/01296/FUL on the basis of loss of amenity to neighbouring properties.
- Object to 25/01682/OUT on numerous planning grounds, including that it is in direct contradiction to the policies of the Earls Barton Neighbourhood Plan. It was resolved that James Wilson Associates be asked to respond to the consultation on behalf of EBPC.

It was also noted that the consultation on application NW/25/00367/OUT (outline planning application (with all matters reserved) for up to 250 dwellings), has re-opened and will remain open until 27th December.

No comments were required on the other applications received.

- (b) Green Hill Solar Farm – Cllr Wood updated on the upcoming hearing and site visits. A formal request has been received from Stop Green Hill Solar for financial support. It was agreed that the Clerk work with Cllr Wood on a motion to be raised at the January meeting.
- (c) Neighbourhood Plan Review – EBPC continues to work with NNC and our planning consultant to put through the minor amendments on the plan. The closing date for the digital Neighbourhood Plan Review Survey has been set as 31st December 2025. A meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be held in January 2026.
- (d) Earls Meadow Pre-Application Consultation – it was resolved that the Clerk respond to the consultation requesting a full public meeting for the people of Earls Barton.

189/25 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – the crime figures show that 23 crimes were report in November 2025.
- (b) Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Consultation – following discussion, it was agreed that no response is required to the consultation.

190/25 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development Update – a further progress meeting has been held with the contractors. Block and beam work is ongoing and they hope to be on schedule by the Christmas break. The contractor has been asked to put measure in place to help reduce the electrical costs to the Trust. It was also confirmed that a grant from NNC has been secured for solar panels.

191/25 Environment Strategy Sub-Committee

It was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 24th November 2025 as a correct record.

192/25 Finance

- (a) Lighting on the Piece – it was resolved to accept quote to replace the lighting heads.
- (b) Village Sign – deferred to January as awaiting a further quote.
- (c) Future Plans for Christmas Lighting – deferred to January.

- (d) Pension Fund – the Clerk provided details of the pension fund and the reduction of contributions from 1st April 2026.

193/25 St John Ambulance

The Clerk reported that the PWLB loan has been approved. Heads of Terms are being negotiated with SJA. It was resolved to appoint Wellers to handle the conveyancing on behalf of EBPC.

194/25 Carnival Committee

A request from Earls Barton Carnival Committee to become independent from EBPC was discussed and it was resolved that the Carnival Committee should continue to operate under the umbrella of EBPC.

195/25 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Road Closure on Doddington Road – closure between 9am and 3.30pm on 20th January 2026 to carry out overhead cabling work was noted.

196/25 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllr Jessop. Cllr Brown reported that budget scrutiny is currently being carried out. Other than a live consultation relating to school term times, there is nothing further to report.
- (b) The Poplars, West Street – no enforcement action can be taken until an Empty Homes Strategy is adopted by NNC in Spring of 2026.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th January 2026 – 7.15pm

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

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