



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 9th February 2026**

Present: Cllrs V Gould (Chair), J Bond, G Broadhead, S Charouneau, C Lloyd-Staples, S Olloman, D Smith, C Wells, C Wood.

017/26 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were in attendance.

018/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Brennan, Chapman, Dodds and Morrison.

019/26 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of interested were received.

020/26 Minutes of the Meeting of 12th January 2026

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

021/26 Accounts

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

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£	
	236	B/Transfer	Midland Counties Fencing	Sport Dev – reissued invoice	17456.40
	249	Int Transfer	EBPC	Closure of Skipton Sports Fund	82778.65
	250	B/Transfer	Trendgrey Construction Ltd	Sports Dev – pavilion construction	58596.00
	251	B/Transfer	JBL Services	VAS Maintenance	195.00
	252	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grit bins – refill	173.81
	253	B/Transfer	Seagrave Inspection Serv.	Playground Inspection	252.00
	254	B/Transfer	Stop Green Hill Solar	Donation	1000.00
	255	B/Transfer	Tarkett Sports	Sports Dev – 3G pitch	34394.84
	256	B/Transfer	Viking	Stationery	103.15
	257	B/Transfer	J R Garden Solution	Allotment – pest control	80.00
	258	B/Transfer	Weedwise	Grounds Maintenance (Jan)	3100.00
	259	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Feb)	3424.85
	260	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	32.55
	261	B/Transfer	Northants ACRE	Subscriptions – annual membership	42.00
	262	B/Transfer	Wayman Architects	Sports Dev – professional fees	2544.00
	263	B/Transfer	James Peel Consulting	Sports Dev – professional fees	900.00
	264	B/Transfer	Northants CALC	Training	42.00
	265	B/Transfer	Pathfinder Lega Services	Legal – NNC Pocket Park	1254.00
	266	Int Transfer	EBPC	T/F from Current to Unity Sport Fund	17322.41
	267-270	B/Transfer	Salary Costs	Clerk/EBYC Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	4073.45
	271	B/Transfer	Trendgrey Construction Ltd	Sports Dev – pavilion construction	47424.00
	272	Int Transfer	EBPC	T/F from Sport Fund to Current a/c	39520.00

(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.

022/26 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
- 25/01610/FUL – Full Planning Permission: conversion of outbuilding to ancillary dining room – Public House, 25 High Street.
 - 25/01611/LBC – Listed Building Consent: conversion of outbuilding to ancillary dining room – Public House, 25 High Street.
 - 25/01625/HFUL – Householder Planning Permission: proposed two storey side extension and external alterations including 2 velux roof lights in the front elevation of the existing roof. Demolition of side store, workshop and conservatory – 22 New Street.
 - 25/01727/LBC – Listed Building Consent: listed building consent to fit new slimline double glazed timber windows – 31 West Street.
 - 25/02043/FUL – Full Planning Permission: installation of a Nitrogen Storage Tank – 12 Baron Avenue.
 - 26/00017/HFUL – Householder Planning Permission: first floor side extension over existing ground floor extension with internal alterations and external window alterations – 49 Churchill Road.
- Following discussion, it was resolved to support application 25/01610/FUL and that no comments were required on the other applications received.
- (b) Green Hill Solar Farm – Cllr Wood reported on the petition that has been delivered to Downing Street by the Stop Green Hill Solar. It was resolved for the parish council to be included in a group letter to the Planning Examiner.
- (c) Neighbourhood Plan Review – A meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will take place on Monday 16th February. Following some minor amendments, it was resolved to approve the Terms of Reference for the group.

023/26 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – it was advised that 18 crimes were reported in January.

024/26 Sports and Leisure Development

The programme is a little behind schedule but will be monitored and mitigation put into place if necessary. The Project Management Team recommended that the parish council consider creating a vision document to guide future section 106 contributions and other funding. It was resolved that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group take on this task.

025/26 St John Ambulance

It was noted that the searches are currently being carried out by the solicitors.

026/26 EB Carnival Committee

A meeting has been held with the remaining members of the Carnival Committee. It was agreed that the Carnival and Rock Out on the Rec be combined and that the EBPC Events Committee work with the Carnival Committee to organise this year's event.

027/26 EB Cemetery

A request to remove the trees in the Garden of Rest due to bird droppings was noted. Following discussion, it was agreed that the trees should not be removed.

028/26 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Request for Lighting on The Knoll – the request was noted and will be considered in the budget for 2027/28.

015/26 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllrs Brown. Cllr Jessop reported on the following:
- NNC's budget for 26/27 will be considered at the meeting of the full council on 19th February. It is likely to agree a total increase in council tax of 4.99% (2.99% for 'core' council tax and 2% for the Adult Social Care precept).
 - Food waste recycling will be rolled out in the Wellingborough area in Summer 2026.
 - NNC Highways received a red rating under the government's new road maintenance ratings. All defects should be reported on the Highways Online Reporting Tool (HORT) on the NNC Website rather than through Fix My Street.

- Planning service databases have now all been consolidated onto one system on the NNC website.
 - Local Plan – the Plan will now be submitted late 2027/early 2028 instead of December 2026 as originally planned. To deal with the risk of speculative developments, an Interim Housing Statement will be prepared.
 - A Landlords Forum will be held on Monday 23rd March at Corby Cube offering advice, updates and guidance on the Renters Rights Act.
 - A consultation on the Empty Properties Strategy ends on 1st March.
- (b) Bus Shelter Doddington Road – this has been referred to the Developers Contributions Board and NNC are awaiting a response.
- (c) Community Governance Review – following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk respond to the consultation stating that EBPC does not feel that any changes are required at present.
- (d) Notification of New Traffic Regulation Orders – the order to install double yellow lines on Churchill Road from the turning head outside number 18 to the western boundary with number 24 was noted. The Clerk was asked to chase up the request to change the single yellow lines on Broad Street to double yellow lines, which was submitted in 2022/23.
- (e) Councillors Empowerment Fund – it was noted that a request for a grant from Cllrs Brown and Jessop’s Empowerment Fund, for an event power scheme in the village centre, has been approved.

030/26 Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP

Details of the Daventry Constituency Agricultural Forum were noted.

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

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