



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre
on Monday 13th July 2026**

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

094/26 Public Speaking Time

A member of the public attended to speak to the members about agenda item 109/26.

095/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Broadhead, Morrison and Olloman.

096/26 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of interested were received.

097/26 Minutes of the Meeting of 8th June 2026

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

098/26 Review of Policies

It was resolved to approve the following policies: Equal Opportunities and Racial Harassment Policy, General Statement of Safety Policy, Grant Funding Policy, Grievance Policy.

099/26 Review of Terms of References

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

100/26 Accounts

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

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
074	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field	68.68
075	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	EB Library – utilities	134.55
076	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	Electricity – Cemetery Chapel	23.29
077	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	390.97
078	B/Transfer	Trendgrey Construction Ltd	Sports Dev – pavilion	149340.00
079	B/Transfer	Sam Wilkinson	Events – Rock Out on The Rec	150.00
080	B/Transfer	Holly Smart	Events – Rock Out on The Rec	250.00
081	B/Transfer	M Clarke	Allotment – refund of rent	7.50
082	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Water – Cemetery	28.45
083	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Water – Pioneer Sports Field	61.59
084	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Water – Allotment	20.17
085	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	EB Library – utilities	97.27
086	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	30.98
087	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Jul)	3424.85
088	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (Jun)	3100.00
089	B/Transfer	Greener Ground Care	Repairs – clean skate ramp	450.00
090	B/Transfer	JBL Services	Repairs – allotment tap	75.00

091	B/Transfer	JBL Services	VAS Maintenance	195.00
092	B/Transfer	James Peel Consulting Ltd	Sports Dev – QS Fees	900.00
093	B/Transfer	Wellers Law Group	SJA Purchase	208815.60
094	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	341.33
095	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	Electricity – Cemetery Chapel	22.53
096	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	EB Library – utilities	254.60
097	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field	89.48
098-101	B/Transfer	Salary Costs	Clerk&Registrar/EBYC Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	4079.38
102	B/Transfer	Phoenix Fireworks	Fireworks	4898.40
103	Int T/F	EBPC	T/F from Sport Fund to Current a/c	87769.00

- (b) Income – income received in June was noted and approved.
- (c) Internal Financial Checks – the Chair of the Finance Committee, Cllr Bond, reported that all internal checks had been carried out and that there are no discrepancies or concerns to report.
- (d) ¼ Bank Reconciliation – it was resolved to approve the bank reconciliation to 30th June 2026.

101/26 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
- 26/01115/FUL – Full Planning Permission: Removal of existing fence and replacement using bow top weldmesh fencing – Earls Barton Library, 27 Broad Street
 - 26/01330/FUL – Full Planning Permission: Construction of an attached side carport – 1 Sunnyside.
 - 26/01392/MVAR – Variation of condition 6 of planning permission NN/22/00001/MINVOC for an extension of time to complete permitted mineral extraction and restoration operations – Earls Barton Spinney Quarry, off Grendon Road, Earls Barton.
 - NK/2025/0167 – Outline Application: Hybrid planning permission for the development of an Energy Park. Outline application relating to additional energy infrastructure (including battery storage, ground mounted solar pv and other infrastructure potentially including hydrogen generation and/or storage) advanced agricultural/hydroponic uses (agriculture use including potential glasshouses with associated Class E/B2/B8), new employment units for use within classes E (office, research and development and light industrial), B2 and B8 (including data centres), ancillary uses under Class E (eg. Café/nursery), ancillary structures, new estate roads, utility connections, landscape and drainage works, provision of a receptor area for biodiversity and other habitat areas, and other associated operations including site clearance and levelling works. All matters reserved apart from the means of access to the site. Detailed application for new site access from A510 and Estate Road works, equipment and structures associated with a 132kv grid connection to the overhead power lines, as well as associated site clearance, drainage, utility connections, levelling works, demolition and operations requiring the diversion of public rights of way – Burton Wold Wind Farm (land adj) Wold Road, Burton Latimer, NN15 5PJ.
 - 26/01826/HFUL – Householder Planning Permission: single storey detached 2-bedroom ancillary residential annexe – 90 Main Road.

Following discussion, it was resolved to support application 26/01115/FUL, to object to 26/01392/MVAR based on the concerns raised by the Minerals and Waste Officer and NNC Natural Environment Advisor, and object to NK/2025/0167 due to the loss of open countryside and the increased traffic and resulting emission in the area. No comment was required on the other applications received.

- (b) Green Hill Solar Farm – Cllr Wood reported that a recommendation has now been made to the Secretary of State, who will make a decision by 8th October. It was resolved that a further and final £1000.00 be donated to Stop Green Hill Solar from the Project Fund.

102/26 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – Northants Police advised that 16 crimes were reported in June.

103/26 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports/Community Development – Due to the small number of suitable applicants that came forward for the Expression of Interest, it was resolved that we accept the recommendation of our advisor and the Project Management Team that local companies be invited to apply for tender, as

long as all reasoning behind the contractors chosen is documented and reported to EBPC. Work continues on the new pavilion and completion is expected in early September.

- (b) Request for dog bin – Cllr Bond advised that two dog bins have been ordered. It was resolved that the emptying of the bins be added to the EBPC schedule, with EB Sport and Community Trust being invoiced directly for the work.

104/26 Environment Sub-Committee

- (a) Minutes of the Meeting of 29th June 2026 – it was resolved to adopt the minutes as a correct record.

105/26 EB Library and Community Centre

It was resolved that the current trustees representing EBPC, Cllr Chapman and Cllr Smith, will remain in position for the coming year.

106/26 St John Ambulance

All paperwork has been signed and payment made relating to the purchase. Now awaiting a completion date.

107/26 Finance

- (a) Asset Register – it was resolved to approve the amendments to the asset register and backdate it to January 2026.
- (b) Assertion 10 – quotes for website accessibility support to satisfy Assertion 10 were noted. It was noted that no further action be taken.

108/26 National Grid

It was resolved to sign the agreement allowing National Grid access to Pioneer Sports Field to carry out a non-intrusive survey.

109/26 Consideration of Silent Fireworks

Following discussion, it was resolved unanimously that the parish council will continue with traditional fireworks for Carols on The Square.

110/26 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllr Jessop. Cllr Brown reported on the following:
- Northamptonshire Children's Trust – has received an Ofsted rating of Good overall, with Outstanding leadership. NNC has also appointed a permanent Executive Director of Children's Services, Cornelia Andreucut.
 - Transport – essential upgrade works to White Mills bridge have been completed on schedule and the bridge has now reopened.
 - Local Transport Plan for North Northants – work has started to develop a new Plan with opportunities for parish councils to feed into the process.
 - Local Plan Scoping Consultation (stage 1) has closed. A summary of responses will be published shortly.
 - The wide range of summer activities and events for families, children and teens running across the area was noted.
 - Northamptonshire Tourism Business Awards – nominate are open (deadline 31st July)
- (b) Signage Removal – Highways have advised that they will be removing the 'Earls Barton Playing Field' sign from Northampton Road due to changes in access to The Grange Sports Field.
- (c) Bus Shelter Request – a request for a shelter on Doddington Road (at the stop adj to the junction with Dowthorpe Hill) will be referred to NNC.
- (d) NNC Local Plan Scoping Consultation – the Clerk outlined the response made by EBPC to the consultation.

Date of Next Meeting of Earls Barton Parish Council

Monday 14th September 2026 – 7.15pm

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

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