



**Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Village Hub
on Monday 14th September 2026**

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

111/26 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were in attendance.

112/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Morrison, Wells and Wood.

113/26 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of interested were received.

114/26 Minutes of the Meeting of 13th July 2026

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

115/26 Review of Policies

Following discussion, it was resolved to approve the following policies: Communication Policy, Model Publication Scheme, Pension Discretionary Policy, Social Media Policy.

116/26 Review of Terms of References

It was resolved to approve the following Terms of Reference: Personnel Committee, Sand and Gravel Committee and Social/Housing/Planning Committee.

117/26 Accounts

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

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
104	B/Transfer	Trendgrey Construction Ltd	Sports Dev – pavilion	134292.00
105	B/Transfer	Clear Councils	Insurance – Village Hub	158.40
106	B/Transfer	Viking	Stationery	115.69
107	B/Transfer	PWLB	Loan Repayment	6798.43
108	Int Transfer	Transfer of Fund	Sports Fund to Current Account	116820.00
109	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Aug)	3424.85
110	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (Jul)	3100.00
111	B/Transfer	Midland Tree Specialists	Treeworks	5160.00
112	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	32.92
113	B/Transfer	Society of Local Council Clerks	Training – National Conference	635.00
114	B/Transfer	Stop Green Hill Solar	Projects – donation	1000.00
115	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field	78.75
116	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	EB Library – utilities	245.12
117	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	Electricity – Cemetery Chapel	23.29
118	B/Transfer	Wayman Architects	Sports Dev – professional Fees	2328.00
119	B/Transfer	Wayman Architects	Sports Dev – professional fees	2664.00
120	B/Transfer	James Peel Consulting	Sports Dev – QS Fees	900.00

121	B/Transfer	Viking	Stationery/Misc	186.14
122-126	B/Transfer	Salary Costs	Clerk/EBYC Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	3913.74
127	B/Transfer	Robbie Brush	Village Hub – decorating	150.00
128	B/Transfer	Mrs R Smart	Village Hub – reimburse expenses	350.09
129	B/Transfer	M Freeman	Village Hub – gardening services	450.00
130	B/Transfer	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit Fee	3024.00
131	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	404.21
132	B/Transfer	Furniture at Work	Village Hub – furniture	1659.60
133	B/Transfer	North Northants Council	Village Hub – rates	3227.20
134	Int Transfer	Transfer of Funds	Current Account to Sport Fund	97607.00
135	B/Transfer	Robbie Brush	Village Hall – decorating	650.00
136	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Grounds Maintenance (Sept)	3424.85
137	B/Transfer	Mowerman	Repairs – replacement bin	1110.00
138	B/Transfer	WeedWise	Grounds Maintenance (Aug)	3100.00
139	B/Transfer	Parish Online	Mapping Software	268.80
140	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	28.93
141	B/Transfer	Clear Insurance	EB Library – insurance	761.54
142	B/Transfer	J R Garden Solutions	Pest Control	60.00
143	B/Transfer	All Saints Church	Church Lighting	480.08
144	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	Electricity – Cemetery Chapel	23.29
145	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	EB Library – utilities	357.50
146	B/Transfer	Pozitive Energy	Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field	74.87
147	B/Transfer	James Peel Consulting Ltd	Sports Dev – QS Fees	900.00
148	B/Transfer	Trendgrey Construction Ltd	Sports Dev – pavilion	399000.00
149	B/Transfer	Furniture at Work	Village Hub – furniture	1731.60
150	B/Transfer	JBL Services	VAS Maintenance	195.00
151	B/Transfer	Npower	Street Lighting	478.25
152	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Water – Pioneer Sports Field	575.89
153-156	B/Transfer	Salary Costs	Clerk/EBYC Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	4608.19
157	Int Transfer	Transfer of Funds	Sport Fund to Current Account	333250.00
158	B/Transfer	Chrysellis	Village Hub – signage	366.00

- (b) Income – income received in July and August 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) Clerks Salary - it was resolved to approve the salary increase in line with recommendations, backdated to 1st April 2026.

118/26 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
- 26/01794/HFUL – Householder Planning Permission: single storey side/rear extension to create summer house – 49 Mears Ashby Road.
 - 26/02005/HFUL – Householder Planning Permission: proposed single storey side and rear extension with pitched roof – 139 Station Road
 - NK/2025/0167 – Outline Application (as amended): 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.

- 26/02043/WVAR – Variation of Condition (Waste): variation of condition 5 (opening hours) and removal of conditions 11, 12 and 13 (catchment area) of planning permission 11/00018/WAS – Recycling Centre, White Plant, 301 Grendon Road.
- 26/02456/HFUL – Householder Planning Permission: erection of timber framed garden room to rear elevation replacing existing garden room – 12 London End.
- 26/02457/LBC – Listed Building Consent: erection of timber framed garden room to rear elevation replacing existing garden room – 12 London End.

Following discussion, it was resolved that no comments were required on the applications received.

(b) Planning Appeals

- 6015124 – without planning permission, the erection and retention of a steel framed pergola structure and associated roof covering over the existing decking area within the rear curtilage of the Grade II listed property – Public House, 8 The Square.

Following discussion, it was resolved to support the appeal based on the benefit to the business outweighing the detrimental effect on the Conservation Area. It will also be pointed out that comments relating the loss of parking are not valid as the decking already has already been granted planning permission.

(c) Licence Applications

- Pavement Licence – Llumi Café Ltd, 4A The Square.

It was noted that the licence has been granted.

- (d) Green Hill Solar Farm – It was noted that the Secretary of State has requested additional information that has been provided by the developer, and that there is now an opportunity for interested parties to respond to the updated information. It was decided that EBPC has nothing further to add to the objection already lodged. A thanks you letter was received from Stop Green Hill Solar for the donation.

119/26 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – Northants Police advised that 20 crimes were reported in July and 25 crimes were reported in August. The Clerk was asked to request comparable figures from other equivalent sized villages in the area.

120/26 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports/Community Development – Work has not been completed on the new pavilion due to delays in getting power connected. The Clerk will continue to push for a swift resolution. Work is being finalised on the tender pack for the refurbishment of the existing pavilion.
- (b) EB Sport and Community Trust – a report from the Chair of EBSCT was circulated. It was noted that The Grange is now welcoming a record number of visitors. In addition, the education programme has now started at the facility. However, it was also noted that the delay to the completion of the new pavilion has had a detrimental effect on finances.

121/26 Events Committee

A meeting of the Events Committee will be held on Monday 28th September.

122/26 Finance

- (a) Audit 2025/26 – It was resolved to accept the report of the External Auditor. Audit has been passed and comments have been noted.
- (b) Insurance – Following consideration, it was resolved to renew insurance with Clear Councils.
- (c) Grounds Maintenance Specification – It was resolved that the Clerk would add Aggate Way and the Village Hub to the specification. A discussion will be held with EB Sport and Community Trust and EB United Football Club regarding the specification for the sports fields. It was resolved to delegate authority to the Grounds Maintenance Committee to approve the final specification.
- (d) Street Lighting – it was resolved to delegate power to the Clerk to look into and agree a contract.

123/26 Village Hub

- (a) Review of Outgoings – decisions relating to decorating, signage and wifi were ratified.
- (b) Village Hub Sub-Committee – it was resolved that Cllrs Chapman, Gould, Lloyd-Staples, Olloman and Wood would form the Sub-Committee. The Terms of Reference were agreed. It was resolved that quotes for cleaning would be discussed and agreed at the first meeting of the Sub-Committee.

124/26 Christmas Lights Trail

It was resolved that Cllr Smith would oversee the Christmas Lights Trail 2026.

125/26 Projects

- (a) Event Lighting on The Square – Cllr Smith gave an update on the work which started on 14th September and is expected to take 3 days.
- (b) Consideration to Build a Columbarium at Earls Barton Cemetery – the Clerk was asked to look into the cost and report back at a future meeting.

126/26 National Grid Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire Stage 2 Consultation

Dates of the consultation events were noted (Friday 9th October at Great Doddington Memorial Hall), and the item deferred to next meeting.

127/26 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) Northants CALC Annual Conference – it was noted that all places have already been booked for this event.
- (b) SLCC National Conference – it was resolved to approve the Clerk's attendance.

128/26 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Layby on A4500 – confirmation of the Prohibition of Vehicles Order was noted.

129/26 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllr Brown. Cllr Jessop reported on the following:
 - Support is available through the Crisis and Resilience Fund and Heating Oil Support for those struggling with the cost of living.
 - Applications are now open for school places in 2027.
 - There have been changes to the Free School Meals criteria making it available to more children.
 - The roll out of food waste caddies has started but no date for commencement has yet been provided.
 - Parking charges for Wellingborough Town Centre will be considered by the Executive at their meeting on 15th September.
 - A Highways Transparency Report 2026/27 will also be heard by the Executive at their meeting, setting out details of investment and maintenance for the road network.
- (b) NNC Highways Engagement Walkabout – a report was presented by the Clerk with feedback on all the items raised at the Walkabout and the action to be taken. It was noted that the response relating to the cock and hen stonework around the base of the big green was unacceptable and a meeting will be requested with the Conservation Officer.
- (c) NNC Licensing Policy 2027-2032 – it was resolved that no response be made.
- (d) NNC Community Governance Review – it was resolved that the Clerk respond to the consultation confirming that we want no changes in Earls Barton.

Date of Next Meeting of Earls Barton Parish Council

Monday 12th October 2026 – 7.15pm

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

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