



Minutes of the Meeting held at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre on Monday 9th May 2022

Present: Cllrs J Bond, G Broadhead, N Chapman, S Glover, V Gould, P Hadman, C Lloyd-Staples, P Morrall, L Morrison, C Wells.

066/22 Election of Chair

Following a vote, Cllr Morrall was elected as Chair and signed the Acceptance of Office.

067/22 Election of Vice Chair

Following a vote, Cllr Wells was elected as Vice Chair.

068/22 Cllrs Chris Lloyd-Staples and Linda Morrison

Cllrs Lloyd-Staples and Morrison were welcomed to the Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

069/22 Election of Committees

The members of each committee were reviewed. The following committees were duly elected: Allotment Committee, Events Committee, Finance Committee, Grounds Maintenance Committee, Personnel Committee, Sand and Gravel Committee, Social/Housing/Planning Committee, Sports Development Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Environmental Sub-Committee, Youth Affairs Committee

070/22 Review of Policies

Following a vote, it was resolved to approve the following policies: Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulation. The review of the Code of Conduct for Members was deferred to June's meeting.

071/22 Review of Terms of Reference

Following a vote, it was resolved to approve the following Terms of Reference: Sports Development Committee and Sports & Leisure Project Management Team (working party).

072/22 General Power of Competence

Following a vote, it was resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence.

073/22 Public Speaking Time

Members of the public attended to address the Parish Council on planning application NW/22/00026/FUL and on agenda item 081/22.

074/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Dodds, S Hiscock and S Weller.

075/22 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

076/22 Minutes of the Meeting of 11th April 2022

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

077/22 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

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029	B/Transfer	Brown & Co	Pioneer – ½ Year Rent	625.00
030	B/Transfer	St John Ambulance	SBD – first aid	705.60
031	B/Transfer	Rialtas Business Solutions	Accounts Package and Support	154.80
032	B/Transfer	James Brady	Refurbishment of Bench	490.00
033	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Project Manager Fees	1200.00
034	Sports Fund	Local Transport Project	Sports Dev – Travel Plan	1656.00
035	B/Transfer	Npower	EB Library – utilities	154.97
036	B/Transfer	James Brady	Projects - Refurb Phone Box	695.00
037	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	151.52
038	B/Transfer	Greener Ground Care	Grounds Maintenance	127.08
039-044	B/Transfer/ 300039	Salary Costs	Clerk/Y-Club Leader/Y-Club Assist Leader/Tax&NI/Pension	3296.06
045	B/Transfer	North Northants Council	Grounds Maintenance – Apr	3352.39

078/22 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
 NW/22/00026/FUL – change of use of highway land to domestic curtilage including new hardstanding, means of enclosure and landscaping – 29 Streeton Way.
 NW/22/00218/FUL – two detached oak framed car ports – 4 Woodlands Grange
 Following discussion, it was resolved to object to application NW/22/00026/FUL based on loss of amenity, change of street scene and loss of ecology. No comments were required on the other application received.

079/22 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – the Clerk advised that 27 crimes were reported in April 2022. It was noted that 10 of these reported crimes related to 2 incidents.
 (b) OPFCC Parish Councillors Meeting – it was agreed Cllr Morrison attend the virtual meeting on 24th May.

080/22 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development Update – a report was presented to the members relating to the design of the pavilion. It is necessary to re-site the pavilion within the development, and options for the design of the pavilion were presented. Following discussion, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of the Sports & Leisure Development Project Management Team and proceed with Option 3 on a Design and Build basis.

081/22 Naming of previously unknown sub-atomic particle

Following discussion, it was agreed that the parish council would support the name ‘Earls Barton’ being used in the naming, should it proceed to this point.

082/22 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Grounds Maintenance – concerns relating to the mowing of the sports fields were discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter of complaint to NNC, as the service being delivered is not to the standard required. It was also agreed that the maintenance of the sports field be dealt with as a separate contract and specialist sports fields contractors be approached to tender. The Clerk will work with the Grounds Maintenance Committee and sports clubs on this. Following discussion, it was also agreed that NNC be asked not to mow the moat and mound during May. It will then be reassessed.
 (b) Disabled Parking Bay – a request for additional disabled parking bays was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk contact NNC Highways to find out if this is possible.
 (c) Parking in 12ft Alleys – concerns over parking in alley in 12ft in New Barton was discussed. It was resolved that the Parish Council would support the addition of ‘Keep Clear’ markings, subject to the results of canvassing with local residents.
 (d) Mess under trees in Garden of Rest at EB Cemetery - following discussion, it was resolved to note this matter.

- (e) Covid Snake – update – EB Library and Community Centre has confirmed that they will be removing the stones and replacing with a tree and plaque.
- (f) Explorer Scouts Request to Help – an offer to help on the development of the land of Aggate Way was referred to the Environment Sub-Committee. It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders for the remainder of this item in order to discuss the land on Aggate Way. It was resolved to delegate powers to the Clerk who will work in conjunction with Cllr Wells to arrange the clearance of the site to be completed before spraying is carried out.

083/22 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) Northants CALC Training – it was resolved to approve attendance at “Off to a Flying Start” training for Cllr Lloyd-Staples.
- (b) Northants CALC Police Liaison Representative – the position was reviewed and it was resolved that the Clerk remain in the role.
- (c) Northants CALC Larger Councils Partnership – it was resolved that Cllr Lloyd-Staples and the Clerk attend.
- (d) Northants ACRE Northamptonshire Village Awards 2022 – it was noted that the judges are visiting the village on 20th May. Cllr Morrison and Bridget Chapman were thanked for their work on this project.

084/22 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllrs Lawman and Hallam. Cllr Scott Brown reported on the setting up of Ukrainian Support drop-in sessions. He advised that those that pay their Council Tax by direct debit should receive their rebate this week. Further information is to be provided for those who don't pay by direct debit. A Residents Panel has been set up by NNC. In answer to a question from a Parish Councillor about the ward councillors' roles, Cllr Brown advised that he mainly deals with matter relating to Earls Barton but recognises that it is important to serve all those within the ward and will talk to the other ward councillors about rotating attendance at Parish Council meetings.

085/22 For Information Only

- (a) Earls Barton Luncheon Clubs – thank you letter for grant.
- (b) Earls Barton Youth Club – thank you letter for grant
- (c) Earls Barton Bowling and Tennis Club – thank you letter for grant
- (d) Friday Friendship Group – thank you letter for grant.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13th June 2022 – 7.15pm

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

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