Minutes of the Meeting held at Community, 108 Northampton Road, Earls Barton on Monday 11 March 2019

Present: Cllrs P Morrall (Chair), I Abbott, J Bond, B Chapman, S Dodds, S Glover, W Mills, L Morrison, M Perkins, B Rice.

035/19 Public Speaking Time
A member of the public addressed the Parish Council about the X4 bus service.

036/19 Apologies for Absence
It was resolved to approve apologies for absence from Cllrs M Cahill and C Wells.

037/19 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
None declared.

038/19 Minutes of the Meeting of 11 February 2019
It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a correct record.

Cllrs resolved to suspend standing orders to discuss the recent article published in the Northants Telegraph. Following discussion, it was resolved to send a letter of complaint to the Northants Telegraph relating to inaccuracies in the article.

039/19 Accounts
It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

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040/19 Planning
(a) Planning Applications Received:
   WP/18/00741/OUT – outline application with all matters reserved for demolition of existing portal frame building and redevelopment for a business/retail use including a new café, butchery, kitchen and outdoor seating area, construction of WCs, lobby to shop and visitors car park – Whites Nurseries, Aggate Way
WP/19/00062/FUL – demolition of existing outbuildings. Erection of new dwelling on land adjacent to 39 Manor Rd, creation of hardstanding and new dropped kerbs to serve the new and existing dwelling and new boundary fencing in rear garden – 39 Manor Rd
WP/19/00088/LDE – application for a lawful development certificate for existing shipping containers, hard stand areas and mixed use of existing buildings for B8 (storage), B1 (business) and A1 (retail) – Whites Nurseries, Aggate Way
WP/19/00090/FUL – change of business use from A1 to D1 + ancillary yoga, pilates – 4A The Square
WP/19/00100/FUL – demolition of a single storey rear projection. Single storey rear extension and tarmac hardstanding to front of property. Footpath and ramp and new vehicular access crossing – 10 Elizabeth Way
Following discussion, it was resolved that no comments were required on the applications received.

041/19 Police/Community Safety
(a) Crime Figures and Report – No Crime figures were received.
(b) Rural Joint Action Group Meeting – it was agreed to raise motorcycle nuisance in the field at the bottom of Station Road at the JAG.

042/19 Sports and Leisure Development
The Project Managers report was relayed to members. A meeting was held with DWH to discuss the development and we are currently awaiting responses to some of the matters raised, including timings for the handover of the pitches. It was resolved to accept quotes for Arbicultural Report, Landscape Plan Report and solicitors to deal with the lease renewal. It is anticipated that outline planning permission will be submitted towards the end of March.

043/19 Personnel Committee
(a) Approval of Minutes of Meeting of 11 February 2019 – it was resolved to adopt the minutes as a correct record.
(b) Clerk’s Salary Review – it was resolved to approve the annual salary review for the Clerk, with changes coming into effect from 1 April 2019.

044/19 Event Committee
A discussion was held on sponsorship funding for community events. It was resolved that each individual event should apply for their own sponsorship and apply to the Parish Council for a grant, if necessary.

045/19 Earls Barton Cemetery
Following discussion, it was resolved that the Parish Council will cease pre-purchases of individual burial plots with immediate effect. Requests for the pre-purchase of multiple plots will be considered on a case by case basis. This will not effect the pre-purchase of plots for cremated remains in the Garden of Remembrance.

046/19 Highways & Maintenance
(a) Annual Litter Pick – it was agreed that the Clerk organise. Thanks was expressed for the work of the Barton Wombles and all litter pickers that are helping to keep Earls Barton tidy.
(b) Playground Repairs – following discussion, it was resolved to accept quotes for repairs to the rodeo board and zip wire.

047/19 Northamptonshire County Council Correspondence
(a) Earls Barton Library – a formal offer is still awaited.

Date of Next Meeting
Monday 8 April 2019 – 7.15pm

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

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