



Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th February 2022 at Earls Barton Primary School

Present: Cllrs C Wells (Chair), J Bond, N Chapman, S Dodds, S Glover, V Gould, P Hadman, S Hiscock.

Due to the absence of Cllr Morrall, Election of the Vice Chair was moved to the beginning of the meeting with Cllr Bond chairing this item and the newly appointed Vice Chair chairing from that point onwards.

013/22 Public Speaking Time

No members of the public addressed the Parish Council.

014/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Broadhead and P Morrall.

015/22 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of interested were received.

016/22 Co-option of New Member to fill one vacancy following the resignation of Cllr Ben Chapman

3 applications were received. Following the voting process which requires the successful candidate to receive an absolute majority, Sam Weller was co-opted as the new member of the parish council.

017/22 Resignation of Cllr Wayne Mills

The resignation of Cllr W Mills was received and accepted. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Mills for his long service on the Parish Council. The Clerk will begin the process to advertise the vacancy.

018/22 Election of Vice Chair

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

019/22 Minutes of the Meeting of 10th January 2022

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

020/22 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
258	B/Transfer	Npower	EB Library – utilities	147.83
259	B/Transfer	E-on	Street Lighting	324.66
260	B/Transfer	Viking	Stationery	114.25
261	B/Transfer	MO Sounds	Jubilee – stage deposit	700.00
262	B/Transfer	London Hearts	EB Library – de-fib	1028.40
263	B/Transfer	E-on	Electricity – Pioneer Sports Field	234.80
264	B/Transfer	Greener Grave Care	Grounds Maintenance	508.32
265	B/Transfer	North Northants Council	Premises Licence Renewal - Rec	70.00
266	B/Transfer	EB Primary School	Hall Hire	30.00
267	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	504.56
268	300028	EBPC	Transfer to Sports Fund	4425.00
269	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Project Manager Fees	2400.00
270	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Consultancy Fees	600.00
271	Sports Fund	FHP ESS Ltd	Sports Dev – Consultancy Fees	11016.00

274	Sports Fund	CC Town Planning	Sports Dev – Planning Consultant	540.00
275	Sports Fund	Salus Building Control	Sports Dev – Inspector Services	1140.00
276	Sports Fund	Artemis Landscape Architects	Sports Dev – landscape revisions	600.00
277	Sports Fund	RELM Consultants Ltd	Sports Dev – Fire Safety Strategy	720.00
278	B/Transfer	TDP Ltd	Bench Repairs	180.00
279	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	EB Library – utilities	174.83
280-284	B/Transfer/ 300029	Salary Costs	Clerk/Tax/NI/Pension	3065.32

021/22 Planning

- (a) Applications received:
 NW/22/00049/FUL – single storey rear flat roof extension with roof lantern and two storey extension to side of dwelling. Demolition of rear conservatory – 84 Doddington Road.
 NW/22/00063/FUL – demolition of conservatory, single storey extension to rear and first floor extension to side of dwelling – 29 Townley Way.
 Following discussion, it was resolved that no comment was required on the applications received.
- (b) Meeting of the Social/Housing/Planning Committee – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2022 as a correct record.
- (c) Proposed development to the east of Ecton Brook – it was noted that this was not related to development, but to a call for sites by West Northants Council. This will be revisited should the site come forward for development.

022/22 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – The Clerk advised that 14 crimes were reported in January 2022.
- (b) Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Virtual Councillor Meeting – Cllr Wells and the Clerk will attend the meeting on Monday 1st March.

023/22 Finance

- (a) Grounds Maintenance Contract – the Clerk has been advised that North Northants Council will take over the contract from Norse for at least six months before reviewing the position. This will be monitored by the Clerk.
- (b) Bank Signatories – it was resolved that Cllr Broadhead be added as a signatory to the current account and sports fund, and Cllr Chapman be added as a signatory to the Sports Fund.
- (c) Reserves Policy – it was resolved to adopt the Reserves Policy.
- (d) Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2022 – it was resolved to sign the agreement for 2022.
- (e) Public Works Loan Board – it was resolved to apply for the loan of £200,000.00 on a fixed rate basis over 20 years.

024/22 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development – update – a meeting has been held with the neighbours to resolve concerns over the ball-strike fencing. A new planning application is to be submitted due to the changes in the design. In addition, work is being carried out to support the grant funding application to the Football Foundation. It was resolved to authorise funding of up to £2000.00 to Nortoft for the updating of the Business Plan. It was also resolved to authorise funding of up to £5000.00 to CC Town Planning for work related to the planning application.

025/22 Committees

- (a) Environment Sub-Committee – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 20th January 2022 as a correct record.
- (b) Tree Planting and Wild Flower Verges – Cllr Chapman reported on meetings held with specialists relating to tree planting and wildflower verges. It was noted that verges can either be planted with wildflower or can be left uncut to grow naturally, although this would need to be monitored and managed. It was resolved that the following areas be left for grow naturally: Northampton Road – either side on entrance to village, Northampton Road – verge opposite houses, Wellingborough Road, and the moat, with a wildflower area south of the barrier on Station Road. It was resolved that tree planting for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee will be in the area south of the barrier on Station Road and

there are opportunities for local organisations and individuals to sponsor a tree. There will be further tree planting on Station Road, south of the barrier and in Puddephatt Pocket Park. It was resolved to allocated up to £500.00 towards the planting.

- (c) Personnel Committee – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting of 1st February 2022 as a correct record. It was noted that there is still no settlement for the Clerk's salary review and that Northants CALC have advised not to make any arrangements for the review outside the NJC scheme.

026/22 Earls Barton Neighbourhood Plan

It was resolved to accept the Earls Barton Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Report and its conclusions. It was Reserve's resolved that a review of the Neighbourhood Plan is required to cover minor (non-material) modifications (very minor text changes).

027/22 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) A4500 40mph limit – confirmation that a Traffic Regulation Order has been granted to extend the 40mph speed limit from Packwood Crescent to the junction with Wellingborough Road.
- (b) Footpath from Elizabeth Way to The Wickets – the Clerk will speak to NNC and DWH about adoption of part of the footpath and about providing lighting.
- (c) West Street – concerns regarding parking were noted and will be referred to Highways.
- (d) Verges – Highways to be contacted about the potential to harden verges for residents parking.
- (e) Covid Snake – it was resolved that the Covid Snake be removed, display tables to contain some of the stone to be donated to the library and a plaque installed instead.
- (f) Phone Box – the Clerk will get quotes to refurbish the telephone box on The Square and install a lock and report back to the next meeting. Cllr Hadman to look into stickers which could be put on the Perspex panels to promote local organisations and businesses. A use will them be decided.

028/22 Northants CALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) NCALC Asset Mapping Project – it was resolved to engage with Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP) and to appoint an AMP Working Group comprising Cllrs Chapman, Hiscock and Wells as well as the Clerk. It was resolved to approve the Terms of Reference for the AMP Working Group. The Clerk will apply for the grant funding available.
- (b) Operation Bridges – it was resolved to delegate power to the Clerk to deal with all planning relating to Operation Bridges.

029/22 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllrs Lawman and Hallam – Cllr Brown provided an update from NNC. This included an update on the budget increases, staff turnover and the running costs of Chester House. NNC are also going to be carrying out a review of their assets and their use. The Waendal Walk is to take place on 13th-15th May. Knife amnesty bins are to be installed across North Northants. Footpath repairs are to be carried out on Wellingborough Road, Earls Barton. In addition, a consultation on garden waste is due to be carried out in March. There is a hospitality grant of £6000.00 available to those businesses affected by Covid. All three ward Councillors will be attending a coffee morning at Memorial Hall, Great Doddington on 5th March.
- (b) NCC HELAA: Call for Site – noted.
- (c) Notice for the Preparation of an Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme for North Northamptonshire – noted.

030/22 Other Correspondence (information only)

- (a) EB Bowling and Tennis Club- thank you letter
- (b) EB Luncheon Clubs – thank you letter
- (c) EB Methodist Church – letter regarding grant funding.
- (d) Friday Friendship Group – letter regarding grant funding
- (e) Northamptonshire Village Awards 2022 – confirmation of entry – thanks expressed to Bridget Chapman and Linda Morrison for their help.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14th March 2022 – 7.15pm

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

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