



Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022 at Earls Barton Library and Community Centre

Present: Cllrs P Morrall (Chair), J Bond, G Broadhead, N Chapman, S Dodds, S Glover, V Gould, P Hadman, S Hiscock, S Weller.

051/22 Public Speaking Time

A member of the public addressed the parish council on agenda item 063/22(g).

052/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wells.

053/22 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of interested were received.

054/22 Co-option of New Members to fill one vacancy following the resignations of Cllr Wayne Mills and Cllr Mary Walters

5 applications were received. Co-option for each vacancy was dealt with independently. Following the voting process which requires the successful candidate to receive an absolute majority, Linda Morrison and Christopher Lloyd-Staples were duly co-opted as the new members of the parish council.

055/22 Minutes of the Meeting of 11th March 2022

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

056/22 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts (subject to checks as to whether a rebate can be claimed for the rates payments):

	Chq no	Payee	Details	£
308	B/Transfer	Andrea Nolan	SBD – programme printing	100.00
309	B/Transfer	Npower	EB Library – utilities	61.40
310	B/Transfer	Npower	EB Library – utilities	178.38
311	B/Transfer	Npower	EB Library – utilities	81.64
312	B/Transfer	Npower	EB Library – utilities	169.19
001	B/Transfer	North Northants Council	Rates – Park Street Car Park	960.58
002	B/Transfer	North Northants Council	Rates – Cemetery	1147.70
003	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Cemetery	14.77
004	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Pioneer Sports Field	67.13
005	B/Transfer	Anglian Water	Allotment	31.23
006	B/Transfer	Andrea Nolan	Queen’s Jubilee – printing	98.00
007	B/Transfer	Park Landscapes Ltd	Aggate Way – clearance	918.00
008	B/Transfer	Total Energies	EB Library – utilities	268.56
009	B/Transfer	Npower	Festive Lighting	34.31
010	B/Transfer	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance (Mar)	3254.63
011	B/Transfer	Thompson Tree Ltd	Queen’s Jubilee – trees	1200.79
012	300031	EB Bowls & Tennis Club	Grant	500.00
013	300032	EB Luncheon Clubs	Grant	370.00
014	300033	EB Youth Club	Grant	1300.00

015	300034	Friday Friendship Group	Grant	200.00
016	300035	The Help Scheme	Grant	300.00
017	300036	Hokey Cokey Club	Grant	300.00
018	300037	EBPC – Skipton Building Society	Transfer to Sports Fund	747181.47
019	Sports Fund	CS2 Ltd	Sports Dev – Project Manager	1800.00
020	Sports Fund	Pickerings Hire Ltd	Sports Dev – Container Hire	99.36
021	Sports Fund	Ecology by Design	Sports Dev – BREEAM Report	1080.00
022	Sports Fund	Local Transport Projects	Sports Dev – Highway Report	1896.00
023-027	B/Transfer/300038	Salary Costs	Clerk/Registrar/Y-club Leader & Assistant Leader/Tax/NI/Pension	3707.80
028	B/Transfer	James Brady	VAS Maintenance	195.00

057/22 Planning

- (a) Social/Housing/Planning Committee – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2022 as a correct record.

058/22 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – The Clerk advised that 22 crimes were reported in March 2022.

059/22 Finance

- (a) Audit 2021/22 – The Clerk presented the end of year accounts. Each point on Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 of the audit return was read out to the members for consideration and approved. The Internal Auditors report was shared with the Parish Council and it was resolved to approve the recommendations made. It was unanimously resolved to approve the end of year accounts and forward to the External Auditor.
- (b) Precept 2022/23 – following discussion, it was resolved to send a letter to NNC to ask them to ensure that up to date tax base figures are provided to parish councils as soon as they are set.
- (c) EB Library and Community Centre Utilities – it was resolved to delegate powers to the Clerk to arrange a new tariff.

060/22 Sports and Leisure Development

- (a) The Grange Sports Development – update – a new report has been received which indicates that, if the cricket wickets are rearranged, a reduced fence can be permitted on the western boundary. This would have a knock-on effect on the position of the pavilion. A meeting is to be arranged to discuss the re-positioning of the pavilion and what this would mean in terms of the design.

061/22 Committees

- (a) Events Committee – it was resolved to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2022 as a correct record.
- (b) Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – an update on arrangements for the beacon lighting, music event and wildflower seeds for children was received.
- (c) Environment Sub-Committee – a report was received on the tree planting for the Queen’s Green Canopy to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.

062/22 Recreation Field

It was resolved to approve a request from Earls Barton Primary School to use the Rec on 7th and/or 14th July.

063/22 Highways and Maintenance

- (a) Phone Box – it was resolved to accept the quote received to refurbish the telephone box on The Square.
- (b) Refurbishment of Bench – it was resolved to accept a quote to replace the damaged bench on Northampton Road.
- (c) Bins in the Cemetery – following discussion, it was resolved to order a new larger bin for the Cemetery to replace the existing bin by the water point.
- (d) Labyrinth – it was resolved to approve the request to create a labyrinth in the grass on the Rec.

- (e) Public Toilets – it was agreed that the Clerk will look into costings and report back at the next meeting.
- (f) Barton Bird Boxes – following discussion, it was resolved to approve the request to put bird boxes on trees in the Rec, subject to insurance being confirmed and advice from treework contractors.
- (g) Ukrainian Flags – during this item, standing orders were suspended to allow members of the public to take part in the discussion. It was resolved that the Clerk write to local retailers to advise that EBPC will support the use of the tree brackets for the flying of the Ukrainian flag, should the retailer wish to do so.

064/22 Northants CALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) Asset Management Project – an update on the project was provided by the Clerk. A meeting will be held by Northants CALC on 24th May. Attendance to be confirmed.

065/22 North Northants Council

- (a) Councillors Report – apologies were received from Cllrs Lawman and Hallam – Cllr Brown confirmed that the kerbside collection consultation end on 17th April. There are currently some issues with bin collections due to staff shortages. Residents are advised to leave their bin kerbside if it is not emptied on the designated day. A new app, Discover NN, has been launched by NNC.
- (b) Preliminary Consultation Annual Parking Review - it was resolved to support the application for double yellow lines on the junction of Doddington Road/Dowthorpe Hill to prevent parking the slip road.
- (c) North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan Scope and Issues Consultation – the consultation was noted with no comments required.

Date of Annual Meeting of Earls Barton Parish Council

Monday 9th May 2022 – 7.15pm

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

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