



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

Present: Cllrs P Morrall (Chair), I Abbott, M Cahill, B Chapman, S Glover, W Mills, L Morrison, M Perkins, B Rice, C Wells.

019/19 Public Speaking Time

Members of the public attended to address the Parish Council about support for Methodist Chapel refurbishment, skate ramp repairs and fundraising and the A4500 layby.

020/19 Apologies for Absence

It was resolved to approve apologies for absence from Cllrs J Bond and S Dodds.

021/19 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Cllrs Chapman and Wells declared personal interests in agenda item 023/19.

022/19 Minutes of the Meeting of 14 January 2019

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

023/19 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Chq no	Payee	Details	£
Sports Fund	Matchbox Architects Ltd	Sports Development – Planning Consultant	1659.00
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4629	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance (Jan 19)	2380.80
4630	Wellingborough Norse	Grounds Maintenance – Bins (Jan 19)	120.00
4631	SLCC	East Regional Training Seminar	96.00
4632	SLCC	Practitioners Conference	339.00
4633	E-on	Pioneer Sports Field – Electricity	126.99
4634	E-on	Cemetery Chapel – Electricity	29.97
4635	Typestart Ltd	Cemetery Receipt Books	168.48
4636	Rradar	Legal Advice	356.00
4637	B Chapman	Firework Expenses	59.98
4638	T Streeter	Firework Expenses	46.79
4639	Skipton Building Society	T/f to EBPC Sports Fund	70609.49
4640	C Wells	Reimbursement for EB N/Plan Website	86.26
4641-45	Salary Costs	Clerk/Y-Club Leaders/Tax/NI/Pension	2725.81

024/19 Planning

- (a) Planning Applications Received:
- WP/18/00787/FUL – erection of 2.4m high metal security fence to the front of the existing building (approx. 48m) – 24 Baron Avenue
 - WP/18/00796/FUL – demolition of existing garage & conservatory. Single storey rear & side extension – 15 Burns Close
 - WP/19/00011/FUL – demolition of single storey rear kitchen projection. Proposed two storey side extension with single storey rear extension & front extension/canopy – 23 Elizabeth Way

WP/19/00012/FUL – demolition of single storey side garage, store/utility, conservatory & front porch. Single storey rear extension, 2 storey side extension & front porch – 68 Elizabeth Way

WP/19/00015/FUL – change of use of the land to a residential caravan site to provide 10 pitches; together with operations:- provision of roadway, hardstandings, services, LPG gas tanks & fencing to facilitate that use – 323 Grendon Road

Following discussion, it was agreed to object to WP/19/00015/FUL as the development is outside of the village boundary and, therefore, outside the policies of the Neighbourhood Plan. No comments were required on the other applications received.

- (b) Notification of Appeal under Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 78 – APP/H2835/W/18/3214182 (WP/18/00080/FUL) – proposed new dwelling with off road parking – resubmission of WP/17/00061/FUL – 36 Victoria St – following discussion it was resolved that an objection be forwarded to the planning inspectorate relating to overdevelopment and impact on on-street parking.

025/19 Police/Community Safety

- (a) Crime Figures and Report – No Crime figures were received. The Clerk reported on the Joint Action Group meeting. It was noted that Scott Desrochers is no longer PC for Wellingborough Rural. His replacement will attend the next Joint Action Group meeting in March. The team has also been allocated another PCSO.
- (b) Crime Prevention Evening – It was resolved that the Clerk liaise with Northants Police to hold a Crime Prevention Evening in the village.

026/19 Sports and Leisure Development

The Project Managers report was read out to the members. It was noted that a positive meeting had been held with the planners at BCW. Expenditure for a habitat survey and archaeology survey was approved. The aim is to submit the planning application towards the end of March 2019. A Design Team brief is being put together by the Project Managers. Funding has been applied for to bring the Pioneer Sports Field up to standard when EBUFC move matches to that location whilst work is carried out at The Grange Sports Field. BCW to be approached regarding possible funding.

027/19 Finance

- (a) Year End Accounts Preparation – it was resolved to approve funding for training for the Clerk.

028/19 Earls Barton Neighbourhood Plan

Following discussion, it was resolved to instruct James Wilson to carry out scoping work for the review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

029/19 Vacancy on Earls Barton Parish Council

The Clerk advised that the required 10 signatories requesting a poll had been received by BCW. As a result, an election will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019 to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.

030/19 Earls Barton Methodist Church Refurbishment

Following discussion, it was resolved that a letter of support be sent to EB Methodist Church for their refurbishment work.

031/19 Highways & Maintenance

- (a) Annual Playground Inspection – following discussion, it was resolved that RPM be asked to carry out the repair works required to the play equipment and Wellingborough Norse be asked to carry out the repair works required to the skate ramps.
- (b) Request for Compensation – following discussion, it was resolved that compensation will not be paid as adequate signage was used.
- (c) Layby on A4500 – following discussion, it was resolved that a letter be sent to NCC Highways requesting the closure of the layby on the A4500 to prevent incidents of fly-tipping.

032/19 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

- (a) NCALC Street Lighting Worksho0070 and Exhibition – details were noted.

- (b) ACRE Northamptonshire Village Awards 2019 – following discussion, it was resolved to enter Northamptonshire Village Awards 2019.

033/19 Borough Council of Wellingborough Correspondence

- (a) BCW Parish Forum – it was agreed that Cllr Morrison and the Clerk attend the Parish Forum on 11 July 2019.
- (b) BCW Standards Committee – the findings of the Standards Committee were discussed. EBPC welcome the findings in relation to former Parish Councillor Robert Gough, in that he:
- Breached 2.2 of the Code of Conduct of the Parish Council, as he had failed to respect others and not bully any person;
 - Breached 2.4 of the Code of Conduct of the Parish Council by failing to ‘respect the confidentiality of information which you receive as a member, not disclosing confidential information to third parties unless required by law to do so or where there is a clear and over-riding public interest in doing so’;
 - Breached 2.15 of the Code of Conduct as he failed to promote and support high standards of conduct, in particular as characterised by other code of conduct requirements, leadership and example.

As Mr Gough is no longer a Parish Councillor, the sanctions recommended cannot be applied but were noted.

EBPC noted the findings in relation to Cllr B Chapman, in that he:

- Breached 2.2 of the Code of Conduct in failing to respect others and not bully any person, in that the tone and content of an email was inappropriate.

The sanctions recommended were noted and EBPC agreed that Code of Conduct training would be organised after the May 2020 elections. Cllr Chapman acknowledged the findings and agreed that he would be more aware of the wording used in communications in future. The Parish Council discussed the background to the breach and resolved that no further sanctions be required. A statement will be issued.

034/19 Northamptonshire County Council Correspondence

- (a) Earls Barton Library – it has noted that there had been a good turn out to the community meeting held in January. No formal information relating to a library offer has been received at this time.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11 March 2019 – 7.15pm

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

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