

**Minutes of the Meeting held at Community, 108 Northampton Road, Earls Barton**

**on Monday 9 January 2017**

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

001/17 Cllr S Glover

Cllr Glover was formally welcomed to the Parish Council and signed the Acceptance of Office.

002/17 Public Speaking Time

Members of the public attended to speak about general cleanliness around Earls Barton, including trees, road sweeping fly-tipping and the alleys in New Barton. A meeting is being organised with Norse to discuss the issues raised. All works required should be reported to Street Doctor via the Northamptonshire County Council website. A member addressed the PC regarding the condition of the roads in Earls Barton and a member thanked the PC for their work in dealing with the Redrow appeal.

003/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were approved from Cllr S Dodds.

004/17 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were made.

005/17 Minutes of the Meeting of 12 December 2016

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

006/17 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

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| **Chq no** | **Payee** | **Details** | **£** |
| 4248 | E-on | ¼ Street Lighting Maintenance | 168.64 |
| 4249 | Anglian Water | Pioneer Sports Field | 57.35 |
| 4250 | Anglian Water | Cemetery | 18.63 |
| 4251 | Anglian Water | Allotment | 13.28 |
| 4252 | R Bond | VAS Maintenance | 65.00 |
| 4253 | Skipton Building Society | Transfer to Sports Fund | 10108.03 |
| 4254 | E-on | Chapel Electricity | 25.70 |
| 4255 | E-on | Pioneer Electricity | 97.77 |
| 4256 | E-on | ¼ Street Lighting (Oct-Dec) | 551.63 |
| 4257 | Clerk/Registrar | Salary/Expenses | 1331.72 |
| 4258 | Senior Youth Club Leader | Salary | 160.00 |
| 4259 | Senior Y/Club Assist Leader | Salary | 115.24 |
| 4260 | Inland Revenue | Tax/NI | 463.40 |
| 4261 | Northants Pension Fund | Clerk’s Pension | 524.04 |

007/16 Planning

1. Planning Applications Received:

WP/16/00645/FUL – retrospective application for the retention of two dormers & three rooflights to the sides & rear elevations – additional information – 24 Churchill Rd – Mr G Houghton

WP/16/00726/FUL – conversion from commercial (ladies dress shop) to a 1st floor 2 bedroomed flat (retrospective application) – 4B The Square – Mr A Payne

WP/16/00740/FUL – garden room extension & single storey extension with raised terrace – 55 Churchill Rd – Mr & Mrs J Saunders

WP/16/00752/FUL – re-modelling & extending existing bungalow to a 2 storey dwelling – 8A Dowthorpe End – L Payne

WP/16/00757/FUL – proposed outhouse for horse stabling & facilities storage – land below sub-station, Aggate Way – Mr T Pinney

WP/16/00758/REM – application for approval of reserved matters to amend the house types & layout of the approved scheme. All other matters in terms of affordable homes provision, ecology, ground investigation & highways remain materially the same – land to the north off Main Rd & Northampton Rd – Mr Edmund Fox, BDW Trading Ltd

WP/16/00797/FUL – single storey rear extension – 20 St Crispin Rd – Mr & Mrs Thatcher

Following discussion, it was resolved to request a site viewing on WP/16/00645/FUL due to concerns regarding the overlooking of neighbouring properties. No comment was required on the other applications received.

1. Redrow Appeal – The Secretary of State’s decision to dismiss the appeal for the site off Station Road/Allebone Road was confirmed to the Parish Council.

009/17 Finance & Projects

1. Report of Grounds Maintenance Committee meeting of 5 January 2017 – it was resolved to adopt the minutes as a correct record.
2. Discuss and approve Grounds Maintenance Contracts for 2017/18 – following discussion, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of the Grounds Maintenance Committee to award the grounds maintenance contract to Burleys on a three year contract, subject to a review at the end of each financial year. It was resolved to continue to engage Midland Tree Services for routine and emergency treeworks in 2017/18 and the Clerk will arrange a tree survey to be carried out later in the year.
3. Report of Finance Committee meeting of 5 January 2017 – it was resolved to adopt the minutes as a correct record.
4. Discuss and approve Grants 2017/18 – following discussion, it was resolved to approve the Finance Committee’s recommendations for grants for 2017/18.
5. Discuss and approve Risk Assessment/Asset Register/Audit Controls 2017/18 – it was resolved to approve the Risk Assessment, Asset Register and Audit Controls for 2017/18, as recommended by the Finance Committee
6. Discuss and approve Budget and Precept 2017/18 – it was resolved to approve the ¾ bank reconciliation. Following discussion it was resolved to approve the Finance Committee’s recommendation for the Budget and for Precept 2017/18 (total figure £104466. Band D equivalent £53.96 – a reduction of £0.44 or 0.8% on last year).

010/17 Police/Community Safety

1. Crime Figures and Report – PCSO Hurst attended and advised that 11 crimes were reported in December. It was agreed that a request for clear up rates be raised at the next Joint Action Group meeting.

011/17 Sports and Leisure Development

1. Update – The formal land transfer has now been signed and returned to the solicitors. A further meeting is to be arranged with DWH to discuss the proposed changes to the layout. A consultation has begun to ascertain what facilities are required by the community at the site.

012/17 Northamptonshire Best Village Competition 2017

Following discussion, it was noted that the competition was a good exercise is finding what we do well as a village and where improvements can be made. The decision on whether to enter the competition this year was delegated to Cllrs Morrison and Rice.

013/17 EBPC Village Walk

Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Morrison arrange a walk with the EB Museum in the summer.

014/17 Highways & Maintenance

1. Clay Lane Barrier – update – deferred to February meeting.
2. The Bend Car Park Action Plan – a response is still awaited from NCC regarding works requested to improve the car park, including litter bins, a high level entrance barrier, hedge cutting and securing the dragons teeth.
3. The Knoll – Request for Play Equipment – following discussion, it was resolved that a consultation be carried out with local residents to find out if play equipment would be welcome on The Knoll.
4. King Street Road Closure – a closure to install a new gas connection will take place 6-9 March. The Clerk will ask for details regarding parking contingency whilst the closure is in place.
5. Park Street Car Park – following a new request for mediation from Mr & Mrs Wilson, it was resolved to proceed with the legal hearing as no improved offer had been made to allow negotiations to proceed. The court case will be heard on 8-9 February. Legal representation and background work to be carried out to support the case was approved.

015/17 NCALC/SLCC/ACRE Correspondence

1. Practitioners Conference – the Clerk’s request to attend the Practitioners Conference was approved.

016/17 Northamptonshire County Council Correspondence

1. Cllr Paul Bell – no report received.
2. Draft Budget & Council Plan Consultation 2017/18 – following discussion, it was resolved to object to the proposal to introduce a unitary council as it is not in the best interest of the Parish Council.
3. Children’s Centre Services Consultation – noted.
4. Reconfiguration & recommissioning of services for the treatment & recovery of drug & alcohol additions consultation – it was agreed that Parish Councillors should respond individually to this consultation, should they so wish.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 13 February 2017 – 7.15pm

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

Rosemary Smart – Clerk to the Council

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