

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

**on Monday 10 July 2017**

Present: Cllrs P Morrall (Chair), I Abbott, J Bond, M Cahill, B Chapman, S Dodds, R Gough (arrived at 8.15pm), L Morrison, M Perkins, B Rice.

101/17 Public Speaking Time

Members of the public addressed the Parish Council on the subjects of planning application WP/17/00341/FUL, issues relating to the Thorpe Road development (referred to BCW Planning), skate ramp improvements (Clerk to liaise speaker and report back at next meeting), epicormic growth on trees on Broad Street and Wellingborough Road (referred to NCC), and the allotments (referred to the Allotment Committee).

102/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were approved from Cllrs Glover, Mills and Wells, and from Cllr Gough for his late arrival.

103/17 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None were declared.

104/17 Minutes of the Meeting of 12 June 2017

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

105/17 Accounts

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

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| **Chq no** | **Payee** | **Details**  | **£** |
| 4331 | G Burley & Sons Ltd | Grounds Maintenance  | 2253.65 |
| 4332 | G Burley & Sons Ltd | Grounds Maintenance  | 2253.65 |
| 4333 | G Burley & Sons Ltd | Grounds Maintenance | 2253.65 |
| 4334 | Anglian Water | Pioneer Sports Field  |  17.82 |
| 4335 | Anglian Water | Cemetery  |  9.99 |
| 4336 | Anglian Water | Allotment |  9.99 |
| 4337 | All Saints Church | External Church Floodlighting |  308.60 |
| 4338 | Any Occasion | Carnival Toilets |  372.00 |
| 4339 | Reids Playground Maint. | Skate Ramp Repairs |  326.40 |
| 4340 | E-on | Chapel Electricity |  22.68 |
| 4341 | E-on | Pioneer Electricity |  49.14 |
| 4342 | E-on | ¼ Street Lighting (Apr-Jun) |  595.21 |
| 4343 | R Bond | VAS Maintenance (Jun 2017) |  65.00 |
| 4344 | Rob Adaway Structural Sol. | Structural Survey on Park St Car Park Wall |  425.00 |
| 4345-4349 | Salary Costs | Clerk/Youth Club Leaders/Tax/NI/Pensions | 2799.06 |

106/17 Planning

1. Planning Applications Received:

WP/17/00311/VAR – variation of condition 3 of planning permission dated 17 November 2016 under reference WP/16/00573/FUL to allow the obscured glazed window in the flank to be openable below a level of 1.1m from the internal finished floor level as a secondary means of escape – 69 Compton Way

WP/17/00341/FUL – conversion of one dwelling to create three self contained units. This scheme is very similar to approval WP/2011/0207/F granted on 22 December 2011 for 2 Queen St – 2 Victoria St

WP/17/00372/FUL – demolition of existing bungalow & construction of a two single storey dwelling – 8A Dowthorpe End

WP/17/00397/FUL – change of use from A1 to A3 – 31 Station Road.

Following discussion, it was resolved to object and request a site viewing on application WP/17/00341/FUL based on the loss of amenity to other local properties, including loss of light and privacy. Following a vote, it was resolved that no objection should be lodged to application WP/17/00397/FUL (vote with 7 in favour of not objecting, Cllr Perkins voting against and 1 abstention). No comments were required on the other applications received.

107/17 Police/Community Safety

1. Crime Figures – information received from the local police advised that 17 crimes were reported in May 2017 with 10 being reported in June 2017.
2. Invitation to Insp Daryl Lyon – Insp Lyon sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting, but advised that he would attend the meeting in September.
3. Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 – copies held by the Clerk.

108/17 Sports and Leisure Development

No further communication has been received from DWH regarding the proposed changes to the pitch layout. A further meeting in August is being requested.

109/17 Finance & Projects

1. BCW Community Capital Grants – it was agreed that the Strategic Planning Committee look into Capital Grant applications for skate ramp improvements, a bus shelter on Doddington Road, grass cutting equipment and additional bins.
2. Grant Funding – additional information is now being collated by EB Tennis Club and they will contact EBPC further in the future.

110/17 Baptist Church Closure

Confirmation was received from Brian Emerson that it is now expected that the church will be handed over to the Baptist Union Corporation towards the end of July.

111/17 Pioneer Sports Field Lease Renewal

Following discussion, it was agreed that the lease be renewed and that the costs of renewal are split 50/50 between EBPC and the landowners.

112/17 Highways & Maintenance

1. Grounds Maintenance Contract – the minutes of the Grounds Maintenance Committee meeting held 29 June 2017 were adopted as a correct record. It was noted that the recommendation of the Grounds Maintenance Committee was approved by the Chair and Vice Chair, and the contract will be reviewed again in three months time. An offer from Burleys to plant around the village sign on Northampton Road was discussed and agreed. It was noted that there has been an increased use of the dog bins around the village. A note is to be sent to the village magazines stating that the bins are for dog walkers only and dog owners should not bring additional dog mess from home for disposal in the bins.
2. Park Street Car Park Wall Repairs – deferred to September meeting.
3. West Street Traffic Issues – as problems in the area are ongoing and no solution has been agreed as yet, it was agreed that a public meeting be arranged with local residents to update them on the proposals put forward by NCC Highways.
4. Peter Wright’s Tree – it was agreed to give the go ahead for work to be carried out on the tree.
5. Road Closure of Prince Street – it was noted that Prince Street will be closed from 21 August for up to four days.

113/17 NCALC/SLCC Correspondence

1. NCALC Update – held by Clerk.
2. NALC National Recognition Awards – following discussion, the members resolved to enter the Clerk of the Year class.
3. 2017 Regional Training Seminar – it was resolved to approve the Clerks attendance at the seminar.
4. Community Governance Level 4 – the Clerk reported that she has passed the first two modules and a further three modules are due to be submitted at the end of October.

114/17 Northamptonshire County Council Correspondence

1. Cllr Robert Gough, County Councillor – Report - Cllr Gough advised that he has attended the Police and Crime Panel meeting. In addition, he has had a meeting with NCC regarding EB Primary School where it was confirmed that there are no plans for expansion at present.
2. Consultation on Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service – following discussion, it was resolved to oppose the proposals for the Police and Crime Commissioner to take over the management of the Fire and Rescue service.

115/17 Other Correspondence

1. E-on – changes to terms and conditions - noted

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11 September 2017 – 7.15pm

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

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