

## Minutes of the of meeting of the parish council held at Evenley Village Hall, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm

Present: cllr Mike Baul (MB), cllr Jean Morgan (JM), vice chairman Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB), cllr Charles Reader (CR), Sue Ricketts (SR), Cathy Knott (CK) clerk and six members of the public.

### 01/20 Apologies and welcome

Apologies accepted from chairman Cathy Ellis (CE) and cllr Spencer Burnham (SB). Cllr JPB chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone, thanking them for attending.

### 02/20 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed.

### 03/20 To note any matters from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

158/19 - Cllr SB is waiting for a price for installation of the bin on the green.

160/19 – the tables and benches on the green still need to be moved back to their correct locations.

**Action: SB**

173/19 – Cllr CR advised that the owner of the hedge on the corner near the allotments has made a good effort to tidy it up. Cllr JPB thanked cllr CR for his assistance with this.

All other matters are either on the agenda or being dealt with.

### 04/20 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

None received.

### 05/20 Finance

- a. Financial statement
- b. Payments received
- c. Approval of invoices for payment
- d. To formally approve the draft budget and precept for 2020/21

Account	£
Community	23,416.45
Business Saver	19,982.21
National Savings	5,787.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,185.72</b>

Receipts since the last meeting	£	
Panto monies paid in	495.00	
Bag Force newsletter donation	60.00	
Interest	20.06	
Groundwork UK HS2 (funds released for claims one and two)	10,743.00	
Invoices submitted for approval		VAT
C. Knott (Dec salary)	520.00	0
Evenley Village Hall (hire)	34.00	0
EON (streetlight electricity)	53.04	2.65
NCALC (training – common land and village green course CE)	75.00	0
Wave (allotment water)	27.65	0
Panto invoice	355.00	71.00
Donation to Community Hospital Trust (from panto monies)	140.35	0
The Brackley Building Company (costings associated with electricity supply to Green)	380.00	76.00
Invoices relating to HS2 funding projects		
Taylor Plant Construction Ltd (cricket roller)	5,800.00	1160.00

The Soccer Store (goal posts)	880.00	176.00
Town & Country (village hall boiler)	4,062.50	812.50
Black Forge (village sign) 10 % deposit	480.00	96.00

#### **d. To formally approve the draft budget and precept for 2020/21**

The budget was agreed and the figure of £21,267.00 was approved for the precept. Cllr MB advised that this figure means there will be an estimated 1.5% increase in the precept for the next financial year which equates to an increase of 25p per week per band D property. CK will submit a request to SNC and put the information on the village website at: <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/parish-council/finance.html>

#### **06/20 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives**

Cllr JBP gave an update on the following applications:

S/2019/2076/FUL	Proposed single storey rear/side extensions, part two storey side extension, internal and roof alterations, and detached double garage and store. Location: College Farmhouse, Boughton Terrace, Evenley	EPC: No objection with comments SNC: consults dispatched
S/2019/2131/FUL	Proposal Single story rear extension to replace conservatory Location Five Gables 9 Mixbury Road Evenley NN13 5SL	EPC: No objection SNC: <b>APPROVED</b>
S/2019/2176/TPO	Proposal T1-T9 Common Lime Trees - Prune, crown reduce, crown raise. Location St Georges Church, Church Lane, Evenley	EPC: No objection SNC: <b>APPROVED</b>
S/2019/2313/FUL	Rooflights and solar panels to roof. Insertion of two gable windows and the replacement of a first floor window with a larger window. Location: Lady Place 1 Broad Lane Evenley	EPC: No objection with comments SNC: site visit complete
S/2019/2469/FUL	Detached dwelling and Associated Works Location Willowbourne 5 Bicester Hill Evenley NN13 5SD	EPC: No objection SNC: consults dispatched
S/2019/2502/ADV	Four identical, non-illuminated signs Location: Roundabout At Oxford Road Brackley	EPC: No objection SNC: consults dispatched
*S/2020/0027/FUL	Conversion of barn to a dwelling Location: The Old Barn, Church Lane, Evenley	EPC: SNC

\*As this application has just been received it was agreed to gather further information and cllr JPB will visit all neighbours concerned before EPC submit a decision.

#### **07/20 To receive an update on installing electricity on the Green**

Western Power have completed their works and EPC has signed up to a three-year contract with British Gas who will supply the electricity to the Green. The Brackley Building Company has built a brick wall and installed a three phase electrical box. We are just awaiting a quote for a stone cupboard to be built to house it all in (with a lockable door). Cllr JPB asked who will be paying for the electricity used and if there is a standing charge. Cllr MB suggested we may need to draw up a charging policy. It was agreed to monitor the expense going forward and make a decision at a later date.

#### **08/20 To discuss our response to the proposed Local Development Order (LDO)**

Cllr JM advised that the consultation period has been extended to 10<sup>th</sup> February in order to give local residents and town and parish councils more time to provide comments.

The LDO is intended to help homeowners to extend their homes, by removing the need for planning permission for most extensions. SNC would like to put a quicker, alternative process in place, to check that plans comply with the terms of the LDO and are seeking views about whether we support the idea in principle, as well as any detailed comments that we may have about the draft LDO.

JM feels that on the whole, the LDO will have a positive effect in that there will be less planning applications to comment on. However, there should be something in the protocol to ensure that town and parish councils are notified when a letter of compliance has been sent to a householder. There should also be a mechanism for recording in the planning register that something has been turned down as unacceptable in LDO terms, so a future purchaser is able to have the information.

Chairman CE will be attending a briefing session in Brackley on 29<sup>th</sup> January where more information may be forthcoming. It was agreed to wait until then to submit our comments.

If you would like more information on this or to take part in the consultation, please click on the following link: <https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/consultation>

### **09/20 To approve costs for a new Evenley flag**

It was agreed to purchase a new Evenley flag at the cost of £399.51 plus VAT.

**Action: CK**

### **10/20 To provide an update on the village pantomime and allocation of funds**

Cllr JPB advised that after pantomime expenses, a profit of £107.35 was made which will be donated to the Brackley Community Hospital Trust towards an x-ray machine (not funded by the NHS). The village hall committee have kindly waved the hall fee of £33.00 which will be added to the total, bringing it up to £140.35.

Cllr JPB advised that it is unlikely we will be hosting the pantomime again due to prices going up and lack of volunteers. However, if someone comes forward to run the event we will reconsider. Please contact the parish clerk if you would be interested in organising the annual pantomime ([clerk@evenleypc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@evenleypc.org.uk)).

### **11/20 To respond to HS2's Common Design Element Survey**

Cllr JPB and Brian Sinclair attended the HS2 Liaison meeting last Friday where the design elements were discussed. They advised that all constructions will be made of concrete and should last for at least 120 years. The sides can be patterned and coloured but only up to one meter high. HS2 has confirmed it will be responsible for treating graffiti.

It was agreed to respond to the survey suggesting that the bridges and viaducts, etc are painted or treated to deter graffiti and that there should be a clear maintenance plan in place for land beneath bridges and viaducts (whether or not they are owned by HS2). Also, constructions should be painted with recessive colours to blend in with the countryside.

If you would like to take part in the survey (which ends on 30<sup>th</sup> January), please click on the following link:  
<https://hs2inbucksandoxfordshire.commonplace.is/news>

### **12/20 To make arrangements for a village spring clean on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

It was agreed to draw up a list of jobs that need doing around the village and ask people to pledge to carry out a specific job (or two) in their own time, if they're not able to commit to joining the spring clean. It was agreed to promote this with a flyer delivered to each household and via the village email system, Facebook and the notice board. Cllr CR will find out when the Pocket Park spring clean is so that it doesn't clash. It was agreed to meet at the village hall at 10.30 am for two hours.

**Action: JPB/CE/CK**

### **13/20 To accept councillors reports on the following areas:**

- A Allotments (CR)** the half plot that isn't being utilised is in the process of being taken over by another tenant.
- B Pocket Park (CR)** nothing to report.
- C Street lights (SB)** the faulty streetlight reported opposite the Red Lion has been attended to and is now in working order. EPC has completed the paperwork and signed up with SSE for electricity going forward which will bring better savings.
- D Village Hall (JPB)** the new boiler has been installed (using HS2 funds). The defibrillator will be relocated this week (next to the gas boiler). Cllr JM has taken over responsibility for the monthly defibrillator checks (in line with British Heart Foundation guidelines). We are still looking for volunteers to facilitate training sessions (using a DVD) and share checking responsibilities with cllr JM.  
Cllr MB proposed a budget of £50 to design a flyer to promote the spring clean including a plea for volunteers To come forward to support with the defibrillator, the annual pantomime and the village fete. Cllr JPB agreed to put something together.  
**Action: JPB/CK**
- E Website (MB)** amendments have been made on the village hall pages of the website.
- F Village Greens, planting and trees (CE/SB)** see 07/20.
- G Newsletter (CE)** the Spring issue will be published in February/March.
- H Hs2 & Highways (SB & CE)** cllr JPB and Brian Sinclair attended the HS2 Liaison meeting last Friday. The clerk advised that all conditions of the HS2 award have now been met and our project will be publicly announced on 31/01/2020.  
Northants Highways has advised they have completed their works to repaint the white lines around the village.
- I Local Government Reorganisation (JM)** The two new unitary authorities will be established on 1st April 2021 and services currently provided by the county council and the district and borough councils will be brought together under each of the two new unitary authorities. The West Northamptonshire Joint Committee has been established by the following authorities: Daventry District Council; Northampton Borough Council; Northamptonshire County Council; and South Northamptonshire Council. Please visit their website for more information at: <https://tinyurl.com/sls96qo>

The Northamptonshire's Children's Trust will be launched this summer. The Trust will have responsibility for the delivery of Social Care and Early Help Services and will be a new legal entity owned by the County Council. For more information about the Trust and to view the process of recruiting senior posts and non-executive directors, please visit: <http://www.northamptonshirechildrenstrust.co.uk/about-the-trust/>

**J St. George's Church** nothing to report.

#### **14/20 Correspondence received**

- HS2's invitation to a joint parish council meeting at Westbury Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> February. Chairman CE, cllr JPB and the clerk will attend and feedback information.
- Letter from North Oxon & South Northants Citizen's Advice asking for a donation. Councillors agreed not to offer a donation at this time; however, we could reconsider at the meeting in March when we have a better idea of unallocated funds. We subsequently found that the Brackley CAB is funded by Oxfordshire CAB.
- Email from Helen du Bois, Greatworth Parish Clerk providing an update on the 'HS2 – the slow train to Old Oak Common' letter that was been sent to Lord Berkeley MP. Andrea Leadsom MP and Victoria Prentis MP have asked for a copy of the letter and a list of supporting councils which has been supplied.

#### **15/20 Councillor questions**

- Cllr SR asked if something can be done regarding the unsightly sandbags, signs, broken cabinet, rubbish and cones that have been left on the junction of Charlton Road. It was noted that two lamp posts are also missing. The clerk will report to Highways England. **Action: CK**
- Cllr SR asked whether the grit bin could be relocated to a layby on Charlton Road (as discussed at the last meeting). The clerk advised that firstly we need to request a licence from Northamptonshire Highways and we should also make enquiries as to whether the rock salt is actually being used from the grit bin on the triangle near to the Green (on the track to the sewage works). Councillors approved to relocate it if it isn't being used (once a licence has been sought). **Action: CK/JPB/CR**
- Cllr CR has been contacted by RAF Croughton advising that they will be carrying out a survey for a new entrance next month.
- Cllr MB asked if we've had a date for the chicane in Broad Lane. Cllr JPB advised that this was discussed at the HS2 Liaison meeting and works will begin this Spring.
- Cllr JM advised that if no one comes forward to run the village fete it won't take place this year. Cllr SR said she had expressed an interest last year but didn't receive a response. Cllr JM will follow this up and put people in touch with each other. **Action: JM**

#### **16/20 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)**

No comments.

#### **17/20 Close**

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

**The minutes of a council meeting are a public record of who attended and the decisions that were made.**

***The next meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 7.30 pm at Evenley Village Hall***

**APPROVED**