



Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Evenley Village Hall, on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: cllr Mike Baul (MB), chairman Cathy Ellis (CE), cllr Jean Morgan (JM), vice chairman Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB), cllr Charles Reader (CR), cllr Sue Ricketts (SR), Cathy Knott (CK) clerk and 3 members of the public.

166/18 Apologies and welcome

Apologies received from cllr Spencer Burnham (SB). Chairman CE welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

167/18 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 19th November 2018.

The minutes were approved and signed.

168/18 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Most actions are being dealt with or are included in the agenda.

Re:164/18 With the landowner's permission, cllr CR has cleared the overgrown vegetation from the corner of Bicester Hill. Chairman CE formally thanked Charles and Andy for all their work and for clearing the road to Pocket Park. It was noted that there are overhanging branches very close to the electricity box at the allotments. CK will notify Western Power.

169/18 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

Chairman CE for item 171/18

170/18 Finance

- a. Financial statement
- b. Payments received
- c. Approval of invoices for payment

Account		
Community	43,506.36	
Business Saver	19,146.24	
National Savings	5,745.39	
TOTAL	68,397.99	
Receipts		
ERA donation	478.35	0
Lawrence Furnishings (newsletter donation)	60.00	0
Bag Force (newsletter donation)	60.00	0
INVOICES SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT		VAT
C. Knott (Nov salary)	509.80	0
HMRC (tax)	10.20	0
C. Knott (Oct expenses + parking signs)	153.03	2.04
Evenley Village Hall (hire)	34.00	0
Aylesbury Mains Ltd (six light replacements)	660.00	132.00
Evenley Cricket Club (mowing the Green)	240.00	0
C.Ellis (Christmas lights)	22.99	0

Cllr JPB presented the clerk with cash totaling £305.00, received from the pantomime ticket sales. CK advised that an invoice hasn't yet been received for the pantomime which will be £305 + VAT. However, councillors agreed to pay the invoice once received and claim back the VAT.

d. To approve the 2019.20 draft budget & precept

After an open discussion regarding the funding of future pantomime performances, Cllr MB proposed to adjust the draft budget by moving £200.00 from EPC's grant/donation fund to cover half the pantomime costs (assuming that EVHMC would let the hall free of charge) and match funding could be found from an external funding source. This would make it a community event supported by various organisations.

Cllr MB advised that subject to this amendment, the draft budget for 2019.20 will be £20,532.00 (as discussed at the last meeting). This shows an increase of 1.9% on a band D property (using estimated values, as the tax base figure hasn't yet been confirmed). All councillors unanimously agreed on the draft budget which will be put forward for approval at the January meeting.

171/18 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives

Cllr JPB reported that the four planning proposals at 22 The Green have been approved by SNC. Various works to trees will be taking place in the village at Smithfields. The Robinia will be felled at 30 The Green as will the Lime tree on the Green. Chairman CE will discuss a suitable replacement tree with the tree surgeon. The following applications have been received:

S/2018/2616/FUL	Variation of condition 2 (plans) and 3 (materials) of S/2016/2994/FUL. Amendments to garage and change of material to the rear side elevation from stone to timber cladding.	EPC: no objection SNC:
S/2018/2617/LBC	Listed building consent for single storey side extension and garage. Location: Finch Cottage, 24 The Green, Evenley	EPC: no objection SNC:

172/18 To discuss strategic plan updates

Updates have been made which CK will circulate to councillors.

173/18 To discuss protection of the Village Green

Chairman CE read out an email received from Helen Howard (community liaison officer for Northamptonshire Highways) after discussing our concerns with her for the Green. To kerb across the front of the green (on Mixbury Road) Northants Highways would need to carry out a detailed design which would cost £1750.00 (excluding VAT). This would include investigations into drainage options.

Unfortunately, this is an unsatisfactory response as the whole green needs protecting, not just one side.

It was agreed to explore other avenues and advisory bodies and find out who the approved contractors are.

Action: JM/CK/CE/JPB

174/18 Grit bins – to decide on which supplier to use to supply grit

CK circulated information received on grit bin suppliers. Because we only have a limited budget this year, it was agreed that Cllr SR will check which bins need more salt and get a price from Bag Force.

CK will ask the clerk at Croughton PC for this to be added to the agenda for discussion at the ward meeting in January.

Action: SR/CK

175/18 To report back on the clerk's appraisal

CK circulated notes to councillors prior to the meeting. They were signed by chairman CE and CK.

176/18 To accept councillors reports on the following areas:

- A Allotments (CR)** nothing to report at this time.
- B Pocket Park (CR)** possible government funding is available (requiring match funding) which Cllr CR will take to the next committee meeting.
- C Street lights (SB)** Six internal fittings (of the Victorian style lamps) have been replaced on the Green and Spencer Close. All other lamps will be replaced early in the new year.
- D Village Hall (JPB)** CK and Chairman CE have and will continue to chase Gigaclear engineers for an installation date.
- E Website (MB)** nothing to report at this time.
- F Village Green, planting and trees (CE)** Chairman CE has got the bulbs but the trees for School Lane haven't arrived yet.
- G Newsletter (CE)** The Winter edition has been published.

H Hs2 & Highways (SB) Chairman CE, cllr JPB and cllr SB will be attending the HS2 liaison meeting this Friday. Agenda items include a lot of issues we have raised in Evenley. The notes from these meetings can be found on our village website at: <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/home/noticeboard/hs2-notice.html>

I Local Government Reform (JM) Council elections have been postponed until May 2020.

A consultation by the Secretary of State over plans to restructure local government in Northamptonshire has started and is open until 25th January 2019. You can view information and comment online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-proposed-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-northamptonshire>

J Emergency Planning (SR & CR) An invitation asking for residents to come forward if they have skills/equipment needed in an emergency will be circulated with the next newsletter. Cllr SR advised that one person has already come forward to offer support. Cllr JM advised it would also be good to include parishioners who are able to speak fluently in a foreign language.

177/18 Correspondence received

- RAF Croughton has issued a notice advising it is not going ahead with the USAF amalgamation of departments from Molesworth and Alconbury. Therefore, we won't be seeing a change to the current role or size. Planned improvements to its existing SATCOM equipment are unaffected as is the intention to relocate the main entry/exit to the base. Construction on these major programmes is expected to commence as soon as all approvals and preparatory works are complete.
- Alison Kendall has asked if the parish council would consider making a donation to help with re-starting the WI group in Evenley. The group will involve a range of age groups and offer monthly meetings for members where they will be able to listen to speakers, watch demonstrations and learn new skills. The WI has been campaigning recently regarding social isolation, and a group like this would be a great asset in combatting loneliness especially amongst the older members of the community – Cllr MB advised that we have £200.00 left in our grant budget and councillors unanimously agreed to donate £100.00 to the WI group as a 'one off' to start them off. **Action: CK**
- A letter has been received from the Salvation Army regarding siting a clothing recycling bank on EPC land - councillors agreed that it is not needed in Evenley and we should support the charity shops in Brackley.
- An email has been received from a resident thanking EPC for the latest newsletter, highlighting the idea of replacing some stiles with kissing gates. Further correspondence has taken place with some great ideas on footpath promotion including a village notice board with a large map showing the routes.
- EON is changing its prices with effect from 21st January 2019.
- North Oxon & South Northants Citizens Advice have written asking for a donation. Councillors agreed that we should not use public money to support this.
- SNC community services team has developed a new well being activity map showing local affordable activities. Lots of the activities are free of charge and none cost more than £5 per session. To view the map please visit:
- <https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/wellbeing-map>
If you are a group activity organiser and would like to see your activity featured on the map for free, then please email wellbeing.map@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk

178/18 Councillor questions

- Cllr JM reported that no one has come forward to organise the summer fete next year. Cllr SR advised that she may be able to assist with this but would like a mentor. Chairman CE will put her in touch with Jackie Alder. **Action: CE/SR**
- Cllr CR has noticed that an oak tree on the Mixbury Road is in serious danger of falling. Cllr CR or chairman CE agreed to discuss with the land owner. **Action: CE/CR**
- Cllr SR advised that the water level gets high in the dip coming out of Evenley on the Mixbury Road and wondered if there is a blockage. CK will contact Northants Highways. **Action: CK**

179/18 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)

A resident advised that it looks as if a car has been abandoned in Rudgey. CK will report it to Northamptonshire Police. **Action: CK**

180/18 Close

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm and Christmas refreshments were served.

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 21st January at 7.30 pm.