

Minutes of the of meeting of the parish council held at Evenley Village Hall, on Monday 15th July 2019 at 7:30pm

Present: cllr Jean Morgan (JM), chairman Cathy Ellis (CE), cllr Charles Reader (CR), cllr Sue Ricketts (SR), Cathy Knott (CK) clerk and one member of the public.

89/19 Apologies and welcome

Chairman CE welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Apologies accepted from cllr Mike Baul (MB), cllr Spencer Burnham (SB) and vice chairman Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB).

90/19 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 17th June 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed.

91/19 To note any matters from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

All actions have been dealt with or are on the agenda. It was agreed to promote the 2020 elections at September's meeting.

92/19 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

None received.

93/19 Finance

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

Account	£
Community	17,123.96
Business Saver	19,822.16
National Savings	5,787.06
TOTAL	42,733.18

Receipts (since 17.06.19)	£	VAT
Newsletter donation Lawrence Furnishings	60.00	
Interest	19.68	
Invoices approved		
C. Knott (June salary)	520.00	0
C. Knott (expenses)	32.20	5.00
Barbara Osborne (PAYE service)	64.50	0
Evenley Village Hall (hire)	34.00	0
SNAST (neighbourhood watch) annual subscription	20.00	0
EoN (street light electric)	532.84	26.64

94/19 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives

S/2019/0257/MAF	Proposal Change of use of the site as a garden open to the public and used for the hosting of events. Location: Evenley Wood Garden Evenley NN13 5SH	EPC: No objection with comments SNC: APPROVED
S/2019/0895/FUL	Refurbishment of an existing building to create a new reception & office building. Location: 6 Reynard Park, Brackley	EPC: No objection SNC: site visit complete

S/2019/1366/FUL	Replace all windows to timber double glazed, replace back door to Oak. Location 7 The Green Evenley NN13 5SQ	EPC: No objection SNC: consults dispatched
S/2019/1367/LBC	Replace all windows to timber double glazed, replace back door to Oak, reposition bathroom stud wall, replace kitchen and bathroom, reinstate bedroom 2 wall, remove ground floor, renew damp proof, install under floor heating and replace multi fuel heater. Location 7 The Green Evenley NN13 5SQ	EPC: No objection SNC: consults dispatched
S/2019/1320/FUL	Installation of trench for ground collector for 60kW ground source heat pump Location Elm Tree Farm Charlton Road Evenley NN13 5GH	EPC: No objection SNC: consults dispatched

95/19 To approve the simplified emergency plan

Cllr SR will circulate for approval via email and the clerk will publish it on the website.

Action: SR

96/19 To adopt the GDPR policy 'councillor resignation checklist'

It was resolved to adopt the policy.

97/19 To receive an update from the Local Council Forum

Cllr JM attended the West Northamptonshire Local Council Forum on 19th June where it was confirmed that West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) would be electing 93 members onto its shadow council and North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) would be electing 78 members on 7th May 2020 (town and parish council elections will be held on the same day). Wards are based on existing NCC divisions and there will be no review of existing boundaries.

The two new unitary councils will formally commence on 1st April 2021 ("vesting day"). This is a year later than originally proposed.

There will be one children's trust across the whole county providing services for children and young people.

At SNC, cllr JM assumes that the community grant and new homes bonus grant will carry on for one extra year.

There will be no changes to town/parish councils' statutory duties.

The document 'prospectus for change' was discussed. This sets out an integrated plan to deliver local government reform and transformation across the county. Leaders, senior members and officers from the eight existing Northamptonshire councils are involved in working on this. There are eight workstreams. The document can be viewed at: <https://tinyurl.com/y5byhu5k>

98/19 To accept a proposal for permanent dog signage

It was resolved that the clerk should purchase five plastic signs to be put up around the village. **Action: CK**

99/19 To submit HS2 community environment ideas and resolve to apply for funding

After consulting with the village, CK circulated a list of ideas totaling approximately £75,000.00. It was resolved to put an application together and apply to the community environment fund. CK and cllr SR will meet on Friday 19th July to start the process.

Action: CK/SR

100/19 To discuss ideas for celebrating and commemorating the 75th anniversary of VE Day on Friday 8th May 2020

Chairman CE advised that following on from June's meeting where it was resolved to make the village Green available to facilitate the sharing of picnics and celebrations, the clerk and cllr MB have contacted our insurers to discuss issues with them and CE has canvassed various groups and individuals in the village to discuss it further. Cllr CR suggested that CE hardens her ideas up and puts together a firm proposal for the meeting in September. CK will also circulate a 'save the date' village email and ask if anyone has any ideas they'd like to put forward.

Action: CK/CE

101/19 To accept councillors reports on the following areas:

- A Allotments (CR)** as no further communication has been received regarding a communal plot, it was agreed to advertise the plot for rent as it is looking neglected. Cllr CR has tidied up the path by the wall. **Action: CK**
- B Pocket Park (CR)** nothing to report.
- C Street lights (SB)** nothing to report.
- D Village Hall (JPB)** There are a few website issues that are being dealt with.
- E Website (MB)** noting to report.
- F Village Greens, planting and trees (CE)** a request from ECC to scarify and seed the Green has been received and CE responded asking for a meeting to discuss further. It was agreed that we should include this as an item on September's agenda and to invite members from ECC along to the meeting. **Action: CK**
- G Newsletter (CE)** the next edition will be published during September.

- H Hs2 & Highways (SB)** the next HS2 meeting is on Friday 19th July but unfortunately no-one is able to attend. CE will write to Esme about the recent road closure and diversions.
- I Local Government Reorganisation (JM)** see item 97/19.
- J St. George's Church** cllr JM advised that the fete was well attended and raised £1441.00 towards Church funds.

102/19 Correspondence received

- The Police have written to Evenley speed watch thanking them and advising them that during their last planned time with the equipment (in May and July) they generated 129 Police warning letters. Data collected can be found on our village website at <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/county/speedwatch.html>
- The pensions regulator has sent a letter advising that EPC should complete and submit a re-declaration of compliance before 31st March 2020. **Action: CK**
- Complaints have been received regarding a dangerous driver in the village. The Police have been informed and have visited the individual concerned. If you would like to report an offence, please submit a report via the 101 number online at <https://archive.northants.police.uk/page/do-it-online>
- Complaints have been received from residents and from further afield regarding a tank from 'Tanks a Lot' (that appears to be kept at Evenley Fields Farm) destructing roads and verges in Charlton Road. The Police have been informed and the clerk has written to Helen Howard (Northants Highways) who is taking it up with 'Tanks a Lot'. In order that this doesn't keep happening, it was agreed that the clerk should try to find out about the law surrounding this activity and to contact Greatworth Parish Council (to see if they have experienced similar problems). It will also be raised at the ward meeting. The clerk will contact Helen to see if she has any updates. **Action: CK**
- Cllr JM circulated information about a photographic competition sponsored by Evenley Residents Association that will form part of this year's summer fete, encouraging photographers to submit recent photographs of the parish. The photos will then be used to decorate the village hall, the new café and shop and post office and the Red Lion.

103/19 Councillor questions

- Cllr CR raised concerns regarding footings work taking place at the bottom of Bicester Hill on land known as the Piggeries. The clerk will contact planning and highways to see if they can offer any insight. **Action: CK**
- Cllr CR advised that parts of Evenley have a lot of overgrown vegetation encroaching on footpaths, adding that owners should take responsibility for their own properties. It was agreed to have an item in the Autumn newsletter.
- Cllr CR advised that Highways have left metal cases on the side of the road off the A43 roundabout. The clerk will ask them to collect. **Action: CK**
- Cllr JM advised that delivery vehicles have been parking on the Green. It was agreed that we should draft a letter that can be circulated to residents of the Green who can attach it to the windscreen of said vehicles to make them aware of the rules. Also, should more wooden bollards be installed along the edge of the Green to avoid further erosion? This will form part of the September agenda. **Action: CK**

104/19 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)

None received.

105/19 Close

The meeting closed at 9.10 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 16th September at 7.30 pm.