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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Evenley Village Hall, on Monday 15th October 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Mike Baul (MB), Spencer Burnham (SB), Cathy Ellis (CE), Cllr Jean Morgan (JM), Cllr Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB), Charles Reader (CR), Sue Ricketts (SR), Cathy Knott (CK) clerk and 4 members of the public

127/18 Apologies and welcome

No apologies received. Chairman CE welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

128/18 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 17th September 2018.

The minutes were approved and signed.

129/18 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

All outstanding actions are being dealt with or are included in the agenda. An emergency planning invitation was circulated, asking for residents to come forward if they have skills/equipment needed in an emergency. This will form part of the Winter newsletter, be published on the village website (under policies) and be sent out via village email and Facebook.

Action: CK

130/18 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

Cllr SR for item 132/18 – Gateridge Farm

Chairman CE for item 132/18 – 22 The Green

131/18 Finance

- a. Financial statement
- b. Payments received
- c. Approval of invoices for payment
- d. To receive an update from the internal controls councilor

Account	Balances as at 08.10.18
Community	45,699.99
Business Saver	18,547.89
National Savings	5,745.39
TOTAL	69,993.27

Receipts since 17.09.2018		
Interest	15.33	
PWLB (for streetlight project)	28,542.00	
INVOICES SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT		VAT
C. Knott (Sep salary)	468.40	0
HMRC (tax)	51.60	0
Barbara Osborne (PAYE Service provider)	63.00	0
C. Knott (Sep expenses including poppy wreath)	42.48	6.30
EON (streetlight electricity)	436.32	21.82
Evenley Village Hall (hire)	44.00	0
Steve Thorburn (delivery fee x 3)	75.00	0
Anglian Water	12.10	0

Chris (defibrillator pads)	32.85	6.57
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d. Cllr MB reported that he and other councilors had met to discuss the budget for 2019/20. He advised that it is likely there will be an increase in the budget to cover additional costs including a new flag, bench repairs and maintenance to the Green, salt/grit for additional bins, an increase in audit fees and costs associated with path clearing, hedge trimming and maintenance of green space. However, he explained that some of these costs would be offset by anticipated reductions including a decrease in streetlight electricity costs. Cllr MB therefore predicts a one to two percent increase in the precept. He will finalise calculations and present figures at the next meeting.

132/18 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives

Cllr JPB provided an update on outstanding applications - S/2018/1676/FUL Mercedes-benz Grand Prix Ltd, Reynard Park, Brackley, S/2018/1868/FUL 4 Church Leys, Evenley and S/2018/1818/LDE Evenley Fields Farmhouse, Charlton Road, Evenley advising they had all been approved by SNC.

Four applications have been received for 22 The Green (see below). Cllr JM has visited the site and summarized her findings which were circulated.

Cllr JM proposed that EPC respond "no objection" to:

- Bifold doors to rear of extension replaced by windows.
- Proposed new windows to kitchen on north facing wall reduced in size.
- New external cupboard to house boiler and utilities meters beneath smaller kitchen windows.

But object to:

- Stone boundary wall replaced by fencing (as not in keeping in a conservation area).
- Flue installed (estimated height = 3.5m) at northern end of extension (as it is a dominant feature and above the eaves height of the mains section of the property, as well as above the eaves height of the terrace to the west (no.s 21 – 13 The Green).
- The newly built pergola (due to the impact on neighbouring listed buildings and their curtilages).

Councillors unanimously agreed but expressed the view that we don't want to upset residents, however we have to follow the rules especially regarding listed buildings in a conservation area where there are permitted development rules. Although planning is time consuming and frustrating, guidance papers are available and residents should always seek advice prior to starting a project.

S/2018/2194/FUL	Replace timber & glazed summerhouse with open sided oak framed pergola with pitched cedar & shingle roof. alterations to garage roof from flat to pitched roof (retrospective).
S/2018/2195/LBC	Listed building consent to replace timber & glazed summerhouse with open sided oak framed pergola with pitched cedar & shingle roof. alterations to garage roof from flat to pitched roof.
S/2018/2201/FUL	Variation of condition 2 (plans) to S/2017/1901/FUL (Single storey dining extension to existing kitchen and sun room. Removal of hipped roof over kitchen and alterations to boundary treatment comprising stone wall and a gate) Change from door to window, new cupboard to house heat pump and electric meter, new external flue for eco stove (Retrospective)
S/2018/2202/LBC	Listed building consent to change from door to window, new cupboard to house heat pump and electric meter, new external flue for eco stove

Cllr JPB provided an update on the recently installed lagoon/tower at Gateridge Farm, advising that responses had been received and visits had taken place from the environmental protection officer at SNC, the principal development control officer at SNC and the rights of way officer at Northants Highways.

Cllr SB advised that he had dealt with a similar situation and said that anyone smelling an obnoxious odour should ring the Environmental Agency (EA) hot line so that all calls are logged (tel no. 0800 80 70 60). It was agreed for CK to contact neighbouring residents and encourage them to call the EA.

Action: CK

133/18 To comment on South Northamptonshire Council's final version of the Part 2 Local Plan draft submission (regulation 19)

Cllr JM attended the public exhibition at Brackley town hall today where she discussed several points with planners including open green spaces and green corridors. She asked why the old railway routes stop at Brackley (the response from planners was 'good point, we'll include in comments') and why the Cherwell valley is noted for its beauty but not the Great Ouse (response from planners was 'because it is not of sufficient quality').

Cllr JM advised that the main points for villagers to note is that Evenley is now known as a 'small village' and there is no need for housing allocation (because the area is ahead of targets). Also, the village confines are now included in the whole property (so should not pass through gardens).

Cllr JM will put together a response on behalf of EPC for CK to submit to SNC.

Action: JM/CK

There are other dates and locations to attend exhibitions throughout October and information about the local plan is available on our website – please visit <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/county/snc.html>.

Cllr JM added that although not included in the local plan, it has just been made public that three Northants councils have provisionally signed up to a growth deal associated with Oxfordshire County Council and if it goes ahead would mean an acceleration of growth in the area.

134/18 Speed watch – to provide an update and to thank the team

Cllr MB reported that thanks to Zelda Carr's organization, ten speed watch sessions have operated during September from a team of 13 volunteers. He said 59 vehicles were reported to the Police for exceeding the speed limit at the approved monitoring location in Broad Lane and speeds in excess of 45 mph were recorded on occasion. He thanked Zelda for continuing to co-ordinate this activity.

Cllr JPB advised that he has been unable to download any data recently because of problems with the software. CK will contact Croughton parish council to see if they are able to help.

Action: CK

135/18 To promote Best Village 2019 and ask for volunteers

Chairman CE advised that the competition isn't about the look of the village but about the active community within the village. It was agreed that CK should contact organisers from the previous year and ask if they are happy to be involved again. We will invite David Connolly along to a meeting to inform us what is involved and encourage smaller groups to get involved this time.

Action: CK

136/18 Grit bins – to provide an update on the outcome of Northamptonshire Highways decision

Northants Highways have agreed to own and maintain four bins in Evenley and EPC have taken over ownership of three, giving us a total of six bins (*see appendix 1*). We will need to obtain two new name plaques as bins must be clearly marked as maintained by the parish council.

Action: CK

137/18 To discuss replacing the concrete slabs around the war memorial

SNC's conservation officer has responded to chairman CE advising that the hardstanding around the memorial is not considered part of the listing and as such we would not be required to submit a listed building application to take the concrete slabs away and either grass seed or replace them with something more in keeping.

Chairman CE has received quotes to remove the concrete slabs and replace with limestone with approximate costs coming in at £840.00 + VAT. She proposed that we apply to Evenley Residents Association (ERA) for funds and the parish council will top up if required. Councillors unanimously agreed.

Action: CE

138/18 To approve a planting plan for the land in School Lane

Chairman CE proposed to purchase four small ornamental fruit trees (*see appendix 2*) at the cost of £50.00 each (incl. posts and ties) and daffodil bulbs for the land in School Lane - total cost £250.00.

Councillors unanimously agreed. CE advised the trees and bulbs will be planted asap and further explained that she had listened to residents comments and the majority agreed that having four small trees would greatly improve the area.

Cllr JM thought it would be a good idea to reuse the slabs from around the war memorial to replace the broken path and for the weeds to be treated. It was also agreed to look into 'no parking' signage.

Action: CE/CK

139/18 To discuss snow clearing

Cllr CR advised that during the last winter he had ploughed the snow from Bicester Hill and the Green but had struggled to find a safe area to dump it. Councillors agreed that in future bad weather, CR should use the corners of Church Leys and the Green.

140/18 To discuss dog fouling

Cllr SB advised that more and more people were leaving bags of dog poo around. Councillors agreed to make some notices to put up around the worst parts of the village advising that any bin can be used. If this doesn't have an impact we will look again at having a dog bin.

Action: CK/SB/CE

141/18 To accept councillors reports on the following areas:

A Allotments (CR) One tenant has given notice and the plot has already been taken on by another tenant. Cllr CR is in the process of arranging two days for tenants to join him in tidying up the area before the winter and to clearly mark out each plot. The sessions will take place on Saturday October 27th and Saturday November 3rd between 10 am and 3 pm. CK will email the tenants. CR has been working on the path by the stone wall as it is not safe to walk on. Chairman CE proposed to purchase two ton of type one to finish it off (approximate cost £60.00). Councillors unanimously agreed.

B Pocket Park (CR) Nothing to report at this time.

C Street lights (SB) The order has been placed with Aylesbury Mains for replacement lights. SB will discuss timings/dimming with the contractors in the next few days.

D Village Hall (JPB) The village hall committee has been very active replacing doors, floors and decorating. Because of this JPB proposed to gift the committee £300.00 out of the donation budget as a gesture of support. CE seconded the proposal and four councillors agreed. One councillor abstained. Gigaclear have advised they should have broadband installed at the hall by the end of November.

E Website (MB) Nothing to report at this time.

F Village Green, planting and trees (CE) A tree surgeon will be assessing the Lime tree opposite the village shop tomorrow as it doesn't look very healthy or safe. If it needs to be felled, we will replace it with a more suitable tree.

CE is waiting for a response from Mr Dempsey regarding tidying up various areas in the village. We need to look into putting a management plan together (and funding) to tidy up the village entrances, footpaths etc as it doesn't look like Northants county council will be managing this going forward.

G Newsletter (CE) the autumn edition has been published and delivered. Thank you to Spencer and Kirsty for their assistance.

H Hs2 & Highways (SB) the HS2 liaison meeting has been postponed until 14th November. SB has attempted to contact Esme Cushing and Helen Howard regarding the road safety fund. He has also asked for an update on the A422 road closure at Farthinghoe.

I Local Government Reform (JM) There hasn't yet been a response on the submission of two unitary authorities to the Secretary of State. It is expected that orders will be made in February/March time. Commissioners are in and supporting radical cuts with more cuts expected in the coming months. JM has completed the reorganisation councillor panel survey.

J Emergency Planning (SR & CR) An invitation has been put together which was circulated – see item 129/18. Once people start responding SR and CR will develop a scheme.

142/18 Correspondence received

- Northants Police and Fire Services – safety information on Halloween and Bonfire night.
- PWLB notification for a loan for replacement streetlights.
- Letter from Rt. Hon. Andrea Leadsom MP regarding the local bus service.

143/18 Councillor questions

- JM advised that when she had visited 22 The Green, she noted that the land to the back of the village shop was derelict and asked if the owner could please tidy it up.
- CR reported that the land to the back of Manor Cottage has all been tidied up now.
- SR asked where the nearest recycling point is now that the bins have been removed from Tesco carpark. Councillors advised there is a bottle bank at Mixbury and the nearest refuse/recycling centres are in Towcester and Buckingham.

144/18 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)

- A resident advised that building works have halted at a property in Rudgeway and a skip has been left on the grass adjacent to the drive for several months. CK will write to the owners.
- A resident asked if the tree on the middle island on Church Lane could be reduced in height. CE will ask the tree surgeon to assess it.

- Because of recent building work on Church Lane, it has resulted in the curbstones to the front of a cottage opposite being reduced in height and flooding is now an issue. Cllr MB advised the owner to file a report with Street Doctor at <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Transport/roads/streetdoctor/Pages/Step1.aspx>
- During the recent building work on Church Lane, contractors have parked on verges and they are now in a bad state of repair. CK will draft a letter to Mr Peppin asking him to restore the verges.
- A resident commented on item 140/18 and asked the council to consider having a dog bin or litter bin if the signage isn't effective.
- A resident advised that the pedestrian lights on the Tesco roundabout are not working. CK will report to Highways England. **Action: CK**

145/18 Close

The meeting closed at 9.40 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 19th November 2018.

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