



Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Evenley Village Hall, on Monday 16th July 2018 at 7:30pm

Present: Mike Baul (MB), Spencer Burnham (SB), Cathy Ellis (CE), Cllr Jean Morgan (JM), Charles Reader (CR), Cathy Knott (CK) clerk and six members of the public

92/18 Apologies and welcome

Apologies were received from Cllr Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB) and Cllr Sue Ricketts. Chairman CE welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

93/18 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 18th June 2018.

The minutes were approved and signed.

94/18 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

All outstanding actions are being dealt with.

95/18 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

None received.

96/18 Finance

- Financial statement
- Payments received
- Approval of invoices for payment

Account	Balance
Community	£10,850.16
Business Saver	£18,532.56
National Savings	£ 5,745.39
TOTAL	£35,128.11

RECEIPTS since 18.06.2018	£
Interest	8.63
Payments since 18.06.2018	
Unity bank service charge	18.00
INVOICES SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT	
C. Knott (June salary)	520.00
C. Knott (June expenses)	22.20
Barbara Osborne (PAYE service)	63.00
Evenley Village Hall (hire)	34.00
EON (streetlight electricity)	448.37
Spratt Endicott (legal fees for land purchase School Lane)	540.00
SNAST (Neighbourhood Watch) annual fee - CHEQUE	20.00
Evenley Cricket Club (interim invoice up to May for mowing)	400.00

97/18**To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives**

S/2018/0710/FUL	Proposal Replacement dwelling. New reception building for holiday lets and one additional holiday let. Location Elm Tree Farmhouse Charlton Road Evenley NN13 5GH	EPC: no objection SNC: consults dispatched
S/2018/0885/FUL	New conservatory and retrospective conversion of lounge, garden store/utility & log store (As approved under planning application S/2016/0773/FUL) to annex Location College Farmhouse Boughton Terrace Evenley NN13 5SE	EPC: no objection SNC: Approved
S/2018/1088/FUL	Proposed garden room Location Parsons House Charlton Road Evenley NN13 5LJ	EPC: no objection SNC: Approved

98/18**To discuss and approve a response on the Future Northants consultation (Local Government Reform)**

Cllr JM explained the background to the consultation, advising that currently Northamptonshire has eight principal authorities including the county council (which was unable to balance its annual budget for 2018/9 and has been the subject of Government intervention). The consultation document <https://www.futurenorthants.co.uk/> explains the reasons why change is being considered and covers key information about the options (closing on 22nd July 2018). The principal authorities propose two unitary councils – North and West Northamptonshire, with Daventry District, South Northamptonshire and Northampton Borough grouped together.

Brackley Town Council has met with members from surrounding parishes where the majority of attendees voted for an alternative - three authorities, with Daventry District and South Northamptonshire grouped with Wellingborough Borough. Northampton Borough would be a separate unitary.

Cllr JM however recommended that we do not support this for various reasons which she has also discussed with Danny Moody, Chief Executive at NCalc. These include the absence of links with Wellingborough, the cost of establishing three unitaries, and the population of all three (which would be below the 300,000 threshold for success set by Government).

Cllr JM proposed supporting the proposals for two new unitary councils, as per the consultation document. She also highlighted and endorsed the opportunity in the consultation document (page 6) to work with other public sector organisations, including healthcare and the Northamptonshire Police.

She also suggested that the EPC response should emphasise the importance of retaining flexibility in healthcare provision, including treatment at facilities in Oxford and Banbury.

Chairman CE seconded the proposal and all councillors were in agreement. Cllr JM will write a response to the consultation, and this will be posted on the website.

Action: JM**99/18****To discuss the recent land purchase in School Lane and decide on the need for byelaws**

Chairman CE advised that Evenley Parish Council now owns the parcel of land in School Lane. After seeking advice from NCalc on byelaws for the land, chairman CE advised that local councils should only consider these as a last resort, and instead use other methods if necessary which would be more effective. She therefore proposed that we don't have byelaws. Cllr JM seconded and all councillors were in agreement.

Chairman CE will visit residents of School Lane advising of the changes in management and she and the clerk will put together information about the land and contact details for any problems arising.

Action: CE/CK**100/18****To compile a 'wish list' for HS2 Community Fund**

Ideas submitted for the wish list include:

- Kerbing alongside the Green
- Village sign
- Allotment sign
- Old telephone box with book library
- War memorial limestone slabs – dependent on the outcome of the heritage officer's response
- Bus stop
- Electricity point on the Green

Cllr SB will contact Northants Highways to ask for drawings, a feasibility study and prices for the kerbing.

Chairman CE is chasing quotes for signage. Councillors agreed to submit an application as soon as we have received all quotes for works. The clerk will write to EVHMC and St. George's PCC advising them that they are also eligible to apply for this funding.

Action: CK/CE/SB

101/18 Public Works Loan update

Cllr SB reported that the form is ready, he is just waiting for contractors to get back to him with prices so we can confirm the price and agree on the best one before submitting.

102/18 To discuss and adopt the new risk schedule

The clerk circulated the risk schedule prior to the meeting. Two amendments were made and councillors unanimously agreed to adopt it.

103/18 To accept councillors reports on the following areas:

A Allotments (CR) one tenant has relinquished his plot due to ill health. Three plots are not being used so it was agreed to send reminders out to tenants advising them of point 2.3 in their tenancy agreements.

B Pocket Park (CR) depending on weather conditions, there may be an autumn tidy up.

C Street lights (SB) lamp number 35 in Spencer Close has been reported as faulty. It was agreed to instruct Aylesbury Mains Ltd to change the inner fittings at the cost of £150.00. Cllr SB is still waiting for quotes for electricity supply.

D Village Hall chairman CE and Cllr JPB have recently met with the chairman of EVHMC to discuss various issues including a comment made in the June minutes that he would like to have seen removed, the installation of Gigaclear at the hall and the ERA plant box (for best village). It was agreed to relocate the plant box to under the village notice board so that it can be better seen. All councillors were in agreement.

E Website (MB) all health and safety checks on the website have been completed. Chairman CE advised that her daughter Sasha is happy to take up-to-date village photographs and resize them so that we can add them to the website.

F Village Green, planting and trees (CE) one of the goal posts is broken; Cllr JM will contact Steve to action. There are a lot of overhanging bushes in Church Lane – Cllr SB has recently discussed this with the owners. The weeds are forcing the tarmac up on the footpath from Church Leys to Broad Lane. It was agreed to write to homeowners asking if they would be kind enough to action this.

The trees on the Green are very big now and the lower branches need to be raised. It was agreed that chairman CE and Cllr SB will have a tidy up. **Action: JM/CK/CE/SB**

G Newsletter (CE) the summer edition has been published and delivered. The Autumn edition will be published in October.

H Hs2 & Highways (SB) A letter has been received from Tommy Gilchrist (parliamentary assistant to the Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom MP) advising that the two chicanes on Broad Lane is one of the schemes that has been prioritised for the feasibility design study (as part of the HS2 road safety fund).

Local community engagement officers from HS2 and Eiffage Kier are hoping to give a presentation to parish councillors before the September meeting.

HS2 drop-in sessions are being held at Westbury Community Shop & Café on Friday 20th July between 12 – 4 pm and Tuesday 24th July between 3 – 7 pm.

I Local Government Reform (JM) please see item 98/18.

J Emergency Planning (SR & CR) at future meetings a piece of paper will be circulated inviting people to leave their details if they can offer assistance with emergency planning.

104/18 Correspondence received

- Notice that bus service 499 will be ending on Saturday 21st July. This leaves Evenley with no bus service.
- Email received asking if there is still a route over the brook at Black Jack spinney as there doesn't appear to be any way to cross. Cllr CR advised he will contact Bob Brown for more details. **Action: CR**

105/18 Councillor questions

Cllr CR asked if the clerk could circulate two village emails:

- advising people to be extra vigilant during this hot spell regarding fires, fireworks, lanterns and barbecues.
- the dangers to cows, horses and other animals if bags of dog waste are left in fields.

Cllr CR asked if a grit bin item could be added to the September agenda to discuss the cutbacks in gritting and encouraging residents to use grit wisely. **Action: CK**

Cllr JM asked if we could ask for volunteers to come forward (at the meeting in October) to work on the best village submission for 2019. Chairman CE will also put something in the Autumn newsletter.

106/18 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)

- Cracks have appeared in a garden wall in Church Lane following works by Weston Power. The owner has spoken to Weston Power who has agreed to pay costs.
- What is happening with the Local Plan; has it been put on hold? The clerk will find out. **Action: CK**

- Is there a policy for allotment tenants regarding fires? The clerk will find out. **Action: CK**
- A resident advised that King Sutton parish council had Victorian style streetlights fitted a few years ago. It might be worth asking who installed them.

107/18 Close

The meeting closed at 9.15 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 17th September 2018.

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