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## Minutes of the of meeting of the parish council held at Evenley Village Hall, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019 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 four members of the public.

### **163/19 Apologies and welcome**

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

**164/19 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019.** After amending the title of item 151/19 (from SNC to WNJPU), the minutes were approved and signed.

### **165/19 To note any matters from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**

158/19 - Cllr JPB has booked the Sasparillas for the afternoon of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May (VE Day).

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**

161/19 – the Royal British Legion have advised that 'Tommy' silhouettes are no longer available for sale as they were for the 100 year anniversary in 2018.

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

### **166/19 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda**

None received.

### **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Chairman CE invited Caryl Billingham to present information about Brackley Community Hospital regarding item 172/19 before continuing with the rest of the meeting:

### **172/19 To consider a donation via the precept towards an x-ray machine at the Brackley Community Hospital**

Caryl Billingham explained that she is a member of Brackley Community Hospital Trust 2020 and is helping to raise funds for the hospital in order to provide facilities that aren't funded by the NHS. She recently attended the Parishes Together meeting to promote the trust's objectives and talk to parish councils about making a donation.

Caryl advised that anything funded by the charity will be available to all residents of Brackley and surrounding areas. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.brackleycommunityhospital.charity/index.php>.

The centre, currently under construction, will accommodate Brackley Medical Centre and a new pharmacy. The three-storey medical centre will also accommodate a minor injuries treatment centre (including x-ray facilities), 16 intermediate care beds (transferred from Brackley Cottage Hospital), a café and ambulance base, as well as 130 car parking spaces. Because the NHS is only able to fund basic x-ray equipment, the trust is concentrating on raising funds for state-of-the-art x-ray equipment which will be able to transmit information and results instantly. The trust would also like to raise enough funds to place a TV and reclining chair in each bedroom suite (providing respite, intermediate and end of life care). Once purchased, all donated items will become the property of the NHS.

Chairman CE thanked Caryl for attending and giving an informative presentation. Cllr MB explained that Evenley Parish Council (EPC) has a budget/precept in the region of £20,000.00 covering basic village spends with only a small budget for donations. However, there are other avenues in the village such as Evenley Matters that may be able to help and CE suggested we link it to the VE Day celebrations in May.

It was agreed to discuss a donation and other support later in the meeting.

### **STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED**

**167/19 Finance**

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

Account	£
Community	15,162.93
Business Saver	19,902.15
National Savings	5,787.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,852.14</b>

Invoices approved for payment		
C. Knott (Nov salary)	520.00	0
C. Knott (expenses)	115.20	0
Barbara Osborne (PAYE service)	64.50	0
Evenley Village Hall (hire)	17.00	0
Dempsey (mowing)	1175.00	0
Texprep (newsletters)	113.00	0
Mowerman Grounds Maintenance (to fill grit bin no.s 7 & 10)	129.00	25.80
Forge Coffee (for notice board)	35.00	7.00
Police & Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire (overpaid funds paid back from VAS grant)	829.48	0

**d. To discuss the draft budget and precept for 2020/21**

Cllr MB advised that the tax base figure has now been received (slightly up from this year) and initial findings show that there shouldn't be a huge change in the precept. After the clerk has carried out another year end forecast, we will have a clearer idea and be able to present a budget which MB will circulate before the next meeting for approval.

**Action: MB**

Regarding a donation to the Brackley Community Hospital Trust 2020, MB proposed to add a further £200.00 to the grant/donation policy budget for 2020/21 and councillors unanimously agreed.

Regarding a donation to the trust for this financial year, it was agreed to add to the agenda to be discussed in January.

**168/19 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives**

Cllr JBP gave an update on the following applications:

S/2019/1978/TPO	Proposal to fell three Scots Pine trees Location 34 Broad Lane, Evenley	EPC: No objection with comments <b>SNC: Approved</b>
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: site visit complete
S/2019/2176/TPO	Proposal T1-T9 Common Lime Trees - Prune, crown reduce, crown raise. Details in report Location St Georges Church, Church Lane, Evenley	EPC: No objection SNC: consults dispatched
S/2019/2290/TC	T1- T3 Yew trees reduce to 3 metres Location St Georges Church	<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY</b>
S/2019/2313/FUL*	Roof lights 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: comments to be submitted by 21.12.19

\*It was agreed that cllr JPB would speak to the neighbours of 1 Broad Lane before we submit our comments to SNC.

**Action: JPB/CK**

**169/19 To receive an update on installing electricity on the Green (and Christmas tree on the Green)**

Chairman CE reported that Western Power have partially installed electricity on the green today and Mark Glennon (builder) is making a lockable cabinet to house the connection and meter in. Costs for this will be shared between EPC and Evenley Matters. A reasonable quote for electricity to the green has been received from British Gas which looks to be a good deal.

Evenley Matters has funded the Christmas tree on the green this year and the chairman thanked Sean for changing and recharging the batteries every day.

**170/19 To discuss the letter received from the 'no expressway group' regarding the proposed Oxford – Cambridge expressway**

The clerk acknowledged receipt of the letter which has been publicised in the village via the notice board and village email. If you would like more information about the campaign, please visit their website at:

<https://tinyurl.com/qujsu98>, where you can also sign their petition.

**171/19 To promote the new bus service 505 Brackley – Bicester, starting on 12<sup>th</sup> January**

Chairman CE reported the new service but advised that Stagecoach have said it won't be servicing Evenley. The clerk will therefore write, asking them to reconsider. **Action: CK**

**172/19 To consider a donation via the precept towards an x-ray machine at the Brackley Community Hospital**

Item moved to the beginning of the meeting so Caryl could make her presentation.

**173/19 To accept councillors reports on the following areas:**

- A Allotments (CR)** a dangerous tree at the entrance to the allotments has fallen down onto the substation and Western Power have been out to make it safe. The tree has been removed and cllr CR is assisting the neighbouring landowner with cutting the hedge back and lowering it to create more light and better access to the footpath. Cllr CR advised that Church Lane will need to be closed temporarily when this work takes place. The clerk will notify parishioners via village email and Facebook. **Action: CK/CR**
- B Pocket Park (CR)** nothing to report.
- C Street lights (SB)** the light opposite the Red Lion isn't working properly. The clerk will report it to Aylesbury Mains. **Action: CK**
- D Village Hall (JPB)** the chairman thanked cllr JPB for organising the pantomime. After costs, a profit of £107.35 has been made. Cllr JBB proposed EPC donate this to the Brackley Community Hospital Trust 2020 and councillors unanimously agreed.
- E Website (MB)** Evenley Village Hall Management Committee (EVHMC) now have their own website and have requested a change of text and information on the community website. Cllr MB explained in depth, how Google works and how information is found on the internet, advising that to keep our website credible, it is important to follow a certain structure. Because Google frowns upon vast changes, we would likely lose our place at the top of the page (in searches) if the request by EVHMC is carried out. Cllr CR proposed that cllr's MB and JPB should attend the next EVHMC meeting to discuss website issues and to explain to members the rationale behind managing the community website, explaining why their request isn't entirely possible. All councillors agreed. The clerk will write to Eric Millard, chairman. CE thanked cllr MB for his work on the website and endorsed his approach. **Action: CK/MB/JPB**
- F Village Greens, planting and trees (CE/SB)** see item 169/19.
- G Newsletter (CE)** the next issue will be published in January/February.
- H Hs2 & Highways (SB & CE)** The next HS2 Liaison meeting will be held in Towcester on 17<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30 pm. Cllr JPB will attend. The white painted lines around the village have not been finished. The clerk will write to Northants Highways asking when works will be completed. **Action: CK**
- I Local Government Reorganisation (JM)** JM reported that she had attended the meeting of Brackley and area town and parish councils, hosted by Brackley Town Council on 26th November. Two unitaries are proposed as follows: West Northamptonshire (402k population; 93 councillors) and North Northamptonshire (340k population; 78 councillors). Wards will be based on existing NCC divisions, with three councillors elected per ward/division. Elections will be held on 7th May 2020 for all shadow councillors, who will take over the role on 1st April 2021, after the existing eight councils have been abolished. The new councils will follow the Cabinet/Committee model. Parish and town council elections take place on the same day in 2020, and parish councillors will be elected for 5 years - so the next elections in 2025 will be in sync.

Northamptonshire is already part of a pilot for retaining Business Rates, so has an additional income of c£20m in the current financial year. This is helping to fund the cost of LGR (estimated at over £40m).

The shadow council will set the budget for 21/22. There is much debate about equalising council tax across districts and boroughs, as each authority has different levels at the moment.

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

#### **174/19 Correspondence received**

- Invitation to RAF Croughton's Civic Open Day on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – CE and JM to attend.
- Press release from Sainsbury's announcing revised plans for new Brackley supermarket – the clerk will circulate via village email. **Action: CK**
- NCALC's survey regarding standing for election next year – councillors to let the clerk know. **Action: all**
- Cllr SR has received a response from John Alison Land and Research Ltd acting on behalf of the landowners who wish to develop land to the west of the A43 which she shared with councillors.

#### **175/19 Councillor questions**

- Cllr CR has received notice that exploratory works will begin in the new year at the new entrance to RAF Croughton.
- Cllr JM reported that Evenley Matters has donated £300.00 to the successful community event held at Forge Coffee Shop for people of the third age. Monies left over will be used for another similar event.
- Cllr JM advised that 'Barrie's Bus' needs more passengers. The clerk will update the information on the website and promote it via village email and Facebook. **Action: CK/JM**
- Cllr SR asked if the unused grit bin near to the green could be relocated on Charlton Road.
- Chairman CE has asked the clerk to confirm who owns the land that the bus shelter stands on (regarding our recent HS2 application for community environment funds) and as part of a wider project regarding all land in Evenley. **Action: CK**

#### **176/19 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)**

No comments.

#### **177/19 Close**

The meeting closed at 9.30 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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 7.30 pm at Evenley Village Hall***