

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Evenley Village Hall, on Monday 18th February 2019 at 7:30pm

Present: cllr Mike Baul (MB), chairman Cathy Ellis (CE), vice chairman Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB), cllr Charles Reader (CR), Cathy Knott (CK) clerk and three members of the public.

14/19 Apologies and welcome

Apologies received from cllr Spencer Burnham (SB), cllr Jean Morgan (JM) and cllr Sue Ricketts (SR). Chairman CE welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

15/19 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 21st January 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed.

16/19 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

-09/19E there is no discount for paying upfront costs for the website domain name renewal fee. Costs would be slightly higher to allow for yearly increases at £147.00 for five years and £286.00 for nine years.

17/19 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

None received.

18/19 Finance

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

Account	£	
Community	41,358.30	
Business Saver	19,529.63	
National Savings	5,787.06	
TOTAL	66,633.32	
Receipts		£
Interest (on National savings account)	41.67	
INVOICES APPROVED		VAT
C. Knott (Jan salary)	509.60	0
C. Knott (Jan expenses)	35.45	7.00
HMRC (tax)	10.40	0
Evenley Village Hall (hire)	34.00	0
Barnowl Jerseys (paint, oil/petrol for jobs around village)	100.55	20.11
M. Dempsey (mowing)	335.00	0

d. To receive an update from the internal control's councillor

Cllr MB confirmed that he had checked the following information:

Bank balances; as stated in the minutes.

Cash book entries agree with the items noted in the minutes for financial year to

The forecast planned spend remains within our precept budget limits.

19/19 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives

Application no.	Details	Decision
S/2019/0003/MAF Variation of condition 3-Plans to S/2018/0514/MAF	To align levels with the acoustic specialist report. Alteration and extensions to join Unit 5A and 5B at Reynard Park to vary design of approved extension to Unit 5A to single storey only. Location: Mercedes-Benz Grand Prix Ltd	EPC: No objection SNC: APPROVED
S/2018/2897/FUL	Single storey rear extension. Location 6 Church Leys Evenley NN13 5SX	EPC: No objection SNC: APPROVED
S/2019/0135/FUL	Variation of condition 2 (plans) of planning permission S/2016/3178/FUL (Extend and convert existing bungalow into two properties and replacement double garage) to change the roof of the garage and carport from a flat to a pitched roof Location 5 Rudgeway Evenley NN13 5RQ	EPC: Objection SNC: consults dispatched
S/2019/0242/FUL	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey flat roofed extension with roof lantern Location 4A Broad Lane Evenley NN13 5SF	EPC: No objection SNC: consults dispatched
S/2019/0226/FUL	Proposal to erect a steel portal framed agricultural building for general purpose storage and creating a new access off Charlton Road. Location Evenley Fields Farm Charlton Road Evenley	EPC: No objection SNC: consults dispatched
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: consults dispatched
S/2019/0282/FUL	Variation of condition 5 (use) of S/2008/1601/P (Conversion of outbuilding into annexe) to allow the annexe to be rented out as an independent dwelling and not tied to the main house Location Annexe Barley Mow Farmhouse Buckingham Road Evenley NN13 5SB	EPC: No objection SNC: consults dispatched

20/19 To approve the Strategic Plan 2019 – 2021

Councillors unanimously agreed to approve the plan, however; it was noted that in future it would be preferable to have a simpler, less wordy plan that can be referred to easily at every meeting. You can view the plan on the village website: <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/parish-council/policies.html>

21/19 To discuss arrangements for the annual parish meeting

It was agreed to design a postcard invitation to invite parishioners to the meeting on 15th April. CK will write to individuals, groups and organisations inviting them to speak and to follow the same format as last year. **Action: CK**

22/19 To discuss the possibility of applying a weight restriction on Broad Lane

Hinton in the Hedges has recently had new signage installed to try and discourage larger vehicles travelling through their village. Chairman CE reported that the clerk has asked Helen Howard (Community Liaison Officer, Northamptonshire Highways) if Evenley is able to have similar signage and a weight restriction on Broad Lane. Helen has responded advising that unfortunately funding is no longer available for small works of this nature. She has however added our request to her list for consideration once the Northamptonshire financial situation improves. Helen will also contact the engineering team working on the HS2 scheme designs to see if they can include some signage at the bottom of Broad Lane and the A43 roundabout.

Helen has sent a lorry management document containing information, a survey and application form. If we decide to formally request highways improvements, we need to identify a restrictive area that can be defined which does not transfer the problem to other communities and has sensible and practicable terminal locations, showing that an alternative route exists for diverting HGV's which does not pass through environmentally sensitive areas nor create a major increase in distance for lorry operators.

Chairman CE has asked to meet with Helen to discuss this further. It was agreed to have an agenda item at the next meeting to look at other grants available for traffic calming on Broad Lane if the Road Safety Fund doesn't materialise.

23/19 To provide an update on the double yellow lines on the corner of Church Lane and the Green

CK advised that because Northamptonshire Highways did not receive any objections to their public consultation, the double yellow lines will be installed during Spring/Summer this year.

24/19 To promote Speed Watch to garner more volunteers

Cllr JPB reported that due to a number of retirements, volunteers are running a bit low. CK will ask Zelda for some information to post on the village Facebook page to try and garner more support and CE will put a piece in the Spring newsletter.

Action: CK/CE

25/19 To accept councillors reports on the following areas:

- A Allotments (CR)** everything is looking a lot better, all plots are let and everyone is making a real effort. CR asked the clerk to issue the rent letters. CE has received costs for the allotment sign at £105.00 (incl. installation) which all councillors approved.
- B Pocket Park (CR)** the Spring tidy-up is Saturday 2nd March at 9.30 am followed by the AGM.
- C Street lights (SB)** The replacement programme is now in full swing. Cllr SB has put together a summary showing work to date. CK will write to the owners of the Old Rectory asking them to cut the vegetation back over the new lamp. **Action: CK**
- D Village Hall (JPB)** Gigaclear are still in the process of installing broadband at the hall. There have been problems with the overhead projector which the committee are actioning.
- E Website (MB)** Nothing to report.
- F Village Greens, planting and trees (CE)** all the slabs have been removed from the war memorial and the area (including the path) has been filled with soil and seeded. It was decided not to put a path back in but instead to restore it back to its original form. The lime tree (opposite Evenley Stores) will be felled on 27th February. It was noted that the verges at the entrance to Church Leys need some attention. JPB and CE agreed to action. **Action: JPB/CE**
SB and CE have carried out a full assessment of all ten benches and have received quotes to carry out work. Costs come in at £350.00 (excl. VAT) for wood and £440 for fitting, including removal of old, installing and sanding new oak. Councillors agreed to the costs in principle subject to finding the funds in the budget. **Action: MB/CE/SB**
- G Newsletter (CE)** CE will start working on the Spring edition next week.
- H Hs2 & Highways (SB)** the footpath from Evenley to Brackley (along the A43) is getting very overgrown. CK will report on Street Doctor. One of the pedestrian lights is still faulty, making crossing very dangerous. CK will contact Highways England for an update. **Action: CK**
Town and parish councils in South Northamptonshire were invited to add their names to a letter to try to cancel HS2. EPC agreed out of council to support the letter 'slow train to Old Oak Common' which can be viewed on the village website: <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/home/noticeboard/hs2-notice.html>
- I Local Government Reform (JM)** Commissioners have organised a series of meetings across the county and cllr JM will be attending one on 20th February.
The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has invited the parish council to take part in an online survey to provide feedback on what our community want more of, or to have more control over, in our local area. Cllr JPB has provided feedback which the clerk will submit. **Action: CK**
- J St. George's Church (JM)** In a desire to improve links with the Church, Paula Jermy, a member of the PCC attended the meeting and reported that either she or another member of the PCC will regularly attend the parish council meetings or submit a report via email. Paula reported that PCC members are in the process of fundraising to improve the Church gates, they have recently received grants for plastering the interior and for a sound system. The Church roof fund is ongoing. The installation of the new rector, Rev. Susan Cooper takes place at Aynho Church on 30th March.
- K Emergency Planning (SR & CR)** It was agreed to include this as an item on the next agenda.

26/19 Correspondence received

- ECC Green requirements for the coming season. Cllr JPB will put them on the village notice board.
- Chairman's invitation to attend the Mayor's Civic Service on 17th March and the Civic Dinner on 26th April. CE is able to attend the dinner.
- Chairman's invitation to attend the RAF Spring Reception on 29th March. CE is able to attend.
- Invitation to apply for the Best Village 2019 – CK has advised we will apply again next year.
- Break-in and attempted robbery at Lodge Farm, Mixbury.
- Reports of speeding vehicle in Evenley. CK advised this has been reported to the Police.

27/19 Councillor questions

- Chairman CE gave an update on the little brook ward meeting held on 28th January;

All plans at RAF Croughton to amalgamate with other bases have been cancelled. The 2000 expected employees will now not be moving to Croughton airbase. The only changes we will see now are a new entrance (nearer to Barley Mow roundabout) with the main one closed off and new satellite balls which will eventually replace those that are already there.

County Councillor Rebecca Breese sent in a report and District Councillor John Townsend and Danny Moody, Chief Executive of Northants CALC were present and gave very different views on what's happening at Northamptonshire County Council.

Aynho Parish Council talked about well-being and linking together with other parishes and advised they had started a community bus (tagging onto the King Sutton service).

- Cllr JPB attended the South Northants parishes together meeting held on the same night and gave an update; Community transport and how parishes are managing with the cuts to bus services was discussed as well as opportunities to join forces with other parishes going forward to maintain grit bins, hedge cutting, grass cutting and dog bins. He and Chairman CE will attend the next meeting on 8th April.

- Cllr MB asked for an update on our electricity supply. CK advised that cllr SB is waiting until all lamps are up and running before contacting the three contractors he has been communicating with to see if we can secure a better deal.

28/19 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)

None received.

29/19 Close

The meeting closed at 9.05 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 18th March at 7.30 pm.

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