



Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Evenley Village Hall, on Monday 19th November 2018 at 7:30pm

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

146/18 Apologies and welcome

Apologies received from Cllr Sue Ricketts (SR). Chairman CE welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

147/18 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 15th October 2018.

Two amendments were noted and the minutes were approved and signed.

148/18 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Most actions are being dealt with or are included in the agenda.

138/18 - CK showed councillors a picture of a 'no parking' sign and it was agreed to purchase two for the land in School Lane.

149/18 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

Cllr MB and Cllr JB for Evenley Residents Association/Evenley Matters

150/18 Finance

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

Account	
Community	44,439.55
Business Saver	18,547.89
National Savings	5,745.39
TOTAL	68,732.83

Receipts		
Dickens Auctioneers Newsletter advert donation x 2	60.00	0
Invoices approved		VAT
C. Knott (Oct salary)	509.60	0
HMRC tax	10.40	0
C. Knott (Oct expenses)	9.19	0
Evenley Village Hall (hire)	34.00	0
SNC (allotment bin)	30.00	0
Spratt Endicott (land registry fee)	40.00	0
Evenley Village hall (grant donation)	300.00	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.

Cllr MB advised that there is a small imbalance in the cashbook due to a spreadsheet error. Advice has been sought from our internal auditor.

e. To discuss the budget & precept for 2019.20

Cllr MB ran through the draft budget advising there will be areas of increases (such as audit fees, village green maintenance, grit bins) and decreases (such as electricity and streetlights). The final tax base will be published on 7th December which is the formula we need to work out the precept. At the moment it looks likely there will be a 3-4% increase in the precept.

Cllr JM asked if we should start to build up a budget (war chest) for areas of work NCC will no longer be instigating.

Chairman CE asked if we had enough money in the budget this financial year to replace the war memorial slabs and to take down and replace the Lime tree opposite the shop as it has been deemed unsafe.

Cllr MB advised that we could use the money left over from the streetlight replacement budget as we have now secured the public works loan and the first payment doesn't come out until the next financial year.

All councillors agreed that this was a good use of money and agreed a budget of £1800.00 for all the work.

f. Update on the EPC grant awarding policy

The policy currently states that an organisation needs to apply for funds but councillors agreed that we should just be able to award funds to a worthy organisation fitting the criteria without it being formally applied for.

Cllr CR proposed to review the policy, Cllr MB seconded and councillors unanimously agreed.

Action: JM

151/18 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives

Cllr JPB outlined the updates below:

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).	EPC: Object SNC: Site visit complete
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.	EPC: Object SNC: Site visit complete
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)	EPC: Objection to flue SNC: Site visit complete Flue withdrawn from application on 23.10.18
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 Location: 22 The Green, Evenley, NN13 5SQ	EPC: but no objection to window & cupboard. SNC: Site visit complete
EA ref: WK/201806583	planning contravention, odour issues and footpath issues Location: Gateridge Farm, Charlton Road, Evenley	Ongoing
S/2018/2433/TCA	Full crown reduction (by approx. 2.5 m) to Maple Tree Location: Osborne House, 36 The Green, Evenley	FOR INFORMATION ONLY

152/18 David Connolly to inform councillors and the public what is involved in the Best Village competition

Out of council

David addressed councillors and members of the public on the process of entering the Best Village Competition; 'Members of Evenley Residents Association (ERA) were invited by the parish council to apply to the competition in 2017. After completing and submitting an in-depth application form which included questions on activities and events, community information, young people, older people, and environment and sustainability we were contacted by the judges who come to Evenley and spent several hours touring the village and asking lots of questions. We were then invited to attend the presentations at Northants ACRE in July and went on to win the 'best newcomers' and came runners up in the best small village'.

David advised it was a lot of hard work but they were very fortunate to get so many volunteers involved.

Chairman CE proposed that we should all look at the questions and identify any gaps before entering the competition

again in 2020. Cllr JM seconded and councillors unanimously agreed. Chairman CE thanked David for his report and the work he had put into the competition.

Back in council

153/18 To provide an update on the Evenley Matters (EM) meeting on 10.11.2018

Cllr JM (as EM interim secretary) reported that the village fete had raised over £5500.00 and at its meeting, members agreed to allocate funds to various groups in the village (details of which will be on the EM minutes which will be published towards the end of the week and can be found at Evenley Stores and the Red Lion).

A cheque was presented to EPC for £478.35 and it was agreed that this be spent on working together to make the footpaths more accessible in the village by replacing some of the stiles with kissing gates in order to make better use of public footpaths and encourage wider use. This may also help with dog fouling as currently there are very few accessible footpaths to walk.

Chairman CE thanked Evenley Matters. Cllr SB & Cllr JM agreed to lead on looking at new stiles/gates and we will look into contacting landowners for permission.

Action: JM/SB/CK/CE

Cllr MB advised that Evenley Matters has donated over £24,000.00 since 2011.

154/18 To approve meeting dates for 2019

After looking at the dates, it was agreed to amend them. CK will liaise with Joyce Stevens and circulate once they have been confirmed.

Action: CK

155/18 To make arrangements for the clerks appraisal

It was agreed to meet on Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 3 pm.

156/18 To comment on SNC's community grants consultation and the new unitary council's name consultation

Cllr JM explained that the community grant consultation proposes to broaden SNC's community grants scheme to ensure the maximum benefit to all South Northamptonshire communities, before the SNC grant scheme closes at the end of March 2020. CK will comment on behalf of EPC. The deadline for responses is 10th December. It was agreed for CK to comment saying that EPC supports the removal of constraints.

Action: CK

The consultation to name the new unitary authority is also live. Anyone can make a suggestion online by visiting: <https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/consultation>. The deadline for responses is 3rd December.

Cllr JM suggested West Northants and North Northants.

157/18 Grit bins – to provide an update

CK advised that the bin on the turning to Cottisford has been stolen. The police have been informed. Because of the insurance excess it was decided not to make a claim for a new one. Northants Highways have agreed to gift us with one of their older ones. A discussion ensued on how to go about maintaining and replenishing the bins as NCC has handed over responsibility. Councillors agreed to replenish the bins on a pay as you go basis this year, to be reviewed next year.

158/18 Broad Lane traffic report

Cllr JPB advised that he and Cllr MB had managed to download the data from the VAS on Broad Lane which is available to view on the village website at: <http://www.evenleyipc.org.uk/county/speedwatch.html>.

The data shows that the worst times for speeding are during the early morning and late at night. These figures confirm our need for chicanes on Broad Lane. CK will forward this information onto the Police.

Action: CK

Speed watch is looking to recruit more volunteers.

159/18 Report back on the strategic planning meeting

Chairman CE reported that it had been a very positive meeting. She and CK will meet to put a draft of the new plan together, being mindful of David's points regarding the Best Village competition. The document will then be circulated to councillors for further input.

Action: CK/CE

160/18 To approve amendments to the GDPR data map

CK circulated amendments prior to the meeting. All councillors approved. CK will publish the updated version on the website.

161/18 To accept councillors reports on the following areas:

A Allotments (CR) The Autumn tidy up has taken place and the water has been turned off.

B Pocket Park (CR) The meadow centre has been left to seed this year but the hedges have all been trimmed. Chairman CE thanked Cllr CR for painting the fence at the bottom of Bicester Hill.

- C Street lights (SB)** Aylesbury Mains has advised the new lights will not be installed before Christmas, however they will be updating the internal fixtures of the six lights (on the Green and Spencer Close) that are already of the Victorian design, in the next two weeks. Cllr SB is still in the process of trying to get us a better electricity deal.
- D Village Hall (JPB)** The floor in the main hall has been stripped back and re-treated and the walls are being painted. It is all looking much fresher. The committee are looking at the input of information onto the village calendar (on the website). It was agreed to use the electricity point on the exterior wall again for the Christmas tree. Gigaclear have still not installed broadband at the hall. CK agreed to chase. **Action: CK**
- E Website (MB)** The Evenley Arts section needs to be updated. The bell ringing club has been added. Chairman CE will send Cllr MB the WI information for it to also be added.
- F Village Green, planting and trees (CE)** A tree surgeon has assessed the Lime tree opposite the village hall and advised that it is unsafe. The trees have been ordered for School Lane but haven't yet arrived. Chairman CE will contact Mike Dempsey regarding cutting the verges.
- G Newsletter (CE)** The Winter edition will be drafted in the next couple of weeks. Please let Chairman CE know if you have anything you'd like to add.
- H Hs2 & Highways (SB)** Chairman CE has spoken to Helen Howard about steps to protect the Green from further erosion and we are awaiting her response. The yellow lines on the corner of Church Lane and the Green are due to be painted in Spring/Summer 2019. CK has been advised that we will receive an update on the road safety fund at the end of the month. We will then know whether funds will be released for design work on the proposed Broad Lane traffic calming measures. Cllr SB advised that the next HS2 Liaison meeting will be held on 14.12.2018.
- I Local Government Reform (JM)** If the 2019 elections take place, they will be held on 2nd May. However, at the moment it is looking unlikely. It is expected they will be postponed until the following year, the 7th May 2020 but we won't have confirmation of this until next year.
- J Emergency Planning (SR & CR)** Nothing to report at this time.

162/18 Correspondence received

- A response has been received from Helen Howard, community liaison officer for Northants Highways, advising that she cannot give permission to clear the vegetation and have an all-round tidy up on the splitter island on Broad Lane as it is too dangerous. Regarding our concerns about Charlton Road, she advises that lowering the speed limit and changing the signage would make little difference to the speed at which drivers choose to travel.
- An invitation has been received from the office of the Police and crime commissioner to take part in a consultation/survey to gather parish council's views relating to council tax and policing and fire and rescue services at <http://www.northantspc.org.uk/northantscounciltax>. Closing date 07.12.2018.
- The next councillor meeting with Stephen Mold (PCC for Northamptonshire) is scheduled for 03.12.18.
- A letter has been received from a concerned parishioner regarding a driver who regularly travels at speed through the village. CK informed the Police who have spoken with the driver. The Police are organising a speed operation in our area shortly and have asked for Evenley to be included.

163/18 Councillor questions

- Cllr CR invited villagers to a Barn Dance at Cloisters Farm on 22nd June 2019 to raise funds for the new cottage hospital in Brackley.
- Cllr JPB advised that tickets are available for the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk at Evenley village hall on Sunday 9th December at 3.00 pm. Details are available on the home page of the village website: <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/home.html>

164/18 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)

- A resident asked for an item to be included in the Winter newsletter about Chris Scott accomplishing the Barcelona Iron Man challenge. **Action: CE**
- A resident enquired if the Silver Birch tree in Church Lane was safe. Chairman CE advised that the tree surgeon had assessed it advising it was a good, safe specimen.
- Eric Millard, chairman of the village hall management committee thanked EPC for its donation.
- A resident advised that the streetlight on the corner of Bicester Hill has a lot of overgrown vegetation surrounding it. Cllr CR agreed to speak to the landowner about it. **Action: CR**
- Another light with overgrown vegetation/trees surrounding it is on Church Lane opposite the Manor.

165/18 Close

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 7.30 pm