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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Evenley Village Hall, on Wednesday 21st January 2019 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 3 members of the public.

01/19 Apologies and welcome

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

02/19 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 11th December 2018.

The minutes were approved and signed.

03/19 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

174/18 Bagforce are unable to offer a grit bin service.

04/19 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

Chairman CE for item 06/19 (S/2018/2616/FUL/S2018/2617/LBC).

05/19/18 Finance

- a. Financial statement
- b. Payments received
- c. Approval of invoices for payment
- d. To formally approve the budget & precept for 2019.2020

Account	£	
Community	41,358.30	
Business Saver	19,529.63	
National Savings	5,745.39	
TOTAL	66,633.32	
Receipts (since 11.12.18)		£
Bank interest	18.99	
Payments (since 11.12.18)		
Bank service charge & manual handling charge	18.60	
INVOICES SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT (at 03.01.19)		VAT
C. Knott (Dec salary)	509.60	0
HMRC (tax)	10.40	0
Barbara Osborne (PAYE)	63.00	0
Evenley Village Hall (hire)	34.00	0
Green Stuff (plants for boxes & bulbs)	64.44	0
Eon (streetlight electricity)	436.32	21.82
Anglian Water (allotments)	12.10	0
Media Tribe (website domain name renewal fee)	26.00	0
Greatfield Plants (School Lane trees)	193.20	38.64

d. To formally approve the 2019.20 draft budget & precept

The budget was agreed and the figure of £20,536.00 was approved for the precept. Cllr MB advised that this figure means there will be an estimated 2 % increase in the precept for the next financial year which equates to a rise from £69.22 to £70.62 per annum per band D property. CK will submit a request to SNC and put the information on the village website at: <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/parish-council/finance.html>

06/19 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives

Application no.	Details	Decision
S/2018/2616/FUL	Variation of condition 2 (plans) and 3 (materials) of S/2016/2994/FUL. Amendments to garage and change of material to the rear side elevation from stone to timber cladding.	EPC: No objection SNC: Approved
S/2018/2617/LBC	Listed building consent for single storey side extension and garage. Location: Finch Cottage, 24 The Green, Evenley	EPC: No objection SNC: Approved
Variation of condition 3- Plans to S/2018/0514/MAF (Variation of condition 9 (noise emissions) of approved application S/2017/2626/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:
S/2018/2897/FUL	Single storey rear extension. Location 6 Church Leys Evenley NN13 5SX	EPC: No objection SNC:

07/19 To approve the revised grant policy

Cllr JM circulated the revised policy prior to the meeting and provided an explanation for the proposed changes. After a lengthy discussion, councillors unanimously approved the policy (with one or two small amendments to text still to be made). The revised policy will be available to view on the village website at:

<http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/parish-council/policies.html>

Action: JM

08/19 To discuss the strategic plan updates before approval at February's meeting

CK circulated the updated strategic plan prior to the meeting. Further amendments were discussed which CK will implement before circulating again before the next meeting.

Action: CK/CE

09/19 To accept councillors reports on the following areas:

- A Allotments (CR)** nothing to report at this time.
- B Pocket Park (CR)** nothing to report at this time.
- C Street lights (SB)** CK and cllr SB are chasing Aylesbury Mains Ltd for a date to continue the replacement programme. The two lights that are currently out will be prioritised. Cllr SB will look into the electricity supply further once all lights have been replaced.
- D Village Hall (JPB)** Gigaclear have been working on the installation today which should be tested tomorrow. The annual pantomime has been scheduled to take place on Sunday 8th December.
- E Website (MB)** Cllr MB suggested paying our domain name renewal fee in advance for the next few years as as this could work out cheaper. CK will find out if this is possible. **Action: CK**
- F Village Greens, planting and trees (CE)** Chairman CE and cllr's JPB and CR have planted the trees on the green in School Lane along with lots of bulbs. The 'no parking' signs have been erected. Cllrs CE and JPB have lifted the concrete slabs around the war memorial and will be turfing that area other than a new stone slab walkway from the road. This will be completed once the weather is warmer. CK will contact the mowing contractor asking him to take due care when he strims around the memorial. **Action: CK**

The lime tree opposite Evenley Stores will be taken down during week commencing 25th February and CK will notify parishioners the week before via the village email system and Facebook.

- G Newsletter (CE)** The Spring edition will be published towards the end of February, beginning of March.
- H Hs2 & Highways (SB)** nothing to report at this time.

I Local Government Reform (JM) The Government is currently consulting on the proposal that all district and borough councils in Northamptonshire should be abolished and replaced with two unitary authorities. Details on the consultation (which closes on January 25th 2019) are available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-proposed-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-northamptonshire>

Cllr JM reported on the current status. A proposal has been received from councillors in Daventry and South Northamptonshire districts inviting us to join them in making a joint submission to the consultation asking for consideration to be given to the division of the county into three unitary authorities rather than two, with a standalone authority covering the town of Northampton. Councillors unanimously agreed to support the submission.

J Emergency Planning (SR & CR) nothing to report at this time.

10/19 Correspondence received

- CK has contacted Gigaclear asking them to attend to remedial works still outstanding in the village. If you have works still outstanding please contact the clerk at clerk@evenleypc.org.uk so that she can pass your details on.

11/19 Councillor questions

- Cllr CR is storing the village's traffic cones in his yard at Cloisters Farm.
- Cllr JM suggested that in line with the strategic plan, we should include St. George's Church in future reports. She is happy to regularly meet with Jose and be the representative responsible.
- Cllr SB advised that a high number of dog poo bags are being left on gates around the village. It was agreed to monitor the situation whilst we look into replacing stiles.
- Chairman CE formally thanked cllr CR for the huge amount of work he has done around the village over the last few weeks, clearing the grass/ weeds/bracken and overhanging trees on the verges to all entrances to the village with assistance from his son. He has also painted the roadside railings in Bicester Hill, and cllrs CE and JPB painted the railings on the Mixbury road.

12/19 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)

- A resident expressed her thanks to cllr CR for all his hard work. She advised that Charlton Road has a large amount of litter that needs to be collected.
- A resident referred to item 7/19 revised grant policy, asking why private individuals wouldn't be considered. It was agreed to change the wording to make it clearer.

Action: JM

13/19 Close

The meeting closed at 9.10 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 February at 7.30 pm.