

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Evenley Parish Council held via Zoom on Monday 13th July 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present: cllr Spencer Burnham (SB), 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.

102/20 To receive apologies for absence and welcome

All councillors present. The Chairman welcomed everyone.

103/20 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the virtual meeting of the parish council held on 15th June 2020. The minutes were approved and virtually signed.

104/20 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only
88/20 – footpath AK5 behind School Close; cllr CR has spoken to the landowner who does not want the footpath to be relocated. It was noted that the stiles on this footpath need firming up and Cllr CR kindly agreed to action this. Cllr CR has strimmed the footpath through Whiteley's paddock but advised it needs the overgrowth to be cut back to provide better access to the footpath. Chairman CE will speak to Mrs Whiteley and thanked cllr CR for his work. All other matters have been dealt with or are on the agenda. **Action: CR/CE**

105/20 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

Chairman CE for 107/20 application ref. S/2019/1808/FUL – neighbour to property.

106/20 Finance:

- Financial statement
- To note payments received
- To consider invoices to be paid

The clerk circulated an updated accounting statement – slightly different from the agenda and all invoices were approved for payment.

d. To receive an update from the internal controls' councillor

Cllr SB confirmed that he has checked the accounts and there are no discrepancies. Chairman CE will contact the cricket club to discuss mowing the Green and cllr JPB will contact the Sasparilla's regarding our deposit for the cancelled VE Day event (due to Covid-19).

| Account | £ |
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| Community | 13,606.19 |
| Business Saver | 22,350.02 |
| National Savings | 5,833.36 |
| TOTAL | 41,789.57 |

| Payments since the last meeting | £ | |
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| Unity Trust bank service charge | 18.00 | |
| Invoices approved | | VAT £ |
| C.Knott (June salary) | 541.00 | 0 |
| HMRC (tax) | 5.00 | 0 |
| C.Knott (zoom expenses x 2 months + ink) | 63.44 | 4.80 |
| SSE (streetlight electricity) direct debit | 101.10 | 4.81 |
| Gilberts Electrical Contractors (electricity on the Green) | 373.48 | 74.70 |

107/20 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives

A notice of appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of South Northamptonshire Council to refuse to grant permission to Evenley Stores (see below). Cllr JPB proposed we submit comments to support our

previous objection and four councillors were in agreement. Cllr JM requested a recorded vote which was as follows: Cllr JPB, cllr SB, cllr CR and cllr SR – objection. Cllr JM no objection.

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| S/2020/0303/FUL | change of use from agricultural land to a dog training area, increase height of fence to 1.52 m and hard standing area for vehicle parking. Location: land north of Cottesford Road, Evenley | EPC: No objection SNC: consults dispatched |
| S/2020/0431/FUL | Single Dwelling. Location: land east of Windrush, 23 Church Lane, Evenley | EPC: objection SNC: consults dispatched |
| S/2020/0462/FUL | Variation of condition 2 (plans) S/2019/0895/FUL (Refurbishment of an existing building to create a new reception and office building) Location: Reynard Investments Ltd, Reynard Park, Brackley | EPC: no objection SNC: APPROVED |
| S/2020/0673/FUL | Single storey side extension and new proposed rooflight on south east elevation. Location: Manor Cottage, 6 Church Lane | EPC: no objection SNC: consults dispatched |
| S/2020/0860/FUL | Single storey rear extension. Location: 3 Lawyers Close | EPC: no objection SNC: consults dispatched |
| S/2019/1808/FUL ref:APP/Z2830/W/20/ 3251649 | Change colour of windows and door to Stiffkey blue from white. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against SNC's decision to refuse to grant permission. Location: Evenley Stores | EPC: objection SNC: with the Secretary of State |
| S/2020/0999/FUL | Variation of condition 2 - to alter the roof material of proposed garage from slate roof tiles to rosemary roof tiles. Location: College Farmhouse, Boughton Terrace | EPC: no objection SNC: consults dispatched |
| S/2020/1029/FUL | Construction of two radomes, antennas & associated security system components incl. lighting. Location: RAF Croughton | EPC: no objection SNC: consults dispatched |
| S/2020/1112/ADV | Add one internally illuminated star logo. Location: Unit 6 Mercedes-benz Grand Prix Ltd, Reynard Park Brackley | EPC: no objection SNC: consults dispatched |
| S/2020/1109/MAR | Variation of condition 1 of S/2019/1471/MAR and 0996/MAO Location: Radstone Fields Phase 3, Brackley | EPC: no objection SNC: consults dispatched |

108/20 To rescind the order to allow three days to elapse before the minutes are published

Chairman CE proposed we should rescind the order and revert back to the way we dealt with minutes prior to May as this has not been a constructive use of the clerks' time. Four councillors agreed; however, due to the standing order not to reverse a resolution within six months (unless there is a special motion), it was agreed that this will come into being after the October meeting.

109/20 Co-option – to consider applications from interested parties

Despite advertising the position, no interested parties have come forward. It was agreed to promote the vacancy further over the summer and put it on the agenda for the next meeting in September. **Action: CK/CE**

110/20 To discuss updates for the village website (taking into account the new accessibility regulations coming into force on 23rd September)

The clerk advised that Caroline from Media Tribe has started to prepare some of the necessary changes to make our website compliant and will keep testing the site to see how close we are to meeting the new requirements. She has also agreed to incorporate some amendments to the website whilst she is carrying out this work (updating photos, decluttering and tidying up) with an estimated cost of £500.00.

Cllr SR advised she has some experience in developing websites and is happy to assist. It was agreed that we should look at the following avenues before committing to anything:

- CE and CK to discuss with Caroline exactly what we want to achieve.
- Costs of migrating to a word press site (with accessibility regulations in place).
- Costs of future changes.

Action: CK/CE/SR

111/20 To accept councillors reports on the following areas (if there is anything to report):

- Allotments (CR) - nothing to report.
- Pocket Park (CR) - nothing to report.
- Street Lighting (SB) - the clerk advised a BT telegraph pole that currently houses no. 8 streetlight in Lawyers Close needs to be replaced so we will need to reposition the light on its own column. She is in communications with BT, Aylesbury Mains and SSE to make the necessary arrangements. It was agreed that cllr SB has full authority to decide on the location of the new column.
- Village Hall (JPB) - the committee has been successful with an application for a leisure grant (part of the Government's response to Covid-19).
- Website – please see item 110/20.

- f. Village Green and Trees (CE) – the cricket club is hoping to hold six friendly matches this season commencing this Saturday. CE and SB will have a further discussion with Kim regarding the lumps and feeding the Green. CE thanked Charlie Hartigan for all his help with watering, trimming, washing and tidying up various areas in the village. CE and SB will be trimming trees back next week and CR agreed to collect the rubbish. Regarding the suggestion from our last meeting to temporarily ‘tag on’ to Brackley Town Council’s team of street staff to empty bins; unfortunately, this won’t be possible as they don’t have the appropriate waste carriers license to be able to assist. Therefore, following advice from SNC, the bin from Broad Lane will temporarily be relocated on the N/E corner of the Green and the new Victorian style bin will be replaced by a letter box style bin which although isn’t as aesthetically pleasing, it will be more suitable to stop rubbish from over spilling. CE proposed that a ‘no parking’ sign be put on a rope around one of the trees rather than on the back of benches – all councillors agreed. With a need to try and deter people from parking on the Green, CE has written to Helen at Northants Highways to find out what the regulations are around erecting more bollards to extend the corner areas. The village sign (funded by HS2) has been slightly delayed due to Covid-19 but is now back on track with an estimated finishing date of three weeks.
- g. Newsletter (CE) - the summer edition has been delivered.
- h. Hs2 & Highways (SB/CE) – CE has requested 30 mph repeater signs for Broad Lane.
- i. Local government reorganisation (JM) – the latest information for our area can be found at: <https://futurenorthantswest.org/>
- j. St. George’s Church – nothing to report.

112/20 Correspondence received

- The clerk read out Helen Howard (Northants Highways) response regarding the chicane on Broad Lane.
- Highways England – notification of essential maintenance works on the A43 – Whitfield. The clerk has circulated via village email.
- Emails regarding litter on the village green – all have been responded to and actioned.
- The clerk will circulate the response from Highways England regarding EPC’s complaint around communications.
- South Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2 - Inspectors Report Public Notice 2020. The clerk has circulated information via village email.

113/20 Councillor questions

CLr CR advised that Cloisters Farm would be silaging towards the end of this week. He has notified residents on Broad Lane near to the chicane.

Chairman CE noted her concerns that if the grit bin on Church Lane was moved it might be detrimental to the safety of the wall opposite the allotments. The bin is also likely to collapse if it is moved. It was therefore agreed to leave it where it is for now.

The clerk reminded councillors that the Ward meeting will be held via Zoom (hosted by Croughton Parish Council) on Monday 27th July.

CE thanked Charles Woodgate for strimming the Puddleduck footpath.

114/20 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council Through the chairman)

A resident kindly advised that he has a pile of wood that can be added to (with regard to the branches that will be cut back from trees on the Green).

A resident conveyed his thanks that the council is confirming its previous objection to the Evenley Stores application to change the colour of the windows and door to Stiffkey blue from white, as he feels this would set a powerful precedent to others and would encourage retrospective planning if the appeal is a success.

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 21st September at 7.30 pm – further details will be available nearer the time.

Signed: Cathy Ellis

Dated: 21.09.2020