



Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Evenley Village Hall, on Monday 6th November 2017 at 7:30pm

Present: Mike Baul (MB), Spencer Burnham (SB), Cathy Ellis (CE), Jean Morgan (JM), Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB) & Cathy Knott (CK), Clerk

Emma Faulkner and Louise Aston from South Northants & Cherwell District Council attended the meeting to talk about the Community Governance Review, Brackley/Evenley boundary proposal. They gave some background information followed by a question & answer session.

The consultation runs until 8th December 2017 and full details on how to take part on our village website:
<http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/home.html>

Hard copies are also available from the clerk. Please email clerk@evenleypc.org.uk if you would like a copy.

To respond directly to SNC please visit: <https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/info/11/elections/150/community-governance-review>

It is of great importance to individually respond.

The meeting commenced at 8.00 pm

107/17 Apologies and welcome

Apologies were received from Nic Hamblin (NH). Chair CE welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cllr JM proposed that it would be good practice if future agendas had a note of councilors attendance at meetings. All were in agreement.

108/17 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on on 2nd October 2017 and the extraordinary meeting held on 23rd October 2017.

The minutes were approved and signed.

109/17 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

The clerk reported that all actions are either being dealt with or have been dealt with.

110/17 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

None received.

111/17 Finance

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

Account	Balances as at 06.11.17
Community	£14,308.17
Business Saver	£16,116.83
National Savings	£ 5,718.44
TOTAL	£36,143.44

RECEIPTS since 02.10.17		
20.10.17	EM donation for picnic bench	285.00
20.10.17	Northants ACRE winner's prize	250.00
02.11.17	NCC (Transparency fund)	360.00
02.11.17	Allotment rent	72.31
PAYMENTS SINCE 02.10.17		
30.09.17	Service Charge (Unity bank quarterly charge)	18.00
INVOICES FOR PAYMENT		
06.11.17	Evenley Village Hall (hire of hall)	39.00
06.11.17	Cathy Knott (Salary & Expenses October)	589.59
06.11.17	Texprep (printing SNC consultation draft response)	22.30
06.11.17	Anglian Water (allotments)	12.10
06.11.17	EoN (streetlight electricity)	403.11
06.11.17	Steve Thorburn (delivery x 3)	75.00
06.11.17	SNC (green bin/allotments annual fee)	30.00
06.11.17	Aylesbury Mains (repair of 2 lamps)	109.20

d. To receive an update from the Internal Controls Councillor

It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

e. To consider the draft budget 2018/19

Cllr MB reported that he and the clerk had started the process looking at future costs. Our biggest concern is the County Council cuts and how they will affect us. He advised that the precept was likely to rise because of this.

112/17 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives

Cllr JPB provided a summary of the planning applications outstanding and of the latest one received for Mercedes-benz Grand Prix Ltd – alterations & extensions to join two units together. A comment of no objection was given.

113/17 To receive EPC's response to SNC Local Plan part 2 planning proposals

Chair CE reported that changes had been made to the draft response following comments & suggestions made by residents at the extraordinary meeting held on 23rd October. She read out the final response. Cllr MB proposed that this should be sent to SNC and all councillors agreed. The clerk will make it available on the website and notice board.

114/17 To adopt the memorial bench policy

It was agreed to remove the clerk's address from the policy and limit the number of benches in the village to 20. Once amendments had been made it was resolved to adopt the policy.

115/17 To discuss VAS solar information (JPB)

Cllr JPB reported that he has inherited the responsibility of changing the batteries on the vehicle activated sign (VAS) in Broad Lane as part of the Speed Watch initiative. One VAS has a solar panel which works well with very low maintenance. The other one is battery operated and requires a fortnightly battery change. JPB asked that the council consider changing this to a solar panel, advising that the sign would need to be re-sited because of the trees. Councillors agreed that this was a good idea but needed more research. Cllr SB will ask Aylesbury Mains Ltd if it is possible to link a chargeable battery to the streetlight and Cllr JPB agreed to check with TWM if this could be a possibility. The sign could then stay where it is.

ACTION: JBP/SB

116/17 To discuss Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) cuts and how it will affect EPC

Chair CE advised that NCC is exploring the possibility of cuts to some services which will affect EPC including:

- Removal of parish enhancement gang
- Reduce winter gritting to 32% of the network and charge parishes for filling grit bins
- Reduce Rights of Way technical, inspection, enforcement and operational staff levels
- Reduce weed killing treatment, reduction in road marking maintenance and targeted traffic signal maintenance
- Remove subsidies for bus services where there is no statutory duty to provide them

The consultation on Phase 1 of the budget proposals will run for six weeks until 1st December 2017 (details are on the village website if you would like more information or to take part). Councillors agreed to comment, giving particular concern to Rights of Way, the parish enhancement gang and bus services. The clerk will contact Danny Moody (NCALC) for advice and ask for a recommended provision for parish councils to cover these areas. **ACTION: CK**

117/17 To consider an application to propose a Local Green Space designation

It was resolved that the land next to the Church (Church Leys) should be designated as a local green space. The clerk will submit an application with support from councillors. **ACTION: CK**

118/17 To consider assets of community value

The Community Right to Bid gives community organisations the chance to bid, and if successful purchase and take over the running of assets that are of value to the local community. Cllr JM advised that parish councils can nominate assets which meet the definition of community value and proposed to designate the pub and village shop (as indicated in our Strategic Plan). This would give EPC the opportunity to register an interest if the landowner were to put them on the market. All councillors agreed and it was resolved to apply. **ACTION: JM/CK**

119/17 Co -option – to consider applications from interested parties

Chair CE reported that four residents have shown an interest in joining EPC. She and Cllr JPB have met with two and would like to meet with two over the next two weeks. She will circulate an update to councillors in due course. **ACTION: CE/JPB**

120/17 To confirm meeting dates for 2018

It was resolved to accept the meeting dates circulated by the clerk.

121/17 To accept councillors reports on the following areas:

A Allotments (NH) The clerk advised that Cllr NH had agreed to take over this responsibility. Three Brackley residents are interested in taking on a plot.

B Pocket Park (NH) Nothing to report at this time.

C Street Lighting Cllr SB reported that he has discussed various options and different scenarios with Aylesbury Mains Ltd and is waiting to hear back on prices. This will then form part of the bid for Hs2 community funds.

Two new lamps have been ordered for Lawyers Close and works should be completed within eight weeks. Repairs have been made to the light on Broad Lane and the light outside 49 The Green. Cllr SB will also look into the possibility of a loan from the public works loan board. **ACTION: CK/SB**

D Village Hall Cllr JPB reported that the planning application for new doors has been approved, although SNC have advised EVHMC to consider an alternative finish to the stained timber. Cllr JM advised that the council has not received the revised edition of the Deed of Trust which needs to be approved by the custodian trustees. Cllr JPB will request this to be sent to the clerk. **ACTION: JPB**

E Website (MB) Nothing to report at this time.

F Village Green and Trees Chair CE will request that the Green has one more cut this year. She has 3000 daffodil bulbs for planting around the village. It was agreed to ask for volunteers to help with planting after the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November. **ACTION: CE**

G Newsletter (CE) The next one will go out in early December.

H Hs2 & Highways Cllr SB reported back on the committee meeting held on 1st November, highlighting the points below:

- It is likely that line markings on the corner of the Green & Church Lane will not be installed before Autumn 2018.
- Highways now charge for drawings/plans & surveys that we need to assist us with evidence needed for the Hs2 community fund regarding Broad Lane traffic calming and erosion of the Green.
- Cllr SB and Brian Sinclair will attend the next Hs2 Liaison meeting on 8th December where Groundwork will be making a presentation.

- Cllr SB has received a response from Highways Area 7 regarding Evenley roundabout. It recognises there is a northbound problem and it is ranked 44 on their injury collisions list. A safety study is due to be carried out in 2018/19 with any subsequent works being subject to funding. We need to raise more awareness of this issue.
- It is not anticipated that the RAF Croughton expansion will cause a significant traffic disruption to Evenley.
- Cllr SB has chased for an update on the Tesco roundabout works. It should be night time disruption only. As soon as more details are received they will be published.

It was agreed to take photographs of roads in Evenley for comparison evidence before and after Hs2 works. Chair CE will ask Cllr NH to action this. **ACTION: CE/NH**

Chair CE thanked Cllr SB for all the work he has put into his responsibilities.

122/17 Correspondence received

- Community Speed Watch have invited us to take part next year. As we are short on volunteers, it was agreed out of council to have cards printed which will be delivered to all residents.
- An email has been received from a resident regarding a caravan in School Lane. CK will try to find out further details.
- An email has been received asking EPC to advertise Kings Sutton School Governor vacancies. It was agreed to put the advert on the notice board.
- A quote has been received from Flagmakers (the company who supplied the current one). A new flag will cost £471.42.
- A letter has been received from The Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom MP, advising she would like to regularly submit information in our newsletters.
- An invitation has been received from Brackley Town Council to take part in their Remembrance Parade on Sunday.
- An email has been received from NCC advising that EPC have been successful with its application for further transparency funds and have received £360.00.

123/17 Councillor questions

Cllr MB reminded residents of the CPR Training sessions, advising that 66 people from the parish have already received training.

Cllr MB advised that Evenley Resident's Association (ERA) had asked if EPC would consider using prize money to purchase a flower planter with a plaque outside the village hall to have a semi-permanent reminder of our village success in 2017. With no other proposals for this prize money it was proposed by Cllr JPB and all councillors were in agreement.

Cllr JPB has received complaints from residents regarding vehicles parked on pavements along Broad Lane.

124/17 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)

A resident advised that a streetlight in Rudgeway was still faulty.

ACTION: CK

125/17 Close

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Evenley Parish Council emphasises its commitment to condemn any form of racism, intolerance, bigotry, bullying or xenophobia.

Should you experience any hate crime please call 101 and report it to the Police.

The minutes of a council meeting are a public record of who attended and the decisions that were made.