

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Evenley Parish Council held via Zoom on Monday 19th October 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present: 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 three members of the public

135/20 To receive apologies for absence and welcome

Apologies accepted from cllr Spencer Burnham (SB). The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

136/20 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 21st September 2020. The minutes were approved and signed.

137/20 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

132/20 – SNC's Environmental Health Officer has visited Gateridge Farm again advising that they are unable to take formal action and they do not hold a licence for Whites. Complainants have been advised that they may wish to take their own action on this matter. The clerk will write to the Environment Agency as they are responsible for issuing permits in relation to the disposal and/or storage of waste.

All other matters have been dealt with or are on the agenda.

138/20 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

None received.

139/20 Finance:

- Financial statement (different from agenda)
- To note payments received
- To consider invoices to be paid

Account	£
Community	18,114.49
Business Saver	22,528.88
National Savings	5,833.36
TOTAL	46,476.73

Payments received since the last meeting	£	
Unity Trust Bank interest and goodwill payment	16.36	
Groundwork (HS2 fund reimbursement)	4,515.00	
Invoices submitted for approval (as at 08.10.20)		
C. Knott (salary)	541.00	0
HMRC (tax)	5.00	0
C. Knott (expenses incl. poppy wreath & footpath discs)	307.16	54.90
Forge Coffee (Hire charge for Sept meeting)	45.00	0
SNC (allotment bin)	30.00	0
SSE (streetlight electricity) direct debit	96.29	4.81
Burnham Landscapes Ltd (post for sign – to be reimbursed by HS2)	305.00	61.00
Media Tribe x 2 (website updates & quarterly charge + website images)	1050.00	0
Wave (Anglian Water for allotments)	70.55	0

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

Cllr SB was absent but confirmed that he had checked the accounts and there were no discrepancies.

e. To make arrangements for a budget meeting

CLlr SB will circulate current expenditure versus budget figures with suggestions for next year's budget later in the week and organise a meeting before the parish council meets again at the end of November.

Action: SB

140/20 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives

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/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: Appeal dismissed (Oct 2020)
S/2020/1029/FUL	Construction of two radomes, antennas & associated security system components incl. lighting. Location: RAF Croughton	EPC: no objection SNC: site visit complete
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: site visit complete
S/2020/1238/FUL	A new occasional road access to house, proposed drop kerb and new gate. Location: Glencarrig, 44 Broad Lane, Evenley	Withdrawn
S/2020/1293/PA	Determination as to whether prior approval is required for change of use from light industrial to a dwelling house in respect highways, contamination and flooding. Location: Old Farm Buildings, Buckingham Road, Evenley	EPC: no objection SNC: grant of prior approval given
S/2020/1438/FUL	Single commercial building providing 3 B1/B8 units with trade counters. Location: land west of Oxford Rd, Evenley	EPC: no objection SNC: consults dispatched
S/2020/1533/FUL	Single storey rear extension. Location: The Old Dairy, Astwick Barns, Buckingham Road, Evenley	EPC: no objection SNC: site visit complete

141/20 To report back on July's Little Brook Ward meeting

The clerk circulated the draft minutes prior to the meeting which can be viewed at:

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

142/20 To provide a response to the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) consultation for the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan

The clerk will respond asking them to consider different ways (other than libraries) for members of the public without internet access, to be able to take part in consultations; possibly via village shops and community halls. **Action: CK**

143/20 To make arrangements for the clerk's appraisal

The chairman, vice-chairman and the clerk will meet on Wednesday 28th October.

144/20 To discuss arrangements for Remembrance Day

The chairman advised that for the Act of Remembrance Service to go ahead this year, Evenley Parish Council (as the landowner) has to 'manage' the event on the Green. We have therefore been working with members of St. George's Church and the clerk has produced a Covid-19 risk assessment. The service sheet forms part of the Autumn newsletter that will be delivered to every household in the village over the weekend.

145/20 To accept councillors reports on the following areas (if there is anything to report):

- a. Allotments (CR) – nothing to report.
- b. Pocket Park (CR) – the hedges have been trimmed back and tidied up for the winter.
- c. Street Lighting (SB) – the proposed additional light on Broad Lane (near the chicane) is being further investigated. We are no further forward regarding a new column for the light in Lawyers Close (that is currently attached to a telegraph pole).
- d. Village Hall (JPB) – nothing to report.
- e. Website – work is well underway to tidy up and declutter the site which now includes an accessibility statement. Images are being updated and a site map makes it easier to find what you are looking for. We have also incorporated a 'latest news' page.
- f. Village Green and Trees (CE) – the 'no parking' signs have been put up and the new village sign (funded by the HS2 Community Environment Fund) is in pride of place. The verges continue to take a beating and CE proposed that we replace some of the older bollards on the corners with new ones, as discussed previously before they get any worse. She and Spencer will obtain quotes.
Action: CE/SB
It has been noted that the waste collection lorry occasionally mounts the verge when it drives from Church Lane to go round the Green. The clerk will contact Northants Council to try and resolve this issue. **Action: CK**
- g. Newsletter (CE) – the Autumn edition has gone in for printing to be delivered over the weekend.

- h. HS2 & Highways (SB/CE) – CE attended the virtual HS2 liaison group meeting on 9th October and reported that work is really making headway in our area now; an update is included in the newsletter.
- i. Local government reorganisation – the Children’s Trust will be established on 1st November 2020 in advance of the new council (in April next year). The latest information on the two new unitary councils can be found at: <https://futurenorthantswest.org/>
- j. St. George’s Church – see item 144/20. Members of the Church are working hard to be able to facilitate services over the Christmas period this year.

146/20 Correspondence received

- SSE temporary increase to streetlight electricity - due to Covid-19 there has been lower demand for electricity this year so our bill rate will increase by 0.201p/kWh from 01.12.2020 for nine months.
- Email regarding chicane hazards during wet weather – this has been reported via <https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/>. Residents affected by drainage issues on Broad Lane are now in touch directly with Northants Highways to try and resolve this issue.
- Correspondence regarding the new village sign – we have received many positive comments and just one letter querying whether we had gained appropriate permission.

147/20 Councillor questions

ClIr JPB has downloaded and circulated the traffic data from Broad Lane from when he moved the new speed sign (in June) to face outgoing traffic. He advised that incoming traffic now has to slow or stop because of the chicane but outgoing traffic can just charge through still. The data shows that a significant proportion of motorists are speeding (circa. 40%) with a top speed of 73.3mph. JPB said the chicane has had some bearing on speeds but not as much as we’d hoped. It was agreed that he would contact the Police for professional advice on traffic calming and CE will contact Matthew Clarke, assistant community liaison officer for Northants Highways, to see if we can work together to find a solution before the village is used as a rat run during the HS2 construction period.

ClIr JM asked why the Forge Coffee and Post Office sign had been removed from the Green. Chairman CE advised that she had been in touch with Rupert and Rose to explain that we have culled a lot of signs on the Green as it was looking too cluttered and she had suggested alternative locations for a post office sign.

We are working with Evenley Wood Gardens to reduce its signage but the problem there is much more complicated. Unfortunately, satnavs direct visitors to the corner of the Green and there have been problems with cars turning in private drives and delivery trucks damaging frontages etc but hopefully a solution is on the way. There is also a pub, a farm shop, a national trailer fabricator and two specialist garages in the village; if everyone put an advertising sign on the Green, it would be very unsightly.

148/20 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council Through the chairman)

No comments received.

149/20 Close

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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

The next meeting (the last one of the year) will be held on Monday 30th November at 7.30 pm – further details will be available nearer the time.

Signed: Cathy Ellis

Date: 30/10/2020