

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Evenley Village Hall on Monday 18th September 2017 at 7:30pm

Representatives from Gigaclear gave a presentation on the installation of ultrafast fibre broadband in the village. They will also be writing to residents who will have a chance to request a one-to-one meeting to air any concerns they may have.

The meeting of the parish council started at 8:10 pm

Present: Mike Baul (MB), Spencer Burnham (SB), Cathy Ellis (CE), Nic Hamblin (NH), Jean Morgan (JM) & Cathy Knott (CK) Clerk

66/17 Apologies and welcome

Apologies were received from Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB) & Lisa Proffitt (LP).
Chair CE welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllr JM for her previous chairmanship. CE advised that Cllr LP has resigned from the council and thanked her for the work she had carried out as part of her role. She asked the clerk to start the process of co-option and asked residents to get in touch if they would like to be considered.

Action: CK

67/17 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 3rd July. The minutes were approved and signed.

68/17 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only
The clerk reported that all actions had been dealt with.

69/17 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda
SB – Weston Power

70/17 Finance

- Financial statement
- Payments received
- Approval of invoices for payment

Account	Balances as at 07.09.17
Community	£ 5,005.85
Business Saver	£15,579.87
National Savings	£ 5,718.44
TOTAL	£26,304.16

RECEIPTS since 03.07.2017		
07.07.17	Cricket Club donation for bench	125.00
11.07.17	Westbury PC (share in clerk's training)	55.00
10.09.17	EM donation for bench	285.00
18.00.17	Northamptonshire ACRE winner's prize for Best Village Competition	250.00

Payments made since 03.07.2017		
05.07.17	NCALC (Training – Agendas & Minutes & Data protections & FOI Act)	111.00
05.07.17	Texprep (scanning/printing for Pocket Park doc)	3.10
05.07.17	Evenley Village Hall Committee (May & June invoices)	48.75
05.07.17	Cathy Knott (Salary)	506.00

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05.07.17	Cathy Knott (Expenses)	74.40
05.07.17	South Northants Area Support Team (Neighbourhood watch annual fee)	20.00
05.07.17	Linnell Bros Ltd (picnic bench)	582.00
01.08.17	C. Knott (salary)	448.50
01.08.17	Cathy Knott (Expenses)	10.80
01.08.17	E.oN (streetlight electricity)	398.73
01.08.17	Anglian Water	12.89
30.08.17	SNC (VH planning application submission)	97.50
04.09.17	C. Knott (salary)	448.50
04.09.17	C. Knott (expenses)	65.15
04.09.17	Evenley Village Hall Committee (July invoice)	30.50
18.09.17	BDO (audit fee)	120.00
18.09.17	RBL Poppy appeal	16.00

71/17 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives

The clerk circulated a summary of the planning applications outstanding. Cllr JM advised that she had attended an SNC Planning Committee meeting regarding applications S/2017/1340/FUL The Barn, Church Lane, Evenley and S/2017/1702/MAF Mercedes-benz Grand Prix Ltd, Reynard Park, Brackley. Approval has since been given to the latter application and a misleading press release was sent out by SNC indicating that Evenley was the neighbouring parish. Due to the governance review currently being looked into, the clerk wrote to SNC to complain and has since received an apology and the press release was reissued with a note stating "please note that the car park lies wholly within the parish of Evenley and is not the neighbouring parish council as originally reported". It was agreed to submit "no objections" to two new applications, 22 The Green and 25 Church Lane. An application has also been received for Evenley Village Hall to replace the front doors and windows (S/2017/2220/FUL).

72/17 To receive the Northamptonshire Best Village 2017 Newcomers Cup organised by ACRE; from David Connolly Evenley Residents Association

Chair CE thanked David and members of ERA for submitting the application and all those in the village who had participated. It is a great award to receive, highlighting the community spirit in Evenley. David reported that he and two other representatives attended a presentation in Northampton where they were presented with the Rose Bowl and a certificate of participation. Since then we have received a cheque for £250.00 awarded to Evenley. He thanked everyone involved, saying the judges were very impressed. It was decided that the cup should be kept in the village shop and the certificate will be framed and put up in the village hall. A discussion will need to be held on how to best spend the award money.

73/17 To thank the summer fete organisers and receive an update

Cllr NH reported that the fete was brilliant, very enjoyable with great weather! A total of £5600.00 was raised which shows what we can do when we all work well together. He thanked everyone involved for their hard work and advised there would be a "wash-up" meeting on Thursday 21st September, where it is hoped to confirm the date of next year's fete as Saturday 1st September.

74/17 Update on the Local Plan Part 2a

The ten week consultation began on Monday 4th September and will end on 10th November. Residents have been notified and can individually make their comments. For more information please visit

<http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/planningpolicy>

Planning officers will be on hand to answer questions and show people how to take part in the consultation during drop in sessions at:

Towcester, The Forum, Moat Lane on Monday, 2 October 2017 (4pm – 8pm)

Brackley, Library, Manor Road on Wednesday, 4 October 2017 (2pm-6pm)

Bugbrooke Village Hall, on Wednesday, 27 September 2017 (4pm – 8pm)

Roads Village Hall, on Tuesday, 10 October 2017 (4pm – 8pm)

Deanshanger Community Centre, on Thursday, 12 October 2017 (4pm – 8pm)

Cllrs JPB and CE will be attending a briefing session on Wednesday 20th September which will focus on the policy approach for housing development at parish and settlement level, environmental designations policies to manage development in a sustainable way, the location of new employment sites and community and leisure development.

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75/17 Local Council Award Scheme. To resolve that the required documentation & criteria is in place, ready to be submitted to NALC for the foundation level

The clerk advised that all documentation and criteria is in place to apply for the foundation award. It was resolved to make the application.

76/17 To receive an update from the Hs2 committee

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Brian Sinclair gave an update on Hs2 and advised that he and Cllr SB would be attending the HS2 Liaison Group meeting on 22nd September where funding will be discussed amongst other issues. Cllr SB reported that he, Cllr JPB and Chair CE had met with Helen Howard, Northants Highways to discuss road improvements, ideas for traffic calming on all entrances into the village and advice on protecting The Green. Helen has asked for a speed survey to be carried out on Bicester Hill in order to make a decision whether or not traffic calming is required there and will be meeting engineers to look at other feasible traffic calming options. Cllr SB has been in contact with Groundwork (who are administering the community funding) and has also found another source of funding which we can apply for. It was agreed that we should bide time until we have got all prices in and then apply to both funds.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

77/17 To resolve to organise an annual meeting with representatives from all areas of the village to decide on a particular cause to focus on in the following year

Cllr NH suggested that as there are many different groups within the village, there should be an annual meeting where representatives from each group can sit down and talk to each other and agree on a unified goal. He feels that the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) would not be the right setting as it would not allow for a free flow of thoughts from every party.

Cllr MB advised that he felt the APM could work if we changed the format. All councillors agreed in principle to an annual meeting and it was resolved this would be discussed further at the next meeting.

78/17 To receive an update on the superfast Northamptonshire project, Gigaclear

A presentation was given prior to the meeting. Further information will be available on the village website once it has been received.

79/17 Councillor reports:

a. Allotments (LP)

As Cllr LP has resigned from the council, the clerk will take over this role until it has been re-allocated.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

A resident advised that three of the plots were a mess. Chair CE proposed that we should look into planting fruit trees on the empty plots. The clerk will look into the legalities of this and will put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: CK

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

b. Pocket Park (NH)

Cllr NH reported that the Wildlife Trust has completed their survey. A nationwide survey looking at biodiversity will also take place sometime over the next few years. He thanked Merrick for looking after the park over the summer. It was agreed that the clerk should remind Pocket Park Friends to invite EPC to their AGM.

Action: CK

c. Street Lighting (SB)

Cllr SB has had a walk-about with Willie from Aylesbury Mains Ltd and will be putting together a proposal for exactly what we want for the village. He will circulate details before the next meeting (in readiness for applying to Hs2/Highways for funding). Regarding the SNC grant of £2758.00, it was agreed this should be used for internal lamp fittings (between 4 – 6) in one area of the village.

Action: SB/CK

d. Village Hall (JPB)

To resolve whether to fund the village hall application using the EPC Grant Policy budget under S137 powers as a discretionary payment

It was resolved that EPC would fund the application fee of £97.50 from the grant awarding policy budget.

e. Website (MB)

Nothing to report at this time

f. Village Green and trees (CE)

Chair CE reported that she and Cllr SB had part renovated the metal work on all of the benches but the wood will also need attention before too long. It was resolved that the clerk should draw up a policy regarding furniture on the Green showing clear guidelines on maintenance, responsibility and ownership.

The trees have also had a tidy up. CE will acquire a quote to reduce the crown by 20% on the large Beech tree.

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Cllr JM advised that the edging to protect The Green (granite curbing) doesn't stop tractor drivers driving badly and suggested a meeting with farmers to discuss the way forward. Evenley Matters have agreed to fund bulbs to be planted further out into the village. Chair CE will purchase in October and plant towards the end of the month.

Action: CK/CE

g. Newsletter (CE)

Chair CE will start the autumn newsletter next week.

80/17 Correspondence received

Chair CE has received an invitation to RAF Croughtons' Civic Open Day on 25th September.

An email has been received from RAF Croughton congratulating Evenley on their win and for hosting the cricket match during the summer.

Northamptonshire County Council have recently commissioned a book "Spanning the Centuries" – the historic bridges of Northamptonshire by Julian Bowsher. More details are available on the village website (www.evenleypc.org).

Highways England have sent advance notification of works on the A43 Oxford Road roundabout (please see details/plans on the village website).

Northamptonshire Police have set up monthly meetings for councillors to meet PCC Stephen Mold to learn more about local issues and how policing can be improved in communities across our county.

Northamptonshire Police have sent a message out to councils following the terror attack in London on 15th September, reassuring the communities of Northamptonshire that they are prepared for such attacks and are providing additional high-visibility patrols at key locations across the county.

Denise Stevens has resigned as Flag Flying Warden. Chair CE thanked her for all the work she has put into this role. It was agreed to review the flag flying dates and advertise the post in the newsletter. **Action: CK/CE**

An email has been received asking for an update on the "no parking" markings on the bend as traffic enters Church Lane from The Green. The clerk will chase Northants Highways on this matter. **Action: CK**

Chris Hart, Evenley Defibrillator Coordinator will be organising two more CPR Training sessions (with an option for a third subject to demand) in November. The dates will be published in the newsletter.

Natalie Owen from Wright Hassall Solicitors has written to the clerk regarding the land transfer in School Lane. She is in the process of obtaining the legal title and will draft the transfer deed.

The clerk has received documentation regarding road closure (for Evenley Summer Fete) from Northants Highways and Police and event insurance documentation from Evenley Resident's Association.

The clerk has received all documentation for Speed Watch from Mike Bosher. Until a new co-ordinator comes forward she will carry on the role. Cllr MB reported that it would be a burden to the precept but couldn't be helped. Another notice will go in the newsletter asking for a replacement co-ordinator.

81/17 Councillor questions

Cllr SB advised that Weston Power has almost completed its works in the village and it is now live. Cllr JM asked if Highways England had given an indication of what the red and blue paint is for on the Evenley roundabout.

82/17 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)

A resident asked if EPC would be commenting on the latest Local Plan Part 2a consultation. Chair CE advised that she wasn't sure if local councils should be commenting and said she would find out at the briefing session on Wednesday.

83/17 Close

The meeting closed at 9:40 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.

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