
Minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on Monday 19th July 2021 at 7.30 pm at Evenley Village Hall

Present: chairman Cathy Ellis (CE), cllr Jean Morgan (JM), cllr Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB), cllr Charles Reader (CR), Cathy Knott (CK) clerk and six members of the public.

106/21 To receive apologies for absence and welcome.

Apologies accepted from cllr Spencer Burnham (SB) and cllr Sue Ricketts (SR). The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Russell Crow, Planning Director for Fernhill Estates.

107/21 Open forum to receive information from Fernhill Estates regarding a planning application for 1no. self/custom-build dwelling on land to the north of Broad Lane - followed by question/answer session

Mr Crow gave a brief background precis on how the proposal for a self-build had come about explaining the application was still under consultation with West Northamptonshire Council with an eight-week determination period. The clerk showed the layout of the proposal on the big screen and Mr Crow advised that although the agricultural access was part of the same application, it would be completely separate from the proposed dwelling and still belong to the landowner Roger Brown. A 100 m new hedgerow would form part of the boundary. A question and answer session followed raising many valid points.

The chairman thanked Mr Crow for attending and sharing information and he and two members of the public left the meeting at 8.15pm.

108/21 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 21st June 2021

The minutes were approved and signed.

109/21 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

83/21 the chairman has contacted Helen Howard regarding the removal of the centre notch in the layby opposite the shop and is waiting to hear back.

100/21 the chairman and clerk had a constructive meeting with cllr JM on 28th June to agree on the best way forward. It was agreed that the chairman would meet with cllr JPB separately.

101/21c. Open Reach still have two poles where they have to transfer their apparatus before the redundant poles can be removed. As soon as this has been completed Western Power will return.

103/21 the chairman is waiting for a traffic management contact.

All other matters are on the agenda or are being dealt with.

110/21 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

Cllr CR for invoice for water troughs (item 111/21).

111/21 Finance:

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

Accounts	£
Community	11,721.05
Business Saver	23,201.32
National Savings	5,875.36
TOTAL	40,797.73

Receipts since the last meeting	£	VAT £
None		
Payments approved		
C. Knott (July salary + 5 hrs overtime for FOI)	664.17	0

HMRC (tax)	40.80	0
C. Knott (expenses)	58.76	18.78
SNAST (annual subscription)	25.00	0
Media Tribe	200.00	0
Evenley Village Hall (meeting hire)	17.00	0
SSE (electricity streetlights)	97.49	4.87
WAVE (allotment water)	46.32	0
WNC (administration fee for uncontested elections)	75.00	15.00
M. Dempsey (verges mowing)	475.00	0
M. Dempsey (Green mowing)	840.00	0
Cloisters Farm (3 x water troughs for allotments)	248.89	49.78

112/21 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives

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: APPROVED
WNS/2021/0325/FUL	Removal of condition 3 (use) of S/2015/1654/FUL (first floor over existing single storey garage, to create a two-storey habitable living space and a single storey porch). To be allowed to rent out the annexe. Location: 33 The Green	EPC: support with comments SNC: consults dispatched
WNS/2021/0402/FUL	Single storey front extension. Location: 3 Church Leys, Evenley	EPC: no comment SNC: APPROVED
WNS/2021/0519/FUL	Extensions, garage conversion and detached carport. Location: 19 Prospect, Church Lane, Evenley	EPC: objection SNC: consults dispatched
*WNS/2021/0867/OUT	Proposal Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access and scale for 1no. self/custom-build dwelling and a new agricultural access. Location Land North East Of Broad Lane Evenley	EPC: objection SNC: consults dispatched

*It was resolved to object to application WNS/2021/0867/OUT due to the following reasons:

- speculative application with lack of benefits to the village;
- the area has a five-year land supply so no need for proposed dwelling;
- the impact of A43 noise and residential amenity regarding proposal;
- highway safety issues due to proximity of access to A43 junction;
- improved field access (if important issue) could be a separate application;
- principle of the development is not accepted as the proposal is outside village confines and takes Evenley one step closer to converging with Brackley.

Other issues raised by residents:

- Poor access to basic services (water, electricity, sewerage etc) at this particular end of the village due to lack of investment in 1950's.

113/21 To decide whether to record parish council meetings

Councillors resolved not to record meetings at this moment in time.

114/21 To review football posts on the Green

The clerk has found information in the archives suggesting that the first proper goal post was placed on the Green in 2004 for the winter months only and removed before cricket season, however the chairman proposed to leave one goal out over the summer holidays so children could enjoy a kick-about and we would put the second one out as soon as cricket season has finished; all councillors were in agreement. More rope is needed to fix the netting so CE will ask the youngsters who offered to help maintain them if they could action this. **Action: CE**

115/21 To consider additional speed signs to those already fitted

It was resolved to purchase two more large 30 mph signs and fittings for Broad Lane.

Action: CK/JPB

116/21 To report back on School Lane little green bench consultation

The clerk circulated responses prior to the meeting, four of which supported a bench on the little Green. Several residents asked if a bench could either/also be located on the corner of School Lane. Councillors resolved to purchase up to two benches. **Action: CE**

117/21 To discuss a request from Dog Box Fitness to run workout sessions on the village green

The clerk has written to the business owner asking for more information in order for us to be able to make a decision. She will contact him again to ask what benefits it could bring to the village. **Action: CK**

118/21 To arrange a date for a strategy meeting to discuss village projects

The chairman proposed a date of Monday 16th August at 7.15pm which she will confirm with councillors.

119/21 To accept councillors reports on the following areas (if there is anything to report):

- a. **Allotments (CR)** noting to report.
- b. **Pocket Park (CR)** nothing to report.
- c. **Street Lighting (SB)** see 109 regarding 101.21c.
- d. **Village Hall (JPB)** nothing to report.
- e. **Website (CK)** nothing to report.
- f. **Village Green and Trees (CE)** the chairman will have a tidy up around the trees over the next few weeks.
- g. **Newsletter (CE)** the next edition will be issued in September. There will be a flyer going out to residents soon regarding a picnic on the Green.
- h. **HS2 & Highways (CE)** unfortunately no-one was available to attend the liaison meeting on 2nd July.
- i. **West Northamptonshire Council (JM)** the clerk will invite one of our Ward councillors to attend meetings going forward. **Action: CK**

120/21 Correspondence received

- ABILITY bus service for school & college children – information sent out via Mailchimp.
- Funtopia information - information sent out via Mailchimp.
- OPFCC Newsletter July 2021 - information sent out via Mailchimp.
- Highways England notification of essential works A43 Northbound, Northampton Road Roundabout to Silverstone - information sent out via Mailchimp.
- RAF Croughton's Giant Voice notice for Wednesday - information sent out via Mailchimp.
- West Northants Council have responded to our pre-application request for parking signs at the layby and shop advising that we would need to apply for full planning consent to put a parking sign on the village shop, however we could change the current sign on the layby opposite the shop. The chairman will seek advice from Stuart Freestone regarding the aesthetics of the sign to try and get people to take notice of it whilst not standing out too much in a conservation area. **Action: CE**

121/21 To receive area for improvement suggestion(s) from members

None received.

122/21 Councillor questions

- the chairman thanked Bob Silvey for strimming the area along sewage farm hill.
- cllr JM requested that the date of the next meeting be placed at the bottom of agendas.
- the chairman advised that a group of people are looking at starting a small history group in the village; more details to follow.
- cllr CR has noticed official signage on footpaths at the bottom of Mill Lane.
- the chairman advised that a young resident has offered his services to carry out small jobs around the village; please let her know if you have anything in mind.
- cllr CR was disappointed that a local business hadn't been contacted to provide a service at a village event.

123/21 Public Participation session (members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)

A resident asked if the parish council could find out who the path belongs to in Lion's Close and if it is a public right of way. The clerk has received confirmation from Grand Union Housing Group that it doesn't belong to them so she will contact Northants Highways. She will also request that they make the best use of the properties in the village as there is local housing need. **Action: CK**

124/21 Close

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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 at Evenley Village Hall on Monday 20th September 2021 at 7.30 pm.