

## Minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023 following the annual parish meeting at 7.30 pm at the learning loft, Barnowl Farm Shop, Bicester Hill, Evenley

Present: Spencer Burnham (SB), Paul Crompton (PC), Cathy Ellis (CE), Jean Morgan (JM), Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB), Charles Reader (CR), Sue Ricketts (SR), Cathy Knott (CK) clerk and nine members of the public

### 47/23 To receive apologies for absence and welcome

All councillors present. The chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**48/23 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.** Cllr CR requested a note be added to item 40/23 clarifying funds underwritten for the Coronation event. Amendments were made and the minutes were approved and signed.

### 49/23 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

-139/22 the statutory sign/notice on the Green needs further thought but is in hand.

-41/23 permanently fixing the 'no HGV' signage is something that needs to be actioned by a Highways/HS2 engineer. Cllr SB is investigating costs to upgrade the streetlights as more are becoming inconsistent/faulty. **Action: SB**

### 50/23 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

Cllr SB for 51/23c. Evie Burnham invoice.

### 51/23 Finance: (different to agenda)

- a. Financial statement
- b. To note payments received
- c. To consider invoices to be paid

Account balances	£
Community	5,578.06
Business Saver	21,772.34
National Savings	5,881.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,231.82</b>

Income		VAT
Allotment rent plots 1,4,4A,5,6,7,10	245.64	
Ox Plastic Systems (Piggeries reimbursement -relocation of village gates, Bicester Hill)	3049.42	
Donations for Raymond's bench (paid in)	185.00	
Newsletter donation – Claydon Auctioneer	60.00	
VAT refund	2,621.27	
Bank interest	100.90	
<b>Payments made since the last meeting</b>		
Dempsey (mowing)	200.00	0
Agrovista UK Ltd (fertiliser for the Green)	480.50	96.10
Raybell & Sons Ltd (installation of village gates)	2250.00	450.00
Agrovista UK Ltd (seed for the Green)	1068.00	0
<b>Payments submitted for approval</b>		
C. Knott (April salary)	652.42	0
HMRC (tax)	48.00	0
C. Knott (expenses)	268.91	13.33
ICO (Data Protection annual fee) direct debit	35.00	0
NCALC (membership, audit & data protection fee)	563.58	43.40
Northants ACRE (membership fee)	48.00	0

SLCC (membership fee shared with Westbury PC)	93.50	0
PWLB repayment (loan for streetlight replacement programme) direct debit	1750.05	0
Evenley Village Hall Committee (meeting & soup lunch Jan)	42.00	0
SSE (streetlight electricity)	111.25	5.55
MAXIMOW (fertilising the Green)	375.00	0
Evie Burnham (delivery of Kings Coronation flyer)	30.00	0
Texprep (Coronation flyers)	95.70	0
British Gas (electric on the Green)	13.71	0.68
WAVE (allotment water)	17.49	0
Media Tribe (website hosting fee)	141.00	0

## 52/23 To consider new planning applications and to receive an update on applications outstanding

*WNS/2022/1557/EIA	Proposal The construction and operation of an anaerobic digestion facility, ancillary infrastructure, landscape planting and the construction of a new access road and access from the B4031. Application accompanied by an Environmental Statement. Location: Astwick Green Power Land, North of Barley Mow Farm, Buckingham Road	EPC: Objection WNC: pending
WNS/2022/2062/FUL	Proposal Permanent retention of temporary planning permission approved under S/2020/0303/FUL (Change of use from Agricultural Land to Dog Exercise/Training area, increase height of fence to 1.52m and hard standing area for vehicle parking). Location Land North Of Cottesford Road Evenley	EPC: no objection WNC: pending
WNS/2023/0004/FUL	Demolition of existing original farmhouse (previously consented as S/2018/0710/FUL), construction of a new holiday let building with three holiday let units, and associated landscaping and car parking Location Elm Tree Farmhouse Charlton Road Evenley	EPC: no objection <b>WNC: APPROVED</b>
WNS/2023/0101/FUL	Proposal to create a track (this is to create a one way system through the parking area) retrospective. Location Evenley Wood Garden	EPC: no objection with comments WNC: pending
*2023/5067/PNHPD	Larger homes notification application for a single storey rear extension extending 8 m beyond the rear wall of original dwelling house, maximum height of 4 m , height of eves 2.65 m Location 13 Lawyers Close Evenley West Northamptonshire NN13 5SJ	EPC: to be decided at the next meeting WNC: pending

\*WNS/2022/1557/EIA – we continue to wait for the application for the anaerobic digestion facility to go to a strategic planning committee meeting. The planning portal is still open to receive comments. Cllr SB will write to planners to raise further points of objection.

\*2023/5067/PNHPD – new application to be discussed at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr JM will contact neighbouring properties.

**Action: JM**

## 53/23 To provide an update on the King's Coronation picnic/music event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

A flyer has been delivered to all parishioners including a timetable. The chairman has arranged a meeting this Wednesday to discuss/confirm final details with all those involved. Cllr JPB has liaised with the musicians and Kelvin Burke is kindly providing equipment. In the event of bad weather, the musicians will be cancelled/postponed. The WI has made 150 metres of bunting which will be put up around the Green a few days beforehand.

## 54/23 To provide a response to WNC's consultation on the draft boundary proposals

Evenley is currently part of the Middleton Cheney Ward, however all existing ward boundaries will change in 2025 and the total number of ward councillors will reduce from 93 to 76. Wards will be represented by one, two or three councillors. Information on the boundary review can be seen at: [summary 3.pdf \(lgbce.org.uk\)](#)

In order to help EPC decide if it is in the best interests of our community to be represented by one councillor over a smaller area, or two councillors over broadly the same area as currently, please see **appendix one** and contact cllr Jean Morgan with your thoughts.

## 55/23 To accept councillors reports on the following areas (if there is anything to report):

- Allotments** the tap has been turned on. The three bins have permits ending 31.03.24. All rents received.
- Evenley Common** nothing to report.
- Street Lighting** cllr SB to investigate the costs of upgrades.
- Village Hall** nothing to report.
- Website** a new page has been added for the handbell ringers group.

- f. **Village Green and Trees** the green has been fertilised and overseeded and Andy Reader has been working on the wicket. Cllr SB advised Maximow will apply herbicide to the area within the next few weeks (date to be communicated via village email and Facebook).
- g. **Newsletter** the next one will be published after the Coronation and include consultation on electric car charging points.
- h. **HS2 & Highways** the next virtual HS2 liaison meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am.
- i. **Three-year action plan** ongoing.
- j. **St. George's Church** a fete will be held on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2.00 – 4.30pm. CE and CR have carried out work on the Yew tree.

**56/23 To note correspondence received that requires discussion**

- Road ownership query – the clerk will write to the owner to advise.
- Mailchimp new charges (monthly fee) for village emails. Councillors are happy for charges to be taken out of the clerks expenses.
- WNC planning services update – WNC has issued an update on their work to improve the planning system for all residents across West Northamptonshire and is keen to work with parish and town councils (as key stakeholders) to build a good relationship and achieve a consistently good service going forward.
- Following publication of the Coronation flyer, the chairman has received several emails regarding the plaque for Raymond's memorial bench. After listening to parishioners, CE proposed Raymond has his own plaque/bench (not shared with the King) positioned where he used to watch the world go by on the Green. Budget allowing, we will have another bench made (and plaque) for the Kings Coronation which will be located elsewhere in the village, possibly the triangle on Church Lane or the grass verge to the front of Lawyers Close. All councillors agreed.

**Action: CE/CK**

**57/23 To receive areas for improvement suggestion(s) from members**

None received.

**58/23 Councillors questions/comments**

None received.

**59/23 Public Participation session** (*members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman*).

None received.

**60/23 Close**

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

**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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at the Education loft above Barnowl Farm Shop at 7.30pm.**

Signed: Cathy Ellis

Dated: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023