

Minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on Monday 17th July 2023, 7.30 pm at Evenley Village Hall

Present: Jean Morgan (JM), Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB), Charles Reader (CR), Sue Ricketts (SR), Cathy Knott (CK) clerk and 16 members of the public

100/23 To receive apologies for absence and welcome

Apologies received and accepted for Cathy Ellis (CE), Spencer Burnham (SB) and Paul Crompton (PC).
Cllr JPB chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone, thanking them for attending.

101/23 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the annual meeting of the parish council held on 19th June 2023.

The minutes were approved and signed.

102/23 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

98/23 – the chairman has spoken to Nic Hamblin, ERA's chairman who is sending a letter to all residents providing an update on what has been happening regarding Evenley Matters (EM) and Evenley Resident's Association (ERA), inviting them to attend a public meeting on 12th September.

103/23 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

Cllr SB for 104/23 2 x invoices and cllr CR for 1 x invoice.

Cllr SR for application 2023/5367/FULL item 105/23.

104/23 Finance: (different from agenda)

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

Account balances	£
Community	11,913.72
Business Saver	23,204.77
National Savings	5,881.42
TOTAL	40,999.91

Income received		VAT
Bank interest	124.53	
EKFB grant for Coronation bench	699.00	
Donations for Raymonds bench	100.00	
Payments submitted for approval		
C. Knott (salary)	652.22	0
HMRC (tax)	48.20	0
Barclaycard June payment (Mailchimp & stationary) DD	42.97	6.08
Media Tribe (website)	200.00	0
UK Timber (wood for memorial bench)	121.61	24.32
Evenley VH (June meeting & soup lunch)	47.00	0
SSE (streetlight electricity) DD	108.04	5.39
British Gas (electricity on the Green) DD	14.90	0.74
Cotefield Treecare (limb removal from Lime tree)	218.00	43.60
Freestone (Green sign)	144.20	28.84
Wave (allotment water)	54.72	0
Barnowl Jerseys (room hire x 2)	50.00	0

Lucy Burnham (newsletter deliveries)	45.00	0
S. Burnham (tarmac for pothole)	20.40	0

105/23 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
2023/5067/PNHPD	Larger homes notification application for a single storey rear extension extending 8m beyond the rear wall of original dwelling house, max height of 4m, height of eaves 2.65m. Location 13 Lawyers Close, Evenley	EPC: no comment WNC: prior approval not required
2023/5271/FULL	Demolish conservatory and new single storey rear extension and front extension/porch. Location: 7 Church Leys, Evenley	EPC: no comment WNC: approved
2023/5296/FULL	Proposal Erection of front porch. Location: 13 Lawyers Close, Evenley	EPC: no comment WNC: approved
2023/5300/FULL	Variation of Conditions 2 of Planning Permission S/2019/2469/FUL (Detached dwelling and associated works) to revise drawings proposing a minor increase in the depth of flat roofed kitchen area and new dormer window on rear elevation. Location: Willowbourne, 5 Bicester Hill, Evenley	EPC: no comment WNC: pending
2023/5291/OUT	Outline Planning Application for a development of 6 no. eco-friendly self-build residential houses. Location: Paddock House Barley Mow Farm, Buckingham Road, Evenley	EPC: no comment WNC: pending
2023/5682/FULL	Single storey glass room located on the rear elevation of the property. Location Threshing Barn Slade Farm Buckingham Road Evenley	EPC: no objection WNC: pending
2023/5367/FULL	To formalise the creation of two dwellings from a single dwelling. Location: Plomers Furze Farm, Charlton Rd, Evenley	EPC: no objection WNC: pending

106/23 To discuss responses received regarding electric vehicle charging points

Cllr JPB reminded everyone that having investigated various locations in the village, our proposal to install EV points in the village hall carpark was a quick fix providing a facility for residents who cannot have a charging point at home. He said 22 responses have been received, some of which are well considered. He drew attention to some key points, some of which suggested locations other than the village hall and explained that the Green is a designated green space along with the Green in School Lane and the field in Church Leys, so are not feasible locations. There is a clause on allotment land so this cannot be used and the Red Lion is privately owned by the Brewery; they may consider installing EV points but these would be primarily for customers.

A member of the public asked whether green designated space could be deregistered to accommodate EV charging points and if a working party could be set up to investigate the project further; cllr JPB asked her to put her proposal in writing to the clerk to be considered by council.

Councillors resolved to take no further action at the current time but to keep a watching brief on funding and evolving technology.

We will encourage residents to look at a community app that allows sharing private EV points with neighbours.

107/23 To receive items for the ward meeting on Tuesday 12th September at Kings Sutton

Electric vehicle charging points, anaerobic digestion facility proposal, Highways signage visibility issues, update on the Ward reorganisation.

108/23 Seek to arrange with tenants' maintenance of the allotments

It was agreed that as we are halfway through the season and tenants have paid rent until April 2024, we would tackle any issues through the winter. Cllr CR will look at rents versus expenses and plot sizes. **Action: CR/CK**

109/23 To note the change of date & venue for the meeting in September

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th September 2023 at the Learning Loft, Barnowl Farmshop at 7.30pm.

110/23 To accept councillors reports on the following areas (if there is anything to report):

- a. **Allotments** see item 108/23.
- b. **Evenley Common** the chairman has strimmed around one bench (the other was clear) and the new Cherry trees. Due to the Devil's Bit Scabiosa, Knapweed, Tufted Vetch and Squill, she desisted mowing. Cllr CR has mowed the pathways advising it will all need mowing in approximately three weeks' time. It was agreed to set a date for an Autumn working party in October – date to be confirmed. **Action: CE**
- c. **Street Lighting** our electricity network contractors have suggested two options regarding the failing lights; to replace each light with a new LED Victorian fitting which would cost £500-£600 each or to replace lamps as they fail. It was agreed we should replace lamps as they fail and build a reserve to replace them all with a better LED replacement going forward. Cllr JPB suggested if we hold another event on the Green, the profits could go towards streetlights.
- d. **Village Hall** nothing to report.
- e. **Website** nothing to report.
- f. **Village Green and Trees** a dangerous hanging branch has been lopped off on the Green by Cotefiled Treecare. Cllr JM advised a lot of trees on the Green needed attention to the lower branches. Post meeting note; this will be actioned later in the Summer as it does every year.
- g. **Newsletter** JPB has written a piece on Speed Watch to promote and ask for more volunteers .
- h. **HS2 & Highways** the chairman has again written to Northants Highways regarding the issues with flooding on Broad Lane. The senior business improvement officer at Northants Highways has suggested it might be due to the size of the drain and provided a contact at Anglian Water who are going to investigate and will report back.
- i. **Three-year action plan** nothing to report.
- j. **St. George's Church** nothing to report.

111/23 To note correspondence received that requires discussion

It has come to our attention that builders working on two self builds to the rear of 17 Broad Lane (WNS/2022/1181/FUL) have received a complaint from a parish councillor regarding parking on the road. Cllr JPB therefore reminded councillors we cannot take the law into our own hands by telling builders where they can or can't park. Standing Order 25 states 'unless authorised no councillor shall issue orders, instructions or directions'. It was also noted that someone has been putting bags containing dog faeces on their vehicles.

Kaye Baul sent notification that Kans Kitchen Authentic Thai takeaway will be coming to the Green for a trial run on Sunday 23rd July between 5-8pm.

It was agreed we should review whether to charge businesses to use our electricity (supply on the Green) now we must pay a standing charge. The clerk will add it to the next agenda.

112/23 To receive areas for improvement suggestion(s) from members

None received.

113/23 Councillors questions/comments

Cllr JM requested it be minuted that she was misinformed at the last meeting by a councillor regarding a standing order relating to draft minute amendments. The clerk advised this misinformation was due to some confusion at the time.

Cllr JM suggested the chairman and clerk put together a timetable for newsletters (including delivery) to be more effective, as two events in the last newsletter were out of date. The clerk explained this was a one-off and the process of putting together a newsletter needs to be flexible to work around other commitments.

114/23 Public Participation session (members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman).

A resident of Church Leys kindly offered the use of his driveway for builders (re item 111/23).

115/23 Close

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

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