



**Minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on
Monday 15th July 2024, 7.30 pm at Evenley Village Hall**

Present: Matt Brown (MB), Paul Crompton (PC), Cathy Ellis (CE), Jean Morgan (JM), Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB), Charles Reader (CR), Cathy Knott (CK) clerk, and four members of the public.

94/24 To receive apologies for absence and welcome

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

95/24 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 17th June 2024.

The clerk advised the wrong figure was shown in the June minutes for the national savings account, which should have been £5,926.93 (and the total should have read £41,651.92). Other amendments were to include the exact words of the note delivered re. 73/24. The minutes were then approved and signed.

96/24 To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

75/24 re 66/24 footpaths; JM has drafted an email to remind parishioners of the countryside code and suggested it is sent to Brackley Town Council to encourage visitors coming to Evenley to observe the code too. She has also drafted a letter to (known) landowners reminding them of their responsibilities and liaised with Brian Sinclair regarding Puddleduck footpath.

75/24 (re. 67/24e) EVHMC chairman explained the Gigaclear banner needs to be displayed to meet contractual obligations to retain a free service. We don't know who removed it from the railings, but EVHMC has ordered a new one. Cllr PC will discuss a more suitable location with the EVHMC chairman. **Action: PC**

68/24 re. 10 Lawyers Close – work to improve the area has been carried out by the owner. CR suggested we check who is responsible for the green verge adjacent to the property (if it's not included in the deeds), as the trees are overgrown and need cutting back from the footpath.

86/24 – the clerk thanked cllr JPB for fixing the notice board.

97/24 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

101/24 – cllr CR for Barnowl learning loft.

107/24 - cllr JM member of EM.

98/24 Finance: (different from agenda)

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

Account balances	£
Community	19,412.08
Business Saver	14,108.94
National Savings	5,926.93
TOTAL	39,447.95

Income received since the last meeting			TOTAL
Bank interest			135.63
Lawrence Furnishings (newsletter donation x 3)			90.00
Payments submitted for approval	NET	VAT	GROSS
C. Knott (July salary & HMRC tax)		0	743.60
C. Knott (travel expenses Jan – June 2024)		0	57.60
EVHMC (June; meeting & soup lunch)		0	47.00
Barclay Card (Mailchimp subs)		0	12.32
SSE (streetlight electric)	105.25	6.33	111.58
British Gas (electricity on the Green)	14.18	0.70	14.88
Cloudy IT (monthly subs for June and July)	66.89	13.38	80.27
Electricity Network Contractors Ltd (2 x streetlight LED conversions)	447.98	89.60	537.58
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WAVE (allotment water)		0	51.17

d. To receive an update from the internal control's councillor

In his absence, cllr SB carried out internal controls and advised everything is as it should be. He proposed the following reserve figures; it was agreed that rather than leave Evenley Common without a reserve, we should include it in the Green Space reserve. All figures were approved.

Reserve	End 2022/23 £	End 2023/24 £
General	20,850.00	21,433.63
Staff	2,500.00	2,500.00
Evenley Common (pocket park)	200.00	-
Green Space	2,580.23	3,000.00
Election	1,500.00	1,500.00
Streetlights	3,000.00	3,500.00
Uninsured liabilities & legal costs	2,300.00	2,300.00

99/24 To consider new planning applications (if there are any) and to receive an update on applications outstanding

WNS/2022/2062/FUL	Proposal Permanent retention of temporary planning permission approved under S/2020/0303/FUL. Location Land North of Cottesford Road, Evenley	EPC: no objection WNC: pending
2024/0538/FULL	Demolition of existing garage, conservatory and timber sheds and erection of 1.5 storey rear extension. Location: 32 Church Lane Evenley	EPC: Support WNC: pending
2024/0743/FULL	Replacement of workshop buildings with a new single storey dwelling (alternate to approved dwelling ref. WNS/2022/1265/FUL). Location: Old Farm Buildings Buckingham Road Evenley NN13 5LX	EPC: support WNC: pending
2024/1768/FULL	Change of use of an agricultural paddock to a site for 5 yurts with associated outbuildings, access, car parking and landscaping, and a 3m high acoustic fence. Location: Barley Mow Farm Barn, Buckingham Rd, Evenley	EPC: no comment WNC: pending
2024/1823/FULL	Erection of 2 no. dwellings for self and custom build with associated landscaping, habitat creation and works to facilitate the development. Location: Land at Slade Farm Buckingham Road Evenley	EPC: object WNC: pending
21/03266/F (Cherwell DC)	Site clearance, construction of new site access from the B4100, permanent and temporary internal roads, an internal roundabout and a foul drainage station, diversion of an existing overhead power cable and public right of way, and soft landscaping OS Parcel 2636 NW of Baynards House, Ardley Ardley with Fewcott	EPC: object Cherwell DC: pending

100/24 To provide an update on the village green

Interested parties (Evenley Matters, parish councillors and Evenley Cricket Club) met on 24th June where it was agreed we should invite tenders for the mowing contract for 2025 (our current contractor has advised he won't be submitting a tender) and investigate other options. We will provide a full update at the next meeting.

101/24 Proposal to change the days to hold meetings (from January 2025)

It was resolved to hold five meetings a year on a Monday at the village hall and five meetings on a Wednesday at Barnowl learning loft. The dates will be available on the website at: [Meeting Calendar | Evenley Parish Council](#)

102/24 Proposal to purchase daffodil bulbs

It was resolved to purchase a variety of daffodil bulbs to the value of £250.00.

Action: CE

103/24 To discuss viable options regarding the problem of erosion of verges and the East side of the Green

Councillors resolved to investigate costs associated with edging the East side with granite setts. **Action: CE/CK**

104/24 To accept councillors reports on the following areas (if there is anything to report):

- a. **Allotments** nothing to report.
- b. **Evenley Common** nothing to report.
- c. **Street Lighting** nothing to report.
- d. **Footpaths** see 96/24. JM thanked Bob Silvey for strimming the footpath leading from the sewage works.
- e. **Village Hall** see 96/24.
- f. **Website** - the new website is live and working well. The old website is still live but the clerk has requested its removal.
- g. **Village Green and Trees** – CE and CR will carry out a canopy lift on several trees. JPB will fix the electricity box door when the weather is drier.

- h. Newsletter** a parishioner has asked to advertise Kings Sutton Tennis Club; it was agreed it could be included on an ad-hoc basis when there is enough space.
- i. HS2 & Highways** the chairman will attend the HS2 liaison meeting this Friday. She will also chase Zachary Stamps (National Highways) regarding Barley Mow roundabout. JM has reported potholes in Mill Lane. Paint and brushes have been purchased for Brackley Wombles (as agreed at our meeting in May) for the benches in Evenley laybys.
- j. Three-year action plan** a quote for a new bus shelter has been received from the architect; the chairman will liaise with PC and EVHMC chairman but at the moment it's not a priority.
- k. St. George's Church** the fete held on 6th July was well attended and raised £1800.
- l. Anaerobic Digester** it was agreed to remove this from the agenda, although the chairman advised she thinks there will be a new application forthcoming.

105/24 To note correspondence received that requires discussion

-The chairman has been asked if there is anything we can do about air traffic; councillors agreed this is out of our remit as there are no restrictions on airspace.

-The chairman of EVHMC has been in touch to advise their solicitors are registering the village hall with HM Land Registry (to show the property is held in trust for the purposes of a village hall for use by the inhabitants of Evenley and the local neighbourhood, with the Parish Council being the custodial trustees). The clerk thanked EVHMC for arranging this.

106/24 To receive areas for improvement suggestion(s) from members

None received.

107/24 Councillors questions/comments

-Cllr JPB asked who is responsible for trimming and maintaining alleyways adjacent to properties. The clerk advised it's usually the homeowner and she will write to them. **Action: JPB/CK**

-Cllr MB attended the Police Liaison Representative Conference on 25th June where he met the new commissioner, Danielle Stone. He advised one of the big debates was around how to contact the police; it was agreed to include information in the next newsletter. There is a mobile information bus available for fetes etc.

-Cllr MB advised on a new bus service Oxfordshire County Council has funded via Ability Bus, travelling from Mixbury to Bicester ([Bicester Bee - ABILITY Northants cic \(abilitycic.org.uk\)](http://BicesterBee-ABILITYNorthantscic(abilitycic.org.uk))). He will liaise with Brian Sinclair to request WNC funds a branch of this to include Evenley as we are now an island in the middle of two bus routes.

-Cllr MB advised Northants Highways has delivered six '20mph is plenty' signs to put up around the village. He and cllr JPB will put them up.

Cllr MB is making arrangements for a Christmas 'Family Village Do' on Friday 13th December. All councillors were happy with his plans.

-Cllr JM asked what 'finally disposed of' on a planning application means (re. Windrush 2023/6175/FULL); the clerk explained this is where an application has been granted or refused by the LPA and the time limit for appealing has expired without appeal.

-Cllr PC advised the play area at the Red Lion has been fixed and is open again. EM kindly funded half the costs. It has been inspected to make sure it's all safe.

-The chairman expressed how lovely it was to have Gifford Circus in Evenley; it brought a lot of colour to the village and was well managed.

108/24 Public Participation session (members of the public invited to address the council through the chairman)

-A member of the public asked for an update on the bollards on the verge in Church Lane; the clerk advised this has been passed to Northants Highways regulations department who has requested removal and will be making their third visit any day now.

-A member of the public asked if we would consider raising the height of the Green on the East side to deter parking.

-A member of the public asked where on the website live planning applications can be found now they've been removed from agendas; the clerk advised information is available at: [Planning | Evenley Parish Council](http://Planning|EvenleyParishCouncil) and agreed to keep new and updated applications on the agenda.

109/24 Close

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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

Signed: Cathy Ellis

Dated: 16.09.24