

Mrs. S. Bresnahan - Chairperson

PRESENT: Mr D Dicks, Mr T Moffett and Mrs J Jones.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Wong – Clerk, Borough Councillor Clive Hallam, Mark Hodgson – Planner and Associate Director as Savills and Colleague Douglas Symes. No Police representatives were in attendance due to illness.

398/16 APOLOGIES: Mrs M Mulvey (holiday), Mr R East (holiday), Mr M Hope (work commitments), Mr W Brophy (other commitments) and Mr P Godby (other commitments) all apologies were noted and accepted.

399/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – Borough Councillor Hallam is a member of the Wellingborough Planning Committee so can not comment on any planning applications.

400/16 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER 2016
Minutes of the full council meeting held on the 20th September as previously circulated, were read, confirmed and signed by the Chair Mrs S Bresnahan as correct record of account.

401/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT COVERED BY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
No matters arising to report.

402/16 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM POLICE REPRESENTATIVES
No Police representatives were in attendance due to illness. There has been a recent spate of burglaries in the area and we are pleased to report the offender was caught and given a 6 year prison sentence. No crimes were reported in October 2016. Crimes in September 2016 – Criminal damage - a padlock was cut from a fence on the Wellingborough Road. Drugs - A suspect was found in possession of cannabis. The suspect's welfare is being managed at this time. No further crimes to report.

403/16 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM MARK HODGSON - ON BEHALF OF ANGLIAN WATER IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED MINERAL PLANNING APPLICATION - MA5 EARLS BARTON WEST EXTENSION.
Mark Hodgson and colleague Douglas Symes spoke on behalf of Anglian Water in relation to the proposed Mineral Planning Application – MA5 Earls Barton West Extension. The location of the mineral extraction site is set behind the current sewerage works owned by Anglian Water. The restoration will be to agricultural land and at the wet meadow. 2 Million tons of sand and gravel is to be extracted over a 15 to 16 year time plan. There could be up to 120 truckloads a day coming in and out of the site operating during off peak hours. There will be 3 phases to the application – Extraction, reclamation and restoration. Most of the extraction is a wet operation therefore the amount of dust generated is minimal. A detailed plan is hoped to be submitted before Christmas 2016. Borough Council Wellingborough (BCW) will be consulted regarding the extraction. Northampton County Council (NCC) will be the determining authority due to the location of the access.

Savills will be arranging to hire Ecton Village Hall before Christmas to hold a presentation and a Q&A session for residents regarding the application.

404/16 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES ON THE DECISION OF THE 20MPH SPEED LIMIT APPEAL
The Chair Mrs S Bresnahan attended the 20mph speed limit appeal hearing on the 10th November 2016. We are yet to be notified of the decision but Mrs Bresnahan is confident Ecton Parish Council have not won their appeal. The Chair feels there was not enough evidence to show that 20mph limits actually work reducing speed levels.

The Chair did ask for some assistance at the meeting regarding alternative methods the Parish Council could look into and was informed there are three things the Council can look at.

1. Purchasing VAS Signs.
2. A speed deterrent man with a van and a portable vas sign to visit the village again.
3. Look into signing up with the Community Speed Watch 2017 program. 6 Volunteers will be required to run the program.

Action: Clerk to make some enquiries regarding the three above suggestions and enquire if the bus stop on the A4500 could be moved to a different location?

405/16 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS
Borough Councillor Hallam was in attendance and stated that the Wellingborough North – Phase 1 Wellingborough to Great Harrowden the first 1500 properties will be built.

The Castle Theatre has continued to do well since being taken over by BCW. A professional Interim Manager has been hired for a short period and has done an excellent job booking a number of events and shows.

There is a consultation on an initial a Parliamentary boundary review which is due to end on the 5th December 2016. The current Harrowden and Sywell Ward under the plans come under a larger ward “Daventry and Lutterworth”. If the plans are passed Wellingborough could be covered by four different Councillors and District Councils, Wellingborough, Northampton, Daventry and Lutterworth.

406/16 RECEIVE UPDATE REPORT REGARDING SYWELL AERODROME
Borough Councillor Clive Hallam stated that continued progress is still being made with Sywell Aerodrome and the Borough Council Wellingborough. Correspondence is still going back and forth. A progress update however is still not available at this current time.

407/16 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING / LOCALISM BILL AND THE CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT OF ECTON
The first draft copy of the draft “Emerging Neighbourhood Plan” and a questionnaire has been printed at a cost of £1049 plus £39.80 vat to be paid from the Neighbourhood Plan grant funds. These have now been hand delivered to all residents in Ecton by Parish Councillors. A

post box has been set up inside the Three Horseshoes pub for the return of the completed questionnaires. Letters have also been sent out to various organisations to make comments on the draft emerging plan.

A public Neighbourhood Plan Consultation took place on Saturday 15th October from 2-4pm at Ecton Village Hall to answer any resident's questions. A short presentation with slides was also provided. Approx 18 people attended.

The new reviewed Ecton Conservation Area draft appraisal is expected to be completed by the 18th November 2016.

408/16 DISCUSS AND AGREE TO NOMINATE CLLR DICKS AS CHARITIES TRUSTEE AGAIN - 4 YEAR TERM HAS ENDED
Parish Councillor Mr D Dicks has acted as the Parish Council's Charity Trustee for the last 4 years. His term has now ended. It was **resolved** Mr D Dicks would serve as Parish Councils Charity Trustee for another four years. Councillor Mr T Moffett **proposed** and the Chair Mrs S Bresnahan **seconded**. All in favour.

409/16 VILLAGE SERVICES
A. UPDATE REPORT ON THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PLAYING FIELD AND FUND RAISING EVENTS INCLUDING GRANT AWARD FROM TESCO'S "BAGS OF HELP INITIATIVE"

A skip was required to remove further debris and old play equipment that was replaced at the Play Park. An invoice for £ 543.36 is to be paid to Supaskips from the Play Park funds.

With regards to our recent grant application with Tesco Community Grants – Bags of Help Initiative, the public voting ended on the 13th November 2016. We are just waiting to hear the outcome. The votes will determine what grant award each project will receive. Ecton Play Park is in line to receive either a £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000 grant award.

B. RECEIVE UPDATES AND DISCUSS ANY VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

The faded no entry sign which is painted on the road at the top of Wellingborough Road has now been repainted.

The clerk has previously reported / requested to NCC Street Doctor and Anglian Water arrange to have their overhanging hedges (that are scratching passing vehicles) cut back along the entire road of Lower Ecton Lane. The overhanging hedges have finally been cut back.

C. TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON ANY STREET LIGHTING MATTERS – DISCUSS AND AGREE ANY QUOTES RECEIVED ON REFURBISHING THE VICTORIAN STREET LIGHT COLUMNS AND SUPPLIER MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

With regards to the poor level of maintenance received under the maintenance agreement with EON, the Clerk has been sourcing alternative quotes for maintenance with other suppliers. The best option appears to be offered by Balfour Beatty. Balfour Beatty will first

1. Undertake a 6 year electrical test of the lighting infrastructure and also a structural survey of the columns/brackets.
2. A report will be produced that identifies any shortcomings with the estate and what would be needed to rectify these issues.
3. At this time, if requested a bulk lamp change and bowl wash can be undertaken.
4. Pending the review of the report by the Parish and acceptance of any recommendations to ensure ongoing safety of the estate, BBLP will then allow the Parish Clerk to ring in the help line to report outages or RTA damage, and the fault will be investigated at the earliest opportunity, which should be no longer than 2 weeks.
5. A set of rates will be given to cover call out charges and minor repairs so that the Parish will have control of the monies expended.
6. There will be no quarterly maintenance charge.

With regards to low energy light fittings, Balfour Beatty can provide advice on suitable units being used in the county that cost approx. £115 per LED unit, but these will not be as light as the current units Ecton has, so there will be a change in lighting levels. They can also give advice on the LED lamps that have been installed in Irthlingborough High Street in existing architectural units, which may be an upgrade option for the Victorian street lanterns. Although there is a cost for the report which lasts for 6 years, the Parish Council would save 6 years worth of maintenance agreement costs by changing supplier.

It was **resolved** to instruct Balfour Beatty to carry out the inspection. **Action:** Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty and request report is carried out.

410/16 DISCUSS ANY PLANNING RELATED MATTERS AND THOSE NOT YET DETERMINED

The Clerk previously circulated notice of the NCC – Public Consultations- Prior prioritization framework and process. Councillors advised to comment on the consultation directly.

411/16 FINANCIAL MATTERS -

A. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND PROPOSE PAYMENTS AND SIGN CHEQUES

The Clerk presented a balance sheet as at 15th November 2016. The current bank balance stands at £33,397.23 of which is broken down into £4341.46 David Cross funds, £3995.84 Play Equipment Fund, -£337.54 Ecton Neighbourhood Plan and £25,397.47 Parish Council Funds. Receipts received £4892 final precept payment for the current financial year and £536 in donations (£60, £95 & £381) for the playing field.

Resolved that the balances as presented be accepted. **Resolved** that the following accounts be paid.

CHEQUES DRAWN OUT OF MEETING

496	Minute Man Printing of Draft Emerging Neighbourhood Plan and Questionnaires £1049.00 Vat £39.80	£1088.80
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CHEQUES DRAWN AT MEETING

497	Royal British Legion Remembrance Wreath	£22.00
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498	EON Electricity Costs 1.7.16 to 30.9.16 £363.66 Vat £18.18	£146.66
499	EON 2 x Replacement Victorian Head Units £1010.00 Vat £202.00	£1212.00
500	Hayeswood Landscapes Playing Field Grass Cutting Sept & October 2016 £415.00 Vat £83.00	£498.00
501	S Wong – Salary (21.9.16 to 15.11.16) Salary 26 hrs Use of clerks home as office – Oct / Nov £305/12 x 2 Broadband Mileage 49.8miles Tax Deduction	£313.04 £50.84 £20.00 £32.37 -£2.40 -----
		£413.85
502	Mr S Lane Renewal of Webhosting fees – Ecton Plan Website	£185.89
503	MD Planning Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy fees – April to Oct 2016	£4709.65
504	HMRC Tax for Shirley Wong	£2.40
	GRAND TOTAL OF CHEQUES	£9,603.23

B. RECEIVE UPDATE REPORT REFERENCE DAVID CROSS

Nothing new to report. The current David Cross balance is at £4341.46.

C. DISCUSS AND AGREE BUDGET PREPARED FOR 2017/18 AND SET AND AGREE THE PRECEPT LEVEL FOR 2017/18

The Clerk prepared a budget for setting the precept for 2017 / 18. This detailed estimated spend to 31st March 2017 of £11,561.89 and an estimated spend for 2017 / 18 of £10,539.74. It was **resolved** to keep the precept level the same as this current financial year in of £11,908.00.

412/16 DISCUSS ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

2017 Best Village Competition. Deferred to January meeting.

413/16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7.30pm at Ecton Village Hall.

Meeting ended at 9.05pm.