

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Northleach with Eastington Town Council held in the Westwoods Centre on 10 July 2025, 7pm

Present: Cllrs Terry Morley-Blackwell (Chairman), Gina Blackwell, Brian Hulcup, Laura Kirkby, Michael Seath, and Andrew Wellman

In Attendance: Pauline Rigby (Town Clerk), representatives of Northleach Playgroup

111. Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:10pm, thanked the committee of Northleach Playgroup for coming along, and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

112. Apologies For Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Byron Hadley, Matt Jackson, Caroline Saunders, Jules Russell.

113. Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation

No interests were declared.

114. Public questions

No questions were raised at this point of the meeting.

115. To exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 from the following agenda item on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted. Reason: Consideration of a grant application containing sensitive financial and/or personal information.

It was RESOLVED that press and public be excluded.

116. To consider a grant application of £5,000 from Northleach Playgroup.

Committee members of Northleach Playgroup gave an update on their situation, including the incredible public response to their fundraising call, and answered numerous questions.

It was proposed that, based on an expectation of securing other grant funding, the Council should meet the remaining deficit of £3,000. Following a discussion of different amounts, the Chairman decided to take a formal vote on each proposal in turn.

A proposal not to approve any grant was made, but this motion was not seconded.

A further proposal to award £1,000 did not carry.

A motion to pay £3,000 in half-termly instalments of £500 was modified to three instalments of £1,000 to align with the council's financial year. This amended motion was not carried.

A subsequent proposal to increase the grant to £4,000 in instalments also failed to carry.

A final proposal to award £3,100 in three instalments was put to the vote, and

It was RESOLVED to award £3,100 in three instalments to Northleach Playgroup, with the first instalment to be paid in the summer term.

It was further RESOLVED that the grant to the Playgroup be funded from general reserves, leaving the grants budget unaffected.

117. Next Meeting

Wednesday 10 September 2025, 7pm in the Westwoods Centre.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Signature of the Chairman on approval of the minutes: _____