

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) Held on Thursday 13th May 2010

Present

Mr Peter Brace - Chairman
Mr Alan Spackman - Vice Chairman
Ms Hazel Scofield
Mr Ron Hodge
Mr Keith Hudson
Mrs Julie Seamark
Mrs Jenny Lloyd
Mrs Anne Corbin
Mrs Ann Impey
Mr Bob Harradine
Mr Bob Armit

Mrs Alison Brace - Parish Clerk

2 members of the Public

Item 18 **Apologies for Absence** – CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Terry Rogers

Mr Peter Brace (Chairman) opened the meeting, welcomed the Councillors, members of the Public and invited the Vice Chairman to conduct the next item.

Item 19 **Election of Chairman** – Mr Alan Spackman made a statement of Thanks for all the hard work Mr Peter Brace had engaged in over the past year.

Mr Peter Brace was nominated, and was the only name put forward, therefore, Mrs Anne Corbin proposed and Mr Bob Harradine second that Mr Peter Brace be re-elected Chairman for 2010/2011. All agreed.

Mr Peter Brace - re-took the Chair for the:-

Item 20 **Election of the Vice Chairman** – The Chair asked for nominations, Mr Alan Spackman was asked if he would consider another year to which he agreed, therefore, Mrs Jenny Lloyd proposed and Mrs Anne Corbin second that Mr Alan Spackman be re-elected for 2010/2011. All agreed.

Item 21 **Appointment of Committee Members** – list attached.

Councillors signed their acceptance forms & Financial Interests 2010/2011

(Open Meeting)

Item 22 **Police Report** – None in attendance, but reports from Councillors, as follows:-Trouble over the Easter School holidays in and around Greenfields, various small minded low value incidents. New Farm has suffered a lot of damage, and the Chair asked if it has been reported to the Police, if not, it needs to be to keep the Police figures updated.

Item 23 **County Council & District Council** – neither where present.

Item 24 **Open Forum** – the Chair invited the visitors to speak but they declined.

(Close open meeting)

(Open closed part of Meeting)

Item 25 **Councillors declarations of interest in the following items** Mrs Anne Impey item 32 & 39

Item 26 **To sign the Minutes of the meeting** – held on the 1st April 2010 Mrs Jenny Lloyd proposed and 2nd by Mr Bob Armit that they be a true record, all agreed.

Item 27 **Matters arising** – The cheque for a new lock and keys for the Village Hall Door does not appear on the cheque list, Clerk will amend the list.

- **Item 11** Mr Keith Hudson spoke of the ongoing need of hedge cutting and clearing at Darford car park.
- **Item 14** the Clerk contacted the Solicitors who, advised a first letter advising 7/14 days before action or contact to arrange payment plan.

Item 28 **Chairman's report** – as follows:-

- Minnaars – The ongoing hold up is because paper-work between the Developers and the County Council was lost at the Council offices. Mr Dadge (on behalf of the Developers) gave as the reason for this development taking so long at a meeting with the Chair, Mr Alan Spackman, Mr Ron Hodge and DC Mr Terry Rogers. Some points were made about the roundabout at the north end of Colne Road and a ghost junction at the South end of the relief road. The Chairman thanked Mr Dadge for all his hard work in successfully obtaining the complete Road before building begins, but he said the question of a ghost junction was not an option it had to be another roundabout. An example of 2 very small (doughnut type) roundabouts was given as at the junction on the bridge at Earith Bridge A1123 with the B1090 which is an extremely busy junction and both are no more than 2 white circles painted on the road. With the increased traffic now navigating George corner moving down to the relief road junction on A1123 the extensive safety measures planned by the CC will not be needed and the E106 funds could be put towards installing a Doughnut Roundabout which as the Councillors pointed out would be much safer than a ghost junction which have a very bad accident record in other areas. The CC own the verges along the Causeway so would not incur any purchase cost to widen the carriage way at this point.
- Neighbourhood Panel meeting on the 7th April 2010 areas discussed mainly were (i) evening economy in St Ives, (ii) speeding traffic through villages, (iii) and heavy goods vehicles.(the same old topics)
- School Governors report - the School will be losing up to 14 children over the next 2 years which means re-arranging Class sizes.
- CPALC – the Chairman has been made Chairman at the AGM, but will depend on the Parish keeping their membership going.
- Youth Club, see next item.

Item 29 **Youth Club** – It was agreed to use some of the money from the Youth Account to prop up the cost of a Youth Leader. The Youth Service hope to put on summer activities to

provide something for the youngsters through the School Holidays which would come under the Youth Service remit. They are still short of helpers who would need CRB clearance which the Service would pay for. The Chairman passed around the draft Contract between Parish Council and Youth Service, for the Council's approval. One question was asked about entry cost which the Club brought in but does not appear in the Contract. Mrs Julie Seamark proposed and 2nd by Mr Keith Hudson, that if the wording was changed in the document to add the 50p cost it would be agreed, all in favour.

- Item 30** **New Cleaner/Caretaker** – stated 1st May and the Councillors reported that she was doing a good job.
- Item 31** **Pavilion update** – Mr Alan Spackman reported that Mr Ian Smith is now the new Chairman of Earith Town Estates (Foeffees). A new grass cutting contract has been agreed. The outside work is mostly complete and the inside work will start when the grants come in (one successful already) and no planning required for the proposed inside work.
- Item 32** **Parking on Village Green** – The bumper rail will be erected next week all being well
- Item 33** **Planning** – (a) ref. 0700983LBC, 91 High Street, Earith, to replace internal and external features to their original condition.
(b) ref. G440/66 Disable Parking Bay at Edwards Walk Cooks Drove.
The Councillors agreed on both.
- Item 34** **Allotments** – (a) The Roadway needs attention as large holes and subsidence at the edge also in places causes flooding and difficulty in the allotment holders accessing their plots. Mr Ron Hodge asked if the drive could be excavated to a depth 6-9 inches and back filled with hard core and then a topped with ashfelt. Mr Keith Hudson proposed and 2nd by Ms Hazel Scofield that the job should be undertaken and prices obtained all in favour.
(b) Mr Ron Hodge asked if he could terminate one of the holders contract, because among other problems the RSPCA attended the site because he left livestock un- attended and has moved away. Mrs Jenny Lloyd proposed and 2nd by Mrs Anne Corbin that the Clerk take the necessary action. All agreed.
- Item 35** **Woodlands Trust** – After a discussion Mr Alan Spackman proposed and 2nd by Mrs Jenny Lloyd and Mr Keith Hudson that a Donation of £100.00 is made to the “Woodland Trust” in remembrance of the late Cllr Mr Derek Broughton all agreed.
- Item 36** **Tree removal at the Park behind the Village Pond** – The Handyman has been asked to remove a large tree in the park next Wednesday, all agreed.
- Item 37** **Pot holes** – nothing to report, most have been dealt with.
- Item 38** **Crown Public House** – Advert sign on wall with lights has not had permission to be erected on a building in a conservation area and is now on the Enforcement Officers list, which will now be dealt with by their Officers.
- Item 39** **Fence at the Bridge Car Park** – Mr Ron Hodge suggested that a fence the same as the one on the Village Green at Bridge End could be erected between the new grass (on the edge) and the gate to protect adults and Children using the Picnic Tables from vehicles parking. This would come under Health and Safety responsibilities of the Parish Council. It would also be advantageous to contact the County Council for road signs informing traffic of the picnic area and parking. Mr Keith Hudson proposed and 2nd by Mr Alan Spackman that a bumper rail is erected the same style as Bridge End rail by Earith Timber as per quote. All agreed.
- Item 40** **Village Sign** – A sign indicating “Earith Parish Council” for the Notice Board outside the Village Hall, proposed by Mr Bob Harradine and 2nd by Mr Bob Armit that a sign be added to

the Notice Board but get prices first, all agreed.

Village Hall painting – This item to be added to the Agenda for next month.

Item 41 **Finance** – (a) To sign off the Annual Return & EOY Accounts, Mrs Julie Seamark proposed and 2nd by Mr Ron Hodge that the accounts be signed off.

(b) The Clerk suggested that some funds be transferred to the Cambridge Building Society account – Mr Bob Harradine proposed and Councillors Mrs Jenny Lloyd and Mrs Anne Corbin 2nd the transfer of £20,000k To the Building Society Account, all agreed – passed.

(c) Payments

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Chq</u>	<u>Powers</u>
Mr Alan Spackman	Lock And Keys for Village Hall Door	29.25	2144	2009/2010
Hunts DC	Council Tax Village Hall	351.04	2145	2009/2010
Mrs AS Brace	Clerks Wages 30hrs @ 9.50	285.00		LGHA1989,s.7
xx	4 hours with auditor @ 9.50	38.00		LGHA1989,s.7
xx	Booking Clerk 5hrs @ 6.93	34.65		LGHA1989,s.7
	Total less tax	344.45	2146	LGHA1989,s.7
	Caretaker 17hrs @ 6.93	117.81	2147	LGHA1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE April 10	13.20	2148	LGHA1972,s.112,119
			2149	
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman – self employed	100.00	2154	LGHA1972,s.133
Mr Ron Hodge	Pond Maintenance	20.00	2150	
DCS	Village Hall Window Cleaning	30.00	2151	
Mrs A Brace	Telephone, paper, stamps, ink,	49.76	2152	LGHA1989,s.7
e-on (Powergen)	Street Lighting Maintenance	20.52	2153	LGHA1972,s.101
e-on (powergen)	Village Hall Electricity – April 2010	75.00	DD	LGHA1972,s.101
	Total spend for April 2010	£ 1151.03		

Mrs Jenny Lloyd proposed and 2nd by Mr Bob Armit, that the payments be paid in full all agreed.

Item 42 **Overgrown Hedges** – It was reported that the Hedge at 102 Greenfields needs cutting back. Leyland fir trees have been cut down at the Boundary of Adelaide garden fence and the District Council driveway (off Cooks Drove) and just left in a pile. The Gables have been approach about the overhanging hedge and small trees at the corner of Cooks Drove and Vermuden, as there have been many complaints regarding scratched cars etc., but the owner suggested that the problem was the other side of his fence. The Chairman will contact the County Councils to the ownership and to get it cut back.

Item 43 **Fergusons Fires** – The complaints are that the Fires are lit on a Friday afternoon and burn all weekend blowing smoke into the Village houses. The Chairman and Mr Ron Hodge went with the Environmental Officer to investigate that it is not only garden waste being burnt but other waste including wood and plastic. The Officer wrote a report and will monitor the situation

Item 44 **Correspondence** –

- Hunts DC Post – Green Heart Environmental Exhibition 15th July 2010 12 noon – 4.00pm at The Burgess Hall St Ives

- Cambs CC – Action on Countryside Access and Public Rights of Way
- COPE – newsletter no. 66 May 2010.

Item 45 **Items to report** – Bluntisham have an “Elderly People” crossing sign, Mr Ron Hodge reported that after 10 years Earith has just got a “Children crossing sign in Colne Road. The Drain outside number 33 Cooks Drove is still blocked.

Item 46 **Items for the next meeting** – none

Date of next meeting 3rd June 2010

These minutes are un-adopted

Mrs Alison Brace Parish - Clerk

Date 25.5.10