

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 3rd June 2010

Present

Mr Peter Brace - 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

15 members of the Public

Item 47 **Apologies for Absence** – CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Terry Rogers Cllr Mr Alan Spackman

Item 48 **Police Report** – None in attendance,

Item 49 **County Council & District Council** – no reports

Item 50 **Open Forum** – The members of the public attending the meeting wanted to know if the rumours that were being put about that a travellers site was earmarked for Colne Road Earith were correct or not, and why it had not been made public sooner. The Chairman answered the members by telling them that it had only been made public in the last couple of days and now details could be found on Hunts DC web site. He also said at this stage it was an assessment of land available and still in the consultation stage. The question was then asked of the Parish Council as to what could be done to let the rest of the village aware of the situation. After a number of suggestions it was agreed by the group (in the first instance) that they would deliver to every house an information sheet written by the Chairman giving the facts as given to him. It would also give the details of how to get in touch – by letter, by e-mail, going on the web site – to put their views, and these would have to be back to the District Council by 9th July 2010 when the subject goes into the Committee stage.

(Close open meeting)

(Open closed part of Meeting)

Item 51 **Councillors declarations of interest in the following items** Mrs Anne Impey & Mr Bob Harradine – item 54a and Mr Peter Brace (Chairman) 60a

Item 52 **To sign the Minutes of the meeting** – held on the 13th May 2010 – Mr Ron Hodge proposed and 2nd by Mr Bob Harradine that they are a true record all agreed.

- Item 53** **Matters arising** – as follows:-
- **Item 14** - Karate – the hirer agreed to pay by standing order into the Council's bank account.
 - **Item 42** - A letter has gone to the owners of the end house in Chapel Road to cut back the hedge at their property, so it clears the path on the corner of Chapel Road and School Rd.
- Item 54** **Chairman's report** – The Chairman's points will be covered in other items in the agenda.
- Item 55** **Youth Club** – A letter was sent to the Parents from the Youth worker telling them about the appalling behaviour of a hardcore of 12 youngsters attending the youth club, and on several occasions culminating finally in a trip out to bowling and the complete wrecking of some of the seats in the mini bus transporting them. With this in mind the Youth Centre has agreed to support a close down until September although they had seconded other youth workers to help out. The meeting agreed on this but had reservations that it would not stop the behaviour as the summer holidays were approaching when there is an increase in the problem as there are no activities through the holidays. The Chairman will contact the Leader at Ramsey Youth Service.
- Item 54a** **Allotments – roadway** – agreed in principal, estimate for next meeting
- Item 55a** **Village Hall – outside repair & decoration** – repair cracks on the front of building and paint inside and out. Mrs Julie Seamark proposed and 2nd by Mr Bob Armit that quotes from 2 other builders as well as Handyman are submitted.
Mr Ron Hodge reminded the meeting that the new drain for the Disable toilet must be completed before the cold weather and the old system freezes up.
Mrs Jenny Lloyd asked about a new curtain track for the stage curtains, the suggestion was that Eva could sort it out, it would be taken back to their committee.
- Item 56** **Planning** – Application number: – 1000670FUL - erection of agricultural stock building, High St. Earith. It was proposed by Mr Bob Harradine & 2nd by Mr Keith Hudson that the plans are passed, all in favour.
- Item 57** **RoSPA – report** – The play area behind the village pond still needs the cracks in the special ground covering dealt with a special pour material. The main report will be discussed next meeting.
- Item 58** **Overgrown Hedges** - The hedge between Earith and Bluntisham causeway needs major work again to cut right back:- the quote from the Parish Handyman as follows:- £825.00 Mrs Julie Seamark proposed and 2nd by Mr Keith Hudson that the work be carried out when the birds have finished nesting (by law) all agreed
- Item 59** **New Printer:** – The Clerk informed the meeting that the photocopier part of the **printer/photocopier** in her office has stopped working and will cost £60-80 to repair. It was agreed that a new printer be purchased and, Mrs Anne Corbin proposed and 2nd by Mrs Jenny Lloyd it is paid for by the Parish Council all agreed.
- Item 60** **Finance** :- (a) The Clerk asked that after 5 years and good reports from the Auditors could she go to the next pay point (£10.198p) Mrs Anne Corbin proposed and 2nd by Ms Hazel Scofield, a vote was taken as Mrs Julie Seamark said there were not any rises in the public sector and she did not agree. The Vote was 8 for & 1 against and the Chair abstained, therefore, the increase was passed.
Mr Bob Harradine said he thought the Clerk had done a good job and he could sleep at night knowing the finances were in good hands and it is only 50p for peace of mind.

(b) Payments

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Chq</u>	<u>Powers</u>
Mrs AS Brace	Clerks Wages 30hrs @ 9.59	287.70		LGHA1989,s.7
xx	Back pay 1 st April 2010 34hrs x .09p	3.06		LGHA1989,s.7
xx	Booking Clerk 5hrs @ 6.93	34.65		LGHA1989,s.7
	Total less tax	318.66	2155	LGHA1989,s.7
	Caretaker 8hrs @ 6.93	55.44	2156	LGHA1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE May 10	6.75	2157	LGHA1972,s.112,119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman – self employed	100.00	2158	LGHA1972,s.133
Mr MS Pink	Extra work on the Parish estate	150.00	2159	
Playsafety Ltd	Playground inspection for RoSPA	148.05	2160	
Mrs O. Mansfield	Internal Auditor	75.00	2161	
AON Ltd	Parish Council Insurance	3338.68	2162	
Mrs A Brace	Telephone, paper, stamps, ink,	28.90	2163	LGHA1989,s.7
Woodlands Trust	Donation	100.00	2164	
Cambridge Bsc	Transfer funds to savings Acc	20,000.00	2165	
e-on (powergen)	Village Hall Electricity May 2010	86.00	DD	LGHA1972,s.101
Total spend for May 2010		£	24,407.48	

Mr Keith Hudson proposed and 2nd by Mr Ron Hodge that the payments be paid in full all agreed.

Item 61 **Correspondence** –

- Cope monthly magazine
- Ramsey Youth Centre - Copy of letter sent to all the parents of the Youth Club
- Moore Stephens Accountants – copy of letter informing the Public of their summary rights regarding the inspection of the Councils accounts
- Hunts DC – copy of the *SHLAA update part C site assessment for Gypsy and Travellers sites consultation documents and extensive plans.

Item 62 **Items to report/**

- Planning meeting on the 24th June 2010
- Training for Parish Councillors
- Darford car park still a problem with overgrown hedges
- Playground behind the village pond being used as a toilet
- Signage and a waste bin at the Bridge Picnic and parking area
- The Chairman to contact the Development agent regarding consultation with the Minnaars family

for next meeting –

- Christmas tree for Bridge End
- Mr Bob Armit on holiday
- SHLAA – ongoing information

* Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

Date of next meeting 1st July 2010

These minuets are un-adopted

Mrs Alison Brace Parish - Clerk

Date 20.6.10