

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 1st July 2010

Present

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

DC Mr Terry Rogers

Mrs Alison Brace - Parish Clerk

25 members of the Public

Item 63 **Apologies for Absence** – Mrs Anne Corbin, Mr Bob Armit, CC Mr Steve Criswell

Item 64 **Police Report** – None in attendance,

Item 65 **County Council & District Council** – see below

Item 66 **Open Forum** – *SHLAA there were 25 members of the public attending the meeting to convey their feelings on the consultation papers, for up to 10 traveller & Gypsy pitches to be sited on the field next to Fergusons on the Colne Road. The following points of view are listed:-

- Earith has a site under ½ a mile away already, although it is technically in East Cambs (nearest E. Cambs village is 5 miles away).
- It is within walking distance to shops and the School.
- The School has a specific challenge, as these children may need special teaching which entails funding and the School only has limited budgets to cover everything.
- Earith Primary School is the nearest to this proposed site, but there is no footpath which makes it very dangerous to walk.
- There also is no street lighting from proposed site in Colne Rd to Meadow Lane.
- Very dangerous road, many bends and blind corners
- No local Shop
- How it was allocated, The Parish Council replied to the first enquiry with the answer NO to any appropriate land.
- What guarantee would the village have that in another 10 years the site would not be increased with a further 10 pitches.
- The Web site was a very good site for information.
- In conclusion - the meeting proposed that the Council take in the general views of the villagers present and reject the proposed site.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending, and reminded them about their letters & e-mails should not contain any racist remarks.

7 members of the Public stayed for the rest of the meeting.

Item 65 carried forward

District Council DC Mr Terry Rogers reported – The District Council must make savings of between 25-33% the main areas are Police, Staff & Grants

- Part of the Government saving measures, will be the regional cut back on Grants, this will apply to all councils in the County.
- Police will need to find 10% savings
- Will undertake a public consultation, including business and commercial sector as to where the cuts should take place
- The District Council have set aside £1.8, outside of reserves, to support any revenue generating schemes or pay for future redundancies if applicable.
- The Staff at Pathfinder House will be cut hard, with changes and early retirement.
- Try to keep front line services up to scratch

The final decisions will be made in September.

(Close open meeting)

(Open closed part of Meeting)

Item 67 **Councillors declarations of interest in the following items** Mr Bob Harradine – item 72

Item 68 **To sign the Minutes of the meeting** – held on the 3rd June 2010 – Mr Keith Hudson proposed and 2nd by Mrs Jenny Lloyd that they are a true record all agreed.

Item 69 **Matters arising** – as follows:-

- Item 68 - The date on the Agenda for the minutes to be signed should read 3rd June 2010
- Item 79 – the hours for the Caretaker should read 7.25hrs

Item 70 **Chairman's report** – The Chairman reported on the Planning meeting he attended at DC concerning the new directive from government as to building on “brown field” sites which up to now included “garden grabbing” where residential buildings are knocked down and several houses built on the land in its place.

The Chairman confirmed that Minnaars family have been consulted by the agent all the way through this application of building planning.

The position reported now is that the relief road will be completed in full with a round-about at the south end and a change of right-of-way direction at north end of the road.

There was no objection to an extra 20 houses on the site. The objective is to re-generate the village, with the population getting older there are less children going to the School now.

Speed Watch are still trying to slow down traffic through the village. A suggestion, as part of the road safety measures, that George Corner/Colne Road could become one-way and a children's crossing installed for getting to the school.

The 106 agreement monies can now be paid in instalments from the contractors, which would mean that a proportion would go to pay for the roundabout.

Item 71 **Youth Club** – Cambridge County Council are cutting back on the money to the Youth Service overall, which includes not advertising for new Youth Leaders. Chair will find out the implications for the continuing of the Youth Club on Monday nights.

Item 72 **Allotments – roadway** – SR Harradine was asked to give a price for repairing the roadway through the allotments which floods in the wet weather - as follows:-

- Digger, Roller and Driver – hire for 1 day

- Crushed hardcore
- 'Asraised' gravel for topping

Will dig out to a depth of 9" and fill with hardcore and top-out. Total Price £1480.00 + vat
Mr Keith Hudson proposed and 2nd by Mrs Jenny Lloyd that the roadway maintenance be carried out all in favour.

Item 73 **Village Hall – outside repair & decoration** – 4 quotes were put before the meeting

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| • DJ Property Care - | £960.00 |
| • John Sturrock - | <u>£1,500.00</u> |
| • MSP Services - | £1,850.00 |
| • G Dunmore | £4,800.00 |

Mr Bob Harradine proposed & 2nd by Mr Ron Hodge that John Sturrock be used (Amendment) Mrs Julie Seamark proposed & 2nd by Mrs Jenny Lloyd that DJ Property be used the vote was 4 for each so the Chairman had the casting vote for John Sturrock, therefore, John Sturrock was chosen as long as he has public liability insurance.

Item 74 **Planning** – none

Item 75 **Xmas Tree Bridge End** – referred to next month

Item 76 **Overgrown Hedges** –

- 15 Meadow Way
- 29 Corner St Mary's/Cooks Drove
- 26 Corner Parrens Road/ Cooks Drove
- 27 High Street
- 102 Greenfields

Mr Ron Hodges will contact house holders to a view of getting the hedges cut back.

Item 77 **Strategic Housing Review** – The Chairman went round the table asking each Councillor in turn their view on the consultation plans of SHLAA, main points as follows:-

- The village has a site within ½ mile at Earith Bridge although it is technically in East Cambs
- High maintenance within the village
- The Children come to the School have to walk across causeway without a footpath.
- This is the same with the proposed site in Colne Road , it is without a footpath and street lighting.
- Agreed with many points the visitors had made
- Prime agricultural land, other properties next and opposite have difficulty in getting planning permission.
- The response from the Parish Council on giving a report on the 3 areas of green in the village, - ECA field, owned by the Parish
Private owned field
County Council Land rented out
- All the Councillors agreed with the General feelings of the members of the Public who attended the open forum to put their views, that the proposed site be turned down.
- The Chairman encouraged the Councillors to write individually and be careful not to make any remarks that could be construed as racist.
- Mr Ron Hodge asked that the Chair find out some more information and Mrs Julie Seamark suggested a meeting before the next Parish meeting before the letter from the Parish goes to the District Council.

Item 78 **RoSPA:** – Mrs Julie Seamark summarised the annual safety inspection report from Playsafe Ltd (agents for RoSPA) – the areas of concern are the rubber tiles parting and wearing under the play frame in the play area behind the pond. The same is happening under swings in the play area of the recreation field Cooks Drove, and the gate into the area needs a hole filling in and the post re-concreting. For more detail the Clerk has the report. The Chair will organise the purchase of Wet-Pour from Wickstead and the Handyman will do the repair work.

Item 79 **Finance** :- (a) to re-sign Cheque returned from Lloyds Bank (to Cambridge BSc) it was suggested that a replacement cheque be raised, all agreed.
(b) Payments

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Chq</u>	<u>Powers</u>
Mrs AS Brace	Clerks Wages 30hrs @ 10.198	306.00		LGHA1989,s.7
xx	Booking Clerk 5hrs @ 6.93	34.65		LGHA1989,s.7
	Total less tax	330.85		LGHA1989,s.7
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker 7.25hrs @ 6.93	50.24		LGHA1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE June 10	9.80		LGHA1972,s.112,119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman – self employed	100.00		LGHA1972,s.133
Earith Timber	Bumper rails – Bridge End Green & Bridge Car Park	873.03		
DCS	Village Hall window cleaner	13.00		
Mr FS Brace	Ink Cartridge – printing letter for village hand out	20.27		
Mr FS Brace	New printer for Clerks Office	60.80		
Mrs A Brace	Telephone, paper, stamps, cleaning materials	21.75		LGHA1989,s.7
e-on (powergen)	Village Hall Electricity June 2010	00	DD	LGHA1972,s.101
	Total spend for May 2010	£ 1,479.74		

Mr Alan Spackman proposed and 2nd by Mrs Julie Seamark that the payments be paid in full all agreed.

Item 80 **Correspondence** – none

Item 81 **Items to report** – (a) Mrs Jenny Lloyd reports that since Mrs Frances Wilson is in Hospital she is caretaking the Finance of EVA. All Quiz nights have been cancelled. The November Bazaar will take place as will the Pantomime and New Years Walk
(b) The diseased Chestnut trees in Adelaide Walk, it is up to the residents to contact Mr Ogden Tree Officer at Hunts DC
(c) Ms Hazel Scofield reported that the footpath between Whybrows Lane and the 2 Styles past Minnaars land is so overgrown that it is almost impassable.
(d) The Clerk needed to clarify that the meeting on 4th March item 10 agreed (as there is no other Quotes) for SKG to put in the new drain from the disable toilet, Mr Bob Harradine proposed and 2nd Mr Alan Spackman all agreed.

Item 82 **for next meeting** – Mr Alan Spackman and Mrs Jenny Lloyd agreed with the Chairman that the Council ought to pay the invoice to CPALC as we will probably need Legal help with the proposed Traveller and Gypsy site in Colne Road.

* Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

Date of next meeting 5th August 2010
These minuets are un-adopted

Mrs Alison Brace Parish - Clerk

Date 23.7.10