

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 2nd September 2010

Present

Mr Peter Brace - Chairman
Mr Alan Spackman
Mr Ron Hodge
Mr Keith Hudson
Mrs Julie Seamark
Mr Bob Armit
Mrs Anne Corbin

CC Mr Steve Criswell

Mrs Alison Brace - Parish Clerk

2 Members of the Public

Item 103 **Apologies for Absence** – Mrs Ann Impey, Ms Hazel Scofield, Mrs Jenny Lloyd and DC Mr Terry Rogers

The Chairman opened the meeting by requesting that that the Councillors and members of the Public join him in a minutes silence to remember Councillor Mr Bob Harradine who sadly passed away on the 12th August 2010

Item 104 **Police Report** – None in attendance,

Item 105 **County Council & District Council** – CC Mr Steve Criswell spoke about

- the coming cuts in Government funding and the subsequent cut back in services could be up to 40% in some areas.
- Highways have got a long term plan for the A1050
- Somersham have produced a news letter with ideas gathered from a questionnaire on the Parishes priorities for spending on services and facilities, and it could be a suggestion for Earith.
- Youth Clubs are going to have their money cut, with the bulk going to Children with special needs.
- Sir Eric Pickles MP might bring in capping of Precepts, with referendums to be held on large increases.
- The s106 agreements could be fased out in favour of a CIL option, which is more central building, as opposed to local. It would possibly be in the form of a roof tax whether it is on one house or a hundred.

The Chair brought forward **Item 111** so Mr Ray Zetter (the Web designer) could give a brief outline on the contents of the new Earith Village Web site and with a separate section for the Parish Council. It was suggested that the Web address is put on the bottom of the minutes.

Item 106 **Open Forum** – Mr Valentine of no. 8a Colne Road, gave a short review on the planning application ref. 1001039FUL at 8 Colne Road (old school) for a double garage/storeroom, and how it will affect Him and his family. His main objection is the new plan would increase the footprint by more than twice and the proposed building's new roof will be double the height of the existing building.

(Close open meeting)

(Open closed part of Meeting)

- Item 107** **Councillors declarations of interest in the following items** – Mr Peter Brace (Chair) and Mr Bob Armit, both on item 115
- Item 108** **To sign the Minutes of the meeting** – held on the 5th August 2010 – Mr Bob Armit proposed and 2nd by Mr Ron Hodge that they are a true record all agreed.
- Item 109** **Matters arising** – as follows:-
- Item 95a there was 1 abstention (not all agreed)
 - Item 91 Hunts DC verified letter had been accepted
 - Item 97 Clerk to contact the Clerk at Bluntisham with a view to help pay for hedge cutting from Earith boundary to Church
- Item 110** **Chairman's report** – The Chair reported on an e-mail from Hunts DC on behalf of Luminus housing association, with a free-hand sketch of the parking area behind Darford for car parking spaces and possible siting for 3 single housing units. The meeting suggested that the Chair replies with general caution. One of the points is the legality of boundaries at the rear of properties in Edwards Walk for vehicle access into the back gardens. Another point was whether it was too optimistic for 3 units in the space. The meeting agreed with the Chair to wait and see if the idea gets any further with the financial cut backs envisaged. The parking on Bridge End green has become a problem again, the Chair will find out costs of "No Parking" signs.
- Nalc (national association local councils) funding is going to be part of the government cut backs and will restrict the amount Nalc passes onto CPALC (Cambs & P'Borough association local councils) for the running of facilities, and a number of local parishes have not renewed their membership, which will unfortunately have a negative outcome with the service given.
- Item 111** **New Earith Parish Web Site** as above
- Item 112** **Co-option of new Councillor** – notices to go up advertising a place on the Council all agreed to vote on in October
- Item 113** **Village Hall** – (a) Connecting disabled toilet to main drain, the outside work has been completed inside to do
- It was suggested that when the various work in progress has been completed the Cleaner is to be asked to do a "spring clean" in the Village Hall
- Item 114** **Grant for refurbishing the Village Hall heating** it was discussed after the Clerk received correspondence from "Donarbon Waste Recycling" for available grants for various projects that benefit the whole community. One being refurbishment of village halls, and heating is a main contender. Mr Alan Spackman proposed and 2nd by Mr Keith Hudson that we get some quotes as to how much we would need to spend, (10% of total cost)
- Item 115** **Planning** – application ref: - 1001039FUL – 8 Colne Road (Old School) Erection of double garage/store to rear. After much discussion, the chair was handed over to Mr Alan Spackman, as Mr Peter Brace had an interest. Mr Ron Hodge proposed that the plans be accepted, there was a 2nd proposal by Mrs Anne Corbin that the plans be rejected, vote on amendment 3, vote on 1st proposal 2, therefore, it was rejected. The reason was the new construction will be too high in the planned position 500mm away from boundary.
- Item 116** **Purchasing a (Christmas) Tree for Bridge End** – next month

Item 117 **Donation to the “Woodland Trust”** the previous cheque for £100.00 has not been through the bank yet, Clerk to check, if not re-write a cheque, and it was also proposed by Mr Alan Spackman and 2nd by Mr Keith Hudson to write another cheque for the late Cllr R Harradine for £100.00 also to Woodlands Trust.

Item 118 **RoSPA:** – The “Wetpour” has been given to the Handyman, but because of bad weather he has not completed the work yet. He will now start when the children are back at School.

Item 119 **Training for the Clerk & Chairman** A training session for Councillors and Clerks is taking place on the 7th September 2010 at St Ives Town Hall, on the subject of “The Power of Well-being” proposed by Mr Alan Spackman and 2nd by Mrs Anne Corbin that the Clerk and Chairman take part. The cost is £35.00 each all agreed.

Item 120 **Finance** :- 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	2189	LGHA1989,s.7
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker 6hrs @ 6.93	41.85	2190	LGHA1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE July 10	9.80	2191	LGHA1972,s.112,119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman – self employed	100.00	2192	LGHA1972,s.133
Wickstead Leisure	Re-pair material for Children’s playground	267.72	2193	
Fenland Fire Co	Annual maintenance visit, dry powder & re-charge	82.49	2194	
Mr John Sturrock	Painting outside & in Village Hall	1500.00	2195	
	Clerks exps, telephone, internet			
Mrs A Brace	charge (security) paper & stationery	18.74	2196	LGHA1989,s.7
	Chairs exp, new lock VH cupboard,			
Mr FS Brace	ink cartridge, stationery	22.49	2197	
	Village Hall Electricity July 2010 <i>not</i>			
e-on (powergen)	<i>on bank statement</i> *	-72.00		LGHA1972,s.101

Total spend for August 2010 £ 2,315.53

new statement from “e-on” (Powergen) starts in Sept 2010 - a/c in credit by £18.70
information that 1st (DD) on 2nd September is amended to £57.83

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

Item 121 **Correspondence** –

- Hunts DC – a poster has been sent out about 2011 Elections – a reminder for electors to fill in and return so they can vote.
- Training for Clerks from SLCC at St Ives
- Hunts DC – land at Darford – a sketch from Luminus, of possible upgrading the car park.

Item 122 **Items to report** –

- A Councillor reported that he had heard a conversation that the green recycling bins are to be phased out

Item 123 **for next meeting** –

- Village Plan
- Village Hall Toilets
- Training for Councillors

Date of next meeting 14th October 2010

These minutes are un-adopted

Mrs Alison Brace Parish - Clerk

Date 14.9.10