

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 4th Nov 2010

Present

Mr Peter Brace - Chairman
Mr Alan Spackman – vice Chair
Mrs Ann Impey
Ms Hazel Scofield
Mrs Jenny Lloyd
Mr Keith Hudson
Mrs Julie Seamark
Mr Bob Armit

Mrs Alison Brace - Parish Clerk

8 Members of the Public

- Item 125** **Apologies for Absence** – Mr Ron Hodge, Mrs Anne Corbin, DC Mr Terry Rogers and CC Mr Steve Criswell
- Item 126** **Police Report** – PC Chas Handsford informed the meeting that the area covered by the police stretches from Wisbech to St Neots. The older trouble makers have moved on, there is now a younger element which caused some trouble over school holidays. The speed watch analysis of speeding vehicles through the village is not enough to take any action. With the proposed forthcoming cut backs, he insured the meeting that front line policing services are not going to suffer.
Three of the visitors asked questions about the speeding traffic and the effect that it is having to resident's properties and also their general well being of those living along the High Street. All PC Handsford could reiterate was that there are more crime related incidents etc. to deal with by the already stretched service. He did suggest though, that if the log was made available he would try and carry the problem forward, but could not give any assurances.
- Item 127** **County Council & District Council** – The Chairman read out a report from CC Mr Steve Criswell on the "County Council Update" including Traffic issues, The Big Society, Budget cuts and the Financial situation. Copy attached.
- Item 128** **Open Forum** – Mr Owen McLaughlin gave an overview of the problems on the A1123 with Heavy goods vehicles going through the villages. Positive traffic calming measures at Wilburton have been ruled out for Earith. Sutton, Cottenham, Haddenham. Hilton Parish Councils traffic regulation order (TRO) for a complete ban was overturned by the court, because a local transport company successfully fought its imposition, and cost Huntingdon District Council a considerable sum of money. Also another point is the TRO's have to have the support of the Police.
In summing up the Chairman agreed the Parish Council would support the residents as best it could.
- Item 129** **Co-option of new Councillor** – there was only one application, therefore, the Chairman suggested that the meeting accepted Mr Ray Zetter. Mr Alan Spackman proposed and 2nd by Mrs Julie Seamark that Mr Ray Zetter is co-opted onto Earith Parish Council, all agreed. The Chairman invited Mr Ray Zetter to take his place at the table, and he signed the acceptance Document, as a Councillor.

(Close open meeting)

(Open closed part of Meeting)

- Item 130** **Councillors declarations of interest in the following items** – Mr Keith Hudson on item 138, alterations at 23 Darford.
- Item 131** **To sign the Minutes of the meeting** – held on the 2nd September 2010 – Mr Bob Armit proposed and 2nd by Mr Keith Hudson that the minutes be signed,
- Item 132** **Matters arising** – none
- Item 133** **Chairman’s report** – The Chair reported on the training evening attended by the Clerk and himself, for the “Power of Wellbeing” which will be a Statutory Power enabling a local authority to *do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the area*. The follow-up is for the Power to be adopted after 80% of Councillors are elected and all the council have had training, including the Clerk. It will work in-conjunction with the power 137 and will have more flexibility. The 137 power can only spend £6.15 per elector where as the “Wellbeing” has unlimited spending power.
- Item 134** **Closing of Standards Board** – Corrupt Councillors will go to Court not Standards committees, any reports of alleged bad conduct, will now become a “Chargeable Criminal Matter” if found to be proven
- Item 135** **Traffic Regulation Orders** – (TRO) what is the Criteria, Mrs Julie Seamark proposed and 2nd by Mrs Jenny Lloyd that Mr Bob Armit would get extra information and report back next month.
- Item 136** **Environmental Survey** – will be conducted for Earith, Hadenham and Sutton, to measure air pollution, vibration and noise. EVA has offered to pay for Earith’s portion to this survey.
- Item 137** **Village Hall**
- (a) New drain from disable toilet – all work is now completed and ready for payment.
 - (b) Grant for refurbishing the Village Hall heating – the Clerk has received 2 quotes for a full Gas central heating installation, and informed the meeting that the application was through to the second round and the amount offered is £2,500.00 quotes are for £4,500.00 + VAT (which the Council can claim back)
 - (c) Toilets – redecorating – it was suggested that this is put off until work on heating is completed.
- Item 138** **Planning** –
- Application ref. 1000983 FUL – proposed Mr Alan Spackman 2nd by Mrs Julie Seamark.
 - Application ref. 1001409REP – proposed Mr Alan Spackman 2nd by Mrs Jenny Lloyd.
 - Application ref. 1001688FUL – proposed Mr Keith Hudson 2nd by Ms Hazel Scofield.
- Item 139** **Purchasing a (Christmas) Tree for Bridge End** – Mr Alan Spackman proposed and 2nd by Mrs Julie Seamark that a live tree be purchased for the Green at Bridge End, all agreed
- Item 140** **Training for Councillors** – The Chairman spoke of the importance that Councillor’s have training so as to meet the criteria for the adoption of the “Power of well being” and at least 80% of councillors should take part. CPALC run the sessions and the Clerk to ask for details and cost for in-house training. Also contact local Clerks about joint training. Mrs Ann Impey proposed and 2nd by Mrs Julie Seamark that this should be achieved as soon as possible as there are now 4 new Councillors, all agreed.

Item 141 Village Plan – Mr Bob Armit told the meeting that, with all the information he was given he would like some back ground before he continues with the “Village Plan” and re-does the presentation of the already collated results. Mrs Julie Seamark and Mrs Jenny Lloyd offered their help.

Item 142 Parking signs the meeting agreed to purchase “No Parking” signs for Bridge End Green.

Item 143 Standing Orders re-view – Draft copies compiled by Mr Bob Armit were given out to all the Councillors for their comments, before adoption.

Item 144 Charities –

- A letter was sent to the Clerk asking if the Day Centre could continue using the village hall without any charge. The Government’s withdrawal of $\frac{3}{4}$ of their grant is going to have a considerable effect on the number of meetings. The Elderly villagers using the Day Centre have the companionship and a hot meal at lunch time. It was proposed by Mrs Jenny Lloyd and 2nd by Mr Keith Hudson that it be passed, all agreed to accept.
- The 3 charities chosen are Magpas, CAB, and St Ives road safety:- as last year
£200.00 £25.00 £25.00 – respectfully

Mrs Julie Seamark proposed and 2nd by Mrs Jenny Lloyd that the donations be paid, all agreed.

Item 145 Finance:-

- Precept – after much discussion it was decided to move it to next month.
- To sign withdrawal application – from youth club a/c for Youth Leaders salary £826.92 until March 2011 – three Councillors signed application.
- Payments – as follows

Cash Payments for 14th October 2010 - Item 124 on Agenda of cancelled council meeting

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>Chq</u>	<u>Powers</u>
Donation	Hinchingbrooke HCT Charity – Woodlands Trust	DB	100.00	2198	
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Mrs AS Brace	Clerks Wages 30hrs @£10.198		306.00		LGHA1989,s.7
xx	Booking Clerk 5hrs @ 6.93		34.65		LGHA1989,s.7
xx	Training 3hrs @10.198		30.60		
xx	Finance meeting 1hr @10.198		10.20		
	Total less tax		363.49	2200	
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker 8hrs @ 6.93		55.44	2201	LGHA1972,s.133
Inland					
Revenue	PAYE September 10		17.96	2202	LGHA1972,s.112,119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman – self employed		100.00	2203	LGHA1972,s.133
Mr MS Pink	Tree & Hedge cutting – 10/EPC00054	order	600.00	2204	
Mr Ron Hodge	Pond Maintenance		20.00	2205	
DCS	Window cleaning – village hall		30.00	2206	
St Ives Town					
Council	Clerks Training(the power of wellbeing)		35.00	2207	
Mrs AS Brace	Clerks exps – Tele, internet charge, paper & stationery		19.86	2208	LGHA1989,s.7
Mr FS Brace	ink cartridge, stationery		50.83	2209	
e-on powergen	Village Hall Electricity – Sept 2010		57.83	DD	LGHA1972,s.101
	Total spend for September 2010		£ 1550.41		

Proposed by Mrs Julie Seamark and 2nd by Mr Keith Hudson all agreed

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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	2210	LGHA1989,s.7
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker 9.25hrs @ 6.93	64.10	2211	LGHA1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE Oct 10	9.80	2212	LGHA1972,s.112,119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman – self employed	100.00	2213	
Cambs ACRE	Annual renewal of membership	35.00	2214	
Mr Ron Hodge	Pond Maintenance	14.00	2215	
SKG connection	Of disable toilet to main sewer -order 10\EPC0055	2,291.25	2216	
EVA	Earith Echo – village news letter	220	2217	
Mrs A Brace	Clerks exps, telephone, internet charge stamps & stationery	27.02	2218	LGHA1989,s.7
e-on (powergen)	Village Hall Electricity bi-monthly	00.00	DD	LGHA1972,s.101
	Total spend for October 2010	£ 3,092.02		

Proposed by Mrs Jenny Lloyd and 2nd by Mr Bob Armit all agreed

Item 146 Correspondence –

- Mick George agreement to adhere to the “Cambridgeshire Advisory Freight Map” for HGV haulage contractors.
- Brett’s Transport will take extra disciplinary measures to stop their lorry drivers speeding through the village.
- Cambs CC- notice of application to extend Mepal Quarry at the Town & County Planning meeting on November 11th 2010 at Shire Hall.
- St Ives and District – Speedwatch results 1 Jan – 31 Oct 2010

Item 147 Items to report –

- Hanson report from Mr Ron Hodge – includes a plan to move the footpath and bridleway with a temporary diversion until soil movement’s approx 75,000 tons over the next year or so have been completed and a new path is provided.
- Letter of receipt of donations to Hinchingsbrooke – Woodlands Trust
- Finance meeting report.
- Hedges, trees around village and grass behind pond need attention.

Item 148 for next meeting –

- Precept
- River Island
- TRO’s

Date of next meeting 2nd December 2010

These minuetts are un-adopted

Mrs Alison Brace Parish - Clerk

Date 14.11.10