

Earith Parish Council

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

Present - Councillors

Mr Peter Brace - Chairman
 Mr Alan Spackman – vice Chair
 Mr Ron Hodge
 Mrs Ann Impey
 Ms Hazel Scofield
 Mrs Anne Corbin
 Mrs Julie Seamark
 Mr Ray Zetter
 DC Mr Philip Godfrey
 CC Mr Steve Criswell – arrived after another meeting

Mrs Alison Brace - Parish Clerk

3 Members of the Public

Item 148 **Apologies for Absence** – Mr Bob Armit, Mrs Jenny Lloyd, DC Mr Terry Rogers

Item 149 **Police Report** – There were no Police representatives present.
 The Chairman reported on the information he received from the police about the Freedom of Information Act and why they denied giving any information to the rumours of a paedophile living in Earith. The correspondence quoted sections 30,31,38,44 and considered there was no public safety issue to answer.
 Inspector Poppet was going to review the speeding traffic issue.
 Police were called to the Crown Public House after an assault on the Publican and his wife. There was no entry on e-cops web site of this latest episode or the attack on a policeman in the summer, the Councillors requested action on the problems in Earith.
 No further action on the speeding information given by “Speedwatch” all agreed for further action.

Item 150 **County Council & District Council** – DC Mr Philip Godfrey gave a short resume on the District forthcoming financial situation.

- No council tax increase for 5 years
- Capital projects reduced by 5m until 2015
- Parish/Town Councils will not feel any difference
- Statutory duties will carry on
- There will be a reduction in staff
- They have a 2.5% government grant by not raising Council Tax
- Cuts in CCTV St Ives town centre, and Grass cutting

Two projects are continuing in St Ives, the 1st is an environmental “green” House nearing completion, and 2nd a district wide tree conservation programme.
 The Laws on Gypsy and Travellers sites are changing, further information to be circulated.

Item 151 **Open Forum** –

Mr Brian Burpit - who has conducted a survey of his own disputes the figures of the police and is backed by Speedwatch. Under the freedom of information the survey figures should be published. The last County Council’s survey was conducted in 2008 at the river bridge end and before that in 2002 outside Minnarrs for just an hour. Figures from Willingham, Piddley, Somersham and Wilburton have been published so why not Earith.

Mr James Wolstanholme - reported that his son badly cut his foot on broken glass while playing in the Children's part of the recreation field, and want something done about all the mess and broken bottles etc. in and around the Children's areas. Could there not be a ban on alcohol and close after dark as the park behind the pond.

Chairmans response - Unfortunately the Parish Council's Handyman can only clear up occasionally and some of the Parents help also. The main problem in the field is underage drinking and drug taking. The Police are aware of both and have been in touch with the young people's parents. Regarding any other measures they would have to be arranged by Foeffees the Trustees. Mr Ron Hodge was asked to take the request back to a Trustees meeting.

(Close open meeting)

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- Item 152** **Councillors declarations of interest in the following items** – Mrs Julie Seamark, item 160
- Item 153** **To sign the Minutes of the meeting – held on the 4th November 2010** – Mrs Ann Impey proposed and 2nd by Ms Hazel Scofield that the minutes be signed, all agreed.
- Item 154** **Matters arising** – there we none
- Item 155** **Chairman's report** – ACRE pioneers the "Big Society", challenge projects including youth services in villages. Two Youth workers in Somersham have resigned, and an e-mail from the Parish Youth Councillor asked about joining up the youth clubs keeping the club at Earith and Somersham youngsters being transported to Earith. Mrs Ann Corbin proposed and 2nd by Mr Ray Zetter that due to our commitment to the youth service in Earith we give it a trial period, agreed. The Chairman will contact Ms Lesley Minter at Somersham.
The Local Government Association 137 section will increase from £6.15 – £6.44 for year 2011 to 2012
- Item 156** **Road Report** – next meeting
- Item 157** **Traffic Regulation Orders** – next meeting
- Item 158** **Environmental Survey** – EVA have donated £1,100.00 for the cost to Earith of the survey.
- Item 159** **Village Hall** - application for Central Heating Grant sent.
- Item 160** **Planning** – application ref. 1001810FUL for a dwelling to be built on land between no.32 and Meadow Croft, Meadow Lane, Mr Alan Spackman proposed and 2nd by Ms Hazel Scofield that the plans be passed, agreed.

Item 150 cont. County Council – report – CC Mr Steve Criswell gave a brief resume on the position of the County Council

- Budget savings of 160m over the next 5 years
- The "Localism" Bill will mean less red tape
- The massive dept will mean more Volunteers to help keep core services.
- Parish Councils to become more involved in local government with money coming down to communities.

Attached is the full report.

Mr Ron Hodge reported that an incident had taken place on the Zebra crossing outside the old Post Office, in which a van driver threatened a pedestrian on the crossing. He asked Mr Criswell if any more was being done about the crossing beacons upgrade with extra lighting.

He would pass onto Highways department.

- Item 161** **Purchasing a (Christmas) Tree for Bridge End** – nothing has been done about a live tree, Chairman suggested that Mrs Ann Impey makes the same purchase as last year of a cut tree for the green at Bridge End, it was agreed
- Item 162** **Training for Councillors** – New Year
- Item 163** **Village Plan** – draft copies have been handed out to the Councillors to read through.
- Item 164** **Day Centre** – it was agreed to allow the Charity Day Centre free meetings at the Village Hall. A letter received from the Day Centre explaining that they have had their government grant cut from £4,000per year to just £1,000per year could in-effect close the service to the Old people of the village down. It was proposed by Mrs Anne Corbin and 2nd by Ms Hazel Scofield that the short fall be met by the Parish Council as part of our “Big Society” commitment all agreed.
The payment would be in 2 halves to coincide with the Districts payment to the Parish, which is in 2 halves, April & September.
- Item 165** **Standing Orders re-view** – next month
- Item 166** **Finance:-** Precept – Clerk distributed the Projected Budget for 2011 – 2012.
Mrs Anne Corbin proposed and 2nd by Mr Alan Spackman that the Precept figure of £37,000.00.be accepted all agreed.

Payments -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Chq</u>	<u>Powers</u>
Mrs AS Brace xx	Clerks Wages 30hrs @ 10.198	306.00		LGHA1989,s.7
	Booking Clerk 5hrs @ 6.93	<u>34.65</u>		LGHA1989,s.7
	Total less tax	330.85	2219	LGHA1989,s.7
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker 9 hrs @ 6.93	64.10	2220	LGHA1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE Nov10	9.80	2221	LGHA1972,s.112,119
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman – self employed	100.00	2222	
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman – extra work	78.18	2223	
Mr MS Pink	Parish Handyman – Order no. 10\ EPC00059	130.00	2224	
Hunts DC	Grass cutting annual contract	1880.00	2225	
Mr Ron Hodge	Pond Maintenance	14.70	2226	
RBL poppy appeal	2 wreaths for remembrance Sunday services	38.00	2227	
British Legion	Donation	62.00	2228	
DCS	V Hall window cleaner	13.00	2229	
Magpas	Donation	200.00	2230	
CAB	Donation	25.00	2231	
Mrs A Brace	Clerks exps, telephone, internet charge stamps & stationery	27.64	2232	LGHA1989,s.7
Mr FS Brace	Chairmans exps, VH Light, printing S/O & parish plans	108.26	2233	
e-on (powergen)	Village Hall Electricity bi-monthly	66.71	DD	LGHA1972,s.101
	Total spend for November 2010	<u>£ 3,148.24</u>		

Proposed by Mrs Julie Seamark and 2nd by Mrs Anne Corbin that the minutes be accepted, passed.

Item 167 **Correspondence** –

- Report from Earith Day Centre
- ACRE – News Sheet – Reaching out to Communities
- Pilot project for Earith & Somersham Youth Club
- Report from CAPLC for 2011/2012
- Report from Environment Agency to summarise the works that have been completed this year
- Cambs CC – A & B roads speed limit revue of A1096 to A14 St Ives

Item 168 **Items to report** –

- River Island
- 100 Greenfields – Hedge
- Dog Fouling

Item 169 in camara – Parish Clerk

Date of next meeting 6th January 2011

These minuets are un-adopted

Mrs Alison Brace Parish - Clerk

Date 20.12.10