

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting **Held on Thursday 3rd March 2011**

Present – Councillors

Peter Brace - Chairman
Mr Alan Spackman (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs Julie Seamark
Mrs Anne Corbin
Mrs Hazel Scofield
Mrs Ann Impey
Mr Bob Armit
Mr Keith Hudson
Mr Ron Hodge

Mrs Alison Brace – Clerk
Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk

CC Mr Steve Criswell,
1 member of the Public

Item 214 Apologies for Absence – No apologies

Item 215 Police Report – police not present – Chair said to refer to the ECops website regarding anti social behaviour in Bluntisham – 3 robberies reported.

Item 216 County Council and District Council reports. CC Steve Criswell reported – The pilot scheme meeting for Somersham will be on Tuesday 8th March at 7pm at Somersham Church. All invited. Mr Keith Hudson queried the Hanson site in Somersham as the gates have been broken. He asked if the planning had been sorted out for this site as refurbishment works were to be carried out. Mr Steve Criswell said that Hanson's are to sell the site as it is without any refurbishment work being completed and any potential buyer is to sort out refurbishment works. Mrs Hazel Schofield said that Hanson's had met with Mark North and any refurbishment is to be passed to the new buyers. She wanted to know if the planning department are to sort this out and Mr Criswell said that the planning department will sort this out.

Item 217 Open Forum – Mrs Caroline Shook reported that the Toddler Group would like to use the Village Hall on a regular basis on a Tuesday morning for two hours but they need storage facilities for the toys. They will be leaving their current facilities at the end of May. Item to be discussed at next meeting. To be added to agenda.

The Open part of the Meeting was Closed

The Closed Part of the meeting was Opened.

Item 218 Councillors declarations of interest – Mrs Ann Impey has declared an interest in item 229 of the agenda.

Item 219 Minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd February 2011 – No changes reported. Proposed by Mr Keith Hudson and seconded by Mrs Anne Corbin.

Item 220 Matters arising from the minutes – Mrs Julie Seamark gave a report from the Finance Meeting held on 10th February 2011. All items raised have been acted on apart from the Karate Club arrears which are to be followed up shortly. The Chair signed the minutes as agreed.

Item 221 Chairman's Report – The Chair reported that he had not attended any meetings and did not have anything to report.

Item 222 Road Safety Report – Mr Bob Armit attended the HCV meeting of the 17th February and Sutton Parish have pulled out of the arrangements. He is waiting to hear what will happen now. Mr Armit did report that the fatalities figures in the county have risen although fatalities on the A14 have dropped. He queried this and said that does this now mean that the rural roads are more dangerous than the A14. Mr Steve Criswell will query this and report back.

- Item 223** **Traffic Regulation Orders** – Mr Bob Armit reported that the Hauliers want to hold consultations with the Local Authorities. Flowcharts from the HCV meeting show any possible outcomes. If the local Councils are to take on the responsibilities for Traffic Regulation then they will need to be properly trained. This question is to be added to the next agenda. Mr Steve Criswell said that if Earith want to trial the Traffic Regulations then they should act fast as they will then be able to see if the trials will work. Does Earith want to take this on? This item is to be added to the next agenda.
The Chair said that there are lots of straw lorries that travel through the village and he requested that we contact Sutton Power Station to ask them to request that the straw lorries take an alternative route. Earith Parish Council are to write to the power station to request a meeting with the Hauliers to use the A1/A142 route instead of travelling through the village.
- Item 224** **Environmental Survey** – Nothing to report.
- Item 225** **Village Hall – Central Heating** Nothing to report. Chair to contact Donarbon.
- Item 226** **Planning** – Application ref – 1100133CAC Demolition of existing cottage on land between 3 and 7 High Street.
Mrs Julie Seamark proposed and Mr Alan Spackman seconded the motion that planning was approved.
All Passed.
- Item 227** **Village Plan re view** – Mr Bob Armit reported that the team are 75% - 80% ready to report their findings to the Council at the meeting in April.
- Item 228** **Plan for New Road** – Nothing to report.
- Item 229** **ECA Field Lease** – Mrs Ann Impey left the meeting. The Chair reported that the ECA Field lease renewal had been advertised in the Newsletter and he had had no replies. It was decided to let the lease remain as last year.
Mr Alan Spackman proposed and Mr Ron Hodge seconded. All in favour.

Mrs Ann Impey returned to the meeting.
- Item 230** **River Island Lease** – The Chair reported that 70 High Street have asked to lease the River Island. All conditions as discussed in the last meeting.
Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded. All in favour.
- Item 231** **Information for Villagers on the Role of the Council**– Mr Bob Armit reported that the Villagers of Earith did not appear to have enough knowledge of the role of the Council. Mr Armit wants to produce some literature that can give the Villagers some more information. All councillors thought that this was a good idea but several raised some concerns. This item is to be added to the next agenda for further discussion.
- Item 232** **Clerks computer upgrade** – The Clerk raised the item that the computer that is used for Council business is not adequate.
Mrs Anne Corbin proposed and Mr Alan Spackman seconded that the upgrade can be done. All in favour.
- Item 233** **Earith Youth Club**– Following a meeting with the Clerk and Mrs Alison Preece from Huntingdon Council the continuation of the Youth Club was discussed. The Councillors decided that the Youth Club should continue for a further year but attendance rates would be monitored to see if it was used enough. If there was a lack of use then this would be considered again at the end of the year.
Mrs Hazel Scofield Proposed and Mr Ray Zetter seconded that the Youth Club should be operational for a further year. All in favour.
- Item 234** **Consultation on Subsidised Bus Services** – The Chair reported that Route 21 is unchanged. Correspondence regarding the proposals was passed to all councillors.
- Item 235** **Trial of Speed Watch** – A copy of all correspondence was passed to all councillors regarding the idea that 30 mile per hour speed signs should be posted an alternate wheelie bins along The High Street. The Chair queried if the police should be consulted to see if it was lawful to put signs on Wheelie Bins. This item was undecided and will be added to the next agenda.
- Item 236** **Highway Wardens** – A copy of all correspondence was given to all councillors regarding appointing a liaison with the Highway Wardens in Earith. This item was undecided and will be added to the next agenda. An email is to be sent to say that Earith Parish Council will respond in April.

Item 237 Finance - Payments

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Chg No.</u>	<u>Powers</u>
Mrs KM Pink	Clerk Wages 30hrs @ 9.253	277.50		LGHA1989,s.7
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5 @ 6.93	17.33		LGHA1989,s.7
	<u>Total less tax</u>	235.86	2253	
Mrs A S Brace	Clerk Wages 30hrs@ £10.198	<u>306.00</u>		LGHA1989,s.7
	<u>total less tax</u>	303.13	2254	
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker 6hrs @ 6.93	<u>no tax</u>	41.58	2255 LGA1972,s.133
Inland Revenue	PAYE Feb 2011	61.84	2256	LGHA1972,s.112-119
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman Self Employed – Monthly Contract	100.00	2257	LGA1953,s.4
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman – Extra Work – Minaars Orchard	97.50	2258	LGA1953,s.4
Mr Ron Hodge	Pond Maintenance	20.60	2259	LGHA 1972,s.101
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Expenses – Stationery and Stamps	19.30	2260	LGHA 1972,s.7
Earith Echo	Village Newsletter	220.00	2261	
CPALC	Payment for publications	25.00	2262	
EON (Powergen)	Village Hall Electricity – Oct – Jan 2011	356.19	DD	LGA1972,s. 101
<u>Total spend for Feb - 2011</u>		1,481.00		

The Clerk received a late invoice from Huntingdonshire District Council for the Youth Club of £640.20 and it was agreed to sign the cheque at this meeting as payment was required by the 5th March 2011.

Mrs Julie Seamark proposed and Mrs Anne Corbin seconded. All in favour.

Mr Alan Spackman reported that the contract with EON has officially been cancelled and a new supplier will be used from May when the existing contract with EON expires as the rates are very high.

The motion to accept the finance was proposed by Mrs Jenny Lloyd and seconded by Mrs Hazel Schofield. All in favour.

Item 238 Correspondence – Localism Bill Update, Abolition of Retirement Age, New Highway reports fault system, New planning DPD reports to view from 7th Feb – 14th March, Updates regarding Enforcement Actions,

Item 239 Items to report - Mrs Anne Corbin raised the point about the repainting of the railings at the Earith Sluice. The Chair is to contact the Environment Agency re repainting.
Mrs Julie Seamark asked if the Handyman could dig out gullies along the road to Bluntisham. Mr Ron Hodge to check this.
Mrs Julie Seamark also asked if the piano could be put back onto the stage.
Mrs Jenny Lloyd said that the delivery people that deliver the free newspapers were causing damage and upsetting people. The Chair said that she should contact the News people.
Mrs Hazel Scofield raised the point that tractors have been driven along the headland and caused a mess. The Chair is to send a letter.
Mr Ron Hodge reported that the new trees planted on Feoffees field have been stolen.
Mr Alan Spackman raised the problem of Dog Fouling and he had new stickers to put up. The Clerk is to contact the Dog Warden.

Item 240 Items for Next Meeting – Nothing requested.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 7th April 2011

Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk

These minutes are unadopted.

Date 31.03.2011