

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting **Held on Thursday 2nd June 2011**

Present – Councillors

Mrs Julie Seamark (Chairman)
Mrs Jenny Lloyd
Ms Hazel Lambert
Mr James Woolstenholmes
Mr Keith Hudson

Mr Alan Spackman (Vice-Chairman)
Ms Hazel Scofield
Mrs Ann Impey
Mr Ray Zetter
Mr Ron Hodge

Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk

DC Mr P Godfrey, 5 members of the Public including Mr Jeff Nicholls (co-opted Councillor)

Item 57 **Apologies for Absence** – DC Mr Terry Rogers CC Mr Steve Criswell

Open Meeting

The Chairman declared the meeting open and requested that an additional agenda item be added. Co-Opting of new Councillor. This item is to be placed at no. 62. Mrs Jenny Lloyd proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded. All in favour.

It was also requested that the Planning Applications were to be moved forward.

Item 58 **Police Report** – No police present but the Clerk read out an Ecops report

Item 59 **County Council and District Council Reports** – DC Mr Godfrey reported that no new business had occurred in May only the election of members but that June would be busy with the Gypsy and Traveller Consultation. DC Godfrey is to send through the questions to be discussed to the Clerk so that the Councillors can give their comments before the middle of July.
The County Council did not provide a report.

Item 60 **Open Forum** – a member of the public reported that the speedwatch stickers on some wheelie bins had made a difference to the speed of vehicles going through the village. It was asked if other stickers could be put onto lampposts etc throughout the village. The Clerk will check with the police if this is legal. The Chairman said that the County Council are looking into possible speed restrictions between Bluntisham and Earith but as funds are short from the County Council then Earith Parish Council may have to look to provide further funding for this issue.
A member of the public also asked if the Council could possibly write to the HGV companies around Earith to ask them to stop speeding through the village and if possible to use different routes. The Clerk is to email CC Steve Criswell to ask him for an update on any speed restriction issues that may have occurred and generic letters will be sent to the HGV companies but as we are still waiting for a response from the Elean Power Station letters may not be the answer.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 61 **Councillors declaration of interest** – Mrs Ann Impey and Mr James Woolstenholmes - item 64 Planning for Olde Walls Chapel Road. Mr Ray Zetter - item 74.

Item 62 **New Item – Co-Opting of New Councillor** – A letter had been received from Mr Jeff Nicholls declaring his interest in joining the Council. The Chairman invited Mr Nicholls to give a small presentation about himself and his interest in the Council before a vote could take place. Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that Mr Nicholls should become a member of the Council. All in Favour.
The Chairman asked Mr Nicholls to take a seat at the Councillors table and to join the meeting whereby Mr Nicholls received the Standing Orders and signed his Declaration and Register of Interests

Item 63 **To sign minutes of meeting held on – 12th May 2011**
Mr Keith Hudson proposed and Mr Ray Zetter seconded. All in favour.

- Item 64** **Moved Forward - Planning** – Application ref – 1100693FUL – Erect timber garden shed Olde Walls Chapel Road.
Mr Ray Zetter proposed and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded. All in favour.
Application ref – 1100661FUL– Erection of two detached dwellings and garage block following demolition of buildings at rear of 84 High Street
Mr Keith Hudson proposed and Mr Ron Hodge seconded. All in favour.
- Item 65** **Matters arising from the minutes** – Mr Alan Spackman pointed out that it would cost £35.00 + VAT to shadow the ROSPA inspector so that we could have more input into the ROSPA Report.
- Item 66** **Chairmans Report** – The Chairman reported that the Clerks probationary period was at an end and that the Councillors should decide if they wish the Clerk to continue in her position.
Mr Alan Spackman proposed and Mrs Jenny Lloyd seconded this proposal. All in Favour.
The Chairman also reported that the Annual Parish Meeting was attended by all the charities and organisations responsible for the Parish and reports will be available on the website. This meeting highlighted the fact that the Charities and Organisations did have financial concerns for the coming year due to low interest rates. It was also noted that training for Councillors should be moved back onto the agenda.
- Item 67** **Road Safety Report** – Nothing to report but to remain on agenda for next month.
- Item 68** **Traffic Regulation Orders** – Nothing to report but to remain on agenda for next month. Mr Owen McLaughlin could be contacted for any updates that he may have until a new committee member had been appointed.
- Item 69** **Environmental Survey** – Nothing to report but to remain on agenda for next month. It was noted at the Annual Parish Meeting that EVA would be happy to increase their contribution to this survey if it will be matched by the other Villages involved.
- Item 70** **Village Hall – Central Heating** – The Clerk reported her findings concerning footfall in the Village Hall and her findings are to be reported to the Grant Authority so that they could make their decision.
- Item 71** **Village Plan re view** – All Councillors agreed that the Village Plan is to be put onto the website so that it can be accessed electronically and that an A4 page with tear off slip is to be added to the Earith Echo asking the Villagers if they wish to have a copy of the Parish Plan delivered to them. The Clerk can then obtain printing quotations for the number of plans requested.
Ms Hazel Lambert proposed and Ms Hazel Scofield seconded. All in favour.
- Item 72** **Plan for New Road** – New plans have been received concerning the lay out of the proposed new road. The addition of a roundabout at the Southern End was agreed but further discussion was needed concerning the proposed T junction at the Northern End. The Council will pass on their comments to the planners concerning these issues. The Clerk is to contact the planners to find out if they have any dates for the Public Meeting that was proposed for Consultation before the plans are passed.
- Item 73** **River Island Lease** – Solicitors have been contacted regarding issues raised at the previous meeting and discussions are on going.
- Item 74** **Pre School Swimming Pool Funding** – Mr Ray Zetter has received a letter from Mrs Spooner, Headmistress of Earith Primary School that states that the Governors have declared that the School Pool will not be available for use during the Summer Holidays due to the high cost of maintenance during this period. This item is to be reviewed again in January 2012.
- Item 75** **Committee member list** – The Road Safety responsibility still remains unresolved and further investigations are to be carried out to determine the extent of this position. This is to be reviewed again at the next meeting.
- Item 76** **Cambridge Water Bill** – Installation of water meter. Mr Alan Spackman proposed and Mr Ray Zetter seconded that a meter should be installed. The Clerk is to pursue this. All in favour.
- Item 77** **Overgrown Hedges and Trees** - Letters are to be distributed to those householders in the Village who have overhanging Hedges and Trees to request that these are attended to for the Health and Safety of the Villagers and so that the Village can be kept tidy.
Some tree and bramble maintenance is to be carried out by the Parish Council Handyman on the instruction of the Estates Manager Mr Ron Hodge

Mr James Woolstenholmes proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that work can be carried out. All in Favour.

Item 78 Parish Council Insurance - The current insurers AON had given a renewal quotation of £3,720.61. The Clerk obtained 2 further quotations based on a like for like quotation
Quote 1 - Zurich Insurance £1,365.45
Quote 2 – Came & Company quoting for Aviva £1,865.65
 It was decided to renew through Came & Company as they had quoted on a like for like basis but also added some further benefits to the council which resulted in much better cover being obtained.
 Mrs Jenny Lloyd proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded. All in Favour

Item 79 Youth Club SLA – The Council signed the SLA so that new Youth Club leaders could be appointed and the Youth Club could hopefully begin later this year.

Item 80 Street Lighting – Correspondence was received from Huntingdon District Council to say that the Council were passing their responsibility for the maintenance of the Street Lights which come under the Parish Councils jurisdiction to Balfour Beatty. Two Options for this maintenance were offered
Option 1 - £20.05 per lighting unit with added cleaning benefits
Option 2 - £18.98 per lighting unit with no added cleaning benefits
 If the Council did not undertake to move the maintenance to Balfour Beatty then they would have to find alternative quotations and make alternative contracts with other maintenance companies which would lead to unknown costs being charged. The Council currently pay Huntingdonshire District Council £18.93 per lighting unit.
 Mr Alan Spackman proposed and Mrs Ann Impey seconded that the Council should move to Balfour Beatty and contract for Option 1 which would give enhanced benefits for the Street Lighting in the Village. All in Favour.

Item 81 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 2.5hrs @ 6.93	17.33		LGHA1989,s.7
	<u>Total less tax</u>	235.86	2286	
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker 5.50hrs @ 6.93	41.58		LGA1972,s.133
	Booking Clerk 2,5 hrs @ 6.93	17.33	55.44	2287
Inland Revenue	PAYE May 2011	58.97	2288	LGA1972,s.112-119
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman Self Employed – Monthly Contract	100.00	2289	LGA1953,s.4
Mrs K M Pink	Clerk Expenses Print Cartidges	49.94	2290	
Mr J Sturrock	Repairs to Ladies Toilets	85.00	2291	
EON (Powergen)	Village Hall Electricity	0.00	DD	LGA1972,s. 101
EVA	Earith Echo Village Magazine	220.00	2292	
	<u>Total spend for May - 2011</u>	805.21		

Mr Alan Spackman proposed and Keith Hudson seconded that the Finances should be accepted. All in Favour.

Item 82 Correspondence – Correspondence received can be viewed in file.

Item 83 Items to report – The Clerk wanted confirmation of the type of Dog Waste Bin to purchase. Information to be passed to the Clerk on the correct item needed.
 Finance meeting requested by Clerk - date set for Thursday 30th June at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. To be attended by The Clerk, Mrs Julie Seamark, Mr Alan Spackman, Mrs Ann Impey and Ms Hazel Scofield.

Item 84 Items for Next Meeting – Handyman Job Review, Queens Diamond Jubilee, Parish Paths Partnership Grants, Christmas tree and lights, Drains and Road Maintenance, Boat Launch at Village Hall, Youth Opportunities in the Village

Date of next Council Meeting – Thursday 7th July 2011

Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk
 These minutes are unadopted.

Date 12th June 2011