

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting **Held on Thursday 7th July 2011**

Present – Councillors

Mr Alan Spackman (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs Jenny Lloyd

Ms Hazel Lambert

Mr James Woolstenholmes

Mr Keith Hudson

Ms Hazel Scofield

Mrs Ann Impey

Mr Jeff Nicholls

Mr Ron Hodge

Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk

DC Mr Terry Rogers, CC Mr Steve Criswell 4 members of the Public

Item 84 **Apologies for Absence** – Mrs Julie Seamark, Mr Ray Zetter (resigned)

Open Meeting

Item 85 **Police Report** – No police present but the Clerk read out an Ecops report. Concerns were raised about the incidents of Vandalism that have occurred to the Pavilion, Gate at the Duck Pond and also the School Swimming Pool. Mr Hudson also reported that some incidents in Darford of Children being enticed into cars have led to police surveillance being carried out. Mr Hudson has also reported that a car has been abandoned on Cooks Drove. Two reports have been made about this since last Saturday but the Police have done nothing about it. It was requested that the Clerk makes every effort to make sure that the Police are at our next meeting as it appears that the Community Policeman was unaware of the above incidents. It was also reported a wall of a house and a front garden brick wall in Chapel Lane had been vandalised with paint. Mrs Ann Impey said that a Neighbourhood Forum Meeting was being held in Needingworth Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 15th July and that Police would be present at this meeting if Councillors had any further concerns.

Item 86 **County Council and District Council Reports** – **DC Terry Rogers** reported that Sutton, Earith, Wilburton and Hilton are to be used within a trial scheme concerning HCV routes. The HCV movements are to be monitored and a survey is to be carried out. He also said that the Cabinet is to be downsized from 9 to 6 members and that a Consultant has been appointed to help with this downsizing.

CC Steve Criswell confirmed that Earith has been put forward to take part in the HCV trial and that if the Villages all worked together then it would be hoped that some proportion of the traffic could possibly be moved away from the Village. Alan Spackman asked if there was any news regarding the Earith to Willingham road and Mr Criswell said that he would try and find out if any decisions had been made regarding resurfacing work however as funding was being reduced he did not know what would be done. He did say that the Council are fully aware of the state of the road and that it is in their works program to make some improvements but that he did not know when this would take place.

Item 87 **Open Forum** – Members of the public were asked if they wanted to make any contribution but as they were generally there to talk about items on the Agenda that they would be asked to contribute when their item was raised.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 88 **Councillors declaration of interest** – No declarations were made.

Item 89 **To sign minutes of meeting held on** – 2nd June 2011
Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded. All in favour.

Item 90 **Matters arising from the minutes** – Mr Alan Spackman requested that this item be moved from 91 of the agenda. Hazel Lambert asked if letters to the HCV companies had been sent and the Clerk confirmed this and the letters could be viewed in the correspondence folder. It was also asked if the Dog Waste Bin had been sorted out yet and the Clerk confirmed that the County Council had been contacted but a survey would need to be carried out to establish if a Bin was needed at the point mentioned. The Council were in the process of doing this and we should

hear back from them soon. The Clerk would keep a check on this item to make sure that this is sorted out as soon as possible.

The Clerk is also to contact DC Godfrey as he had not provided the questions regarding item 59.

- Item 91** **Planning** – Application Ref: 1100851FUL Erection of Agricultural Building High Street Earith
Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded. All in favour of Application

Application Ref: E/03006/11/CM, F/02008/11/CM, E/03004/11/CM – Land at Bridge Farm, Holme Fen Drove, Colne on behalf of R A Latta (Farms) Ltd Extraction of sand and gravel, reservoir installation and mineral processing.

Mr Latta gave an over view and reason for his company's application and answered further questions from councillors. The main issue for consideration and debate was the overall vehicle movements of 64 per day would use the B1050 of which 32 would turn right at the George corner junction. For this reason Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the plans should be rejected. One other Councillor was in favour with the rejection, five Councillors voted to abstain – Planning application was rejected.

- Item 92** **Chairman's Report** – The Chairman reported (via the Vice Chairman) about the incidents of vandalism discussed earlier. She also reported that she had attended the first part of the Chairman's Course and that it was noted that the Chairman should vote at all meetings and that the words items for the next meeting should be changed to read items for future meetings so that items with deadlines could be discussed as priority items.
Mr Ray Zetter has resigned from the Council and the Chairman wanted to thank him for his involvement with the Council and wish him good luck in the future. The Vacancy is to be advertised by the Clerk.
The Vice Chairman reported that he would like a permanent agenda item to be added for all future meetings covering reports from the Council Representatives so that updates /items can be reported to the Council when they occur.

- Item 93** **River Island Lease** – The Clerk reported that she had consulted solicitors on this issue and had been advised that the Council would need to carefully consider the "Use" of the Island by an individual as opposed to an organisation as issues could arise regarding control of the Island. If a lease is entered into with an individual then there would need to be many exclusions added that would increase the cost of the Lease.
Mr Dusan Hamlin, (applicant for the tenancy) was present at the meeting as a member of the public and he gave a small presentation to the Council regarding his proposed use of the island and said that as he would be paying for the costs of the Lease he would be happy to get a Lease drawn up that the Council could consider so that this item could be progressed. Councillors were in favour the lease should be restricted to 364 days (renewable)
Mr Keith Hudson proposed and Mr James Woolstenholmes seconded that they were in favour of Mr Hamlin sorting out a Lease for the Councils consideration. All in favour. The Clerk to contact Mr Hamlin officially to inform him of this decision.

- Item 94** **Road Safety, Traffic Regulation Orders and Environmental Survey Report**– Mr Owen McLaughlin, present as a member of the public, was invited to give a report on Road Safety. It was reported that the Road Safety Group has been operational since 1946 to provide Parishes with expert advice on any Road Safety issues. The group meet for 6 sessions each year and Mr McLaughlin said that they would be happy to have a Council Representative as a member of the group when one was officially appointed. The Localism Bill will help Parishes to set their own Speed Limits and a new Speed Limit Policy was being developed to meet these needs, The Clerk has a copy of the Policy. The HCV traffic group meets when needed to discuss new issues at the Glebe in Sutton and the next meeting date will be passed to the Clerk.
The next Road Safety meeting on the 19th July. It was confirmed that Julie Seamark would attend meetings where possible and would be supported by Jeff Nichols, unfortunately neither are available for that meeting so Mrs Hazel Lambert offered to cover in their absence as Margaret Lumb from Bluntisham is keen to discuss speed limit issues with Earith.
There was no new information regarding Traffic Regulation Orders or the Environmental Survey to report.

- Item 95** **Village Hall – Central Heating** – The Clerk reported that the Grant Application has been accepted and that a grant of £2,500 has been proposed by The AmeyCespa Fund. The Grant is subject to several clauses being maintained by the Council and has to be claimed within 6 months from the date of the 20th June 2011 so new quotations are being obtained and it is hoped that work can commence in August 2011.

- Item 96** **Village Plan re view** - An A4 page is to be added to the Earith Echo in the next edition to find out how many Villagers would like to receive a copy of the Village Plan which was officially adopted by the Council at the previous meeting.
- Item 97** **Plan for New Road** – Further to an earlier separate meeting with Andy Moffatt DC Planning services Mr John Dadge from Barker Storey Matthews (Minnaars representative) and Robin Hobbs Highways Development Engineer The Council discussed at length proposals for the New Road and suggested alternatives are to be passed to the Planners to explore a possible solution that allows the continuous flow of traffic from the B1050 to the proposed southern roundabout. A106 was discussed with some items given a High / Low priority.
Mrs Hazel Lambert proposed and Mrs Jenny Lloyd seconded that priority items are agreed and should be passed to the planners. All in favour.
- Item 98** **Committee member list** – Item to be moved to the next Agenda.
- Item 99** **Overgrown Hedges and Trees** - Further letters are to be distributed to those householders in the Village who have overhanging Hedges and Trees. Mr James Woolstenholmes is to provide the name of the owner of 26 High Street so that they can be contacted regarding maintenance at this dwelling.
- Item 100** **Playground Inspection** – Slide – a cost of £70.00 has been obtained by the Clerk for a mobile welder to repair the Slide at the Recreation Field. This cost is subject to electricity being provided from the Pavilion to allow the repair to take place.
Mrs Hazel Scofield proposed and Mrs Jenny Lloyd seconded the repair. All in Favour
Wet Pour and Tarmac are to be moved to the next agenda to allow for further quotes to be obtained.
- Item 101** **Parish Paths Partnership Grants** – Mrs Hazel Lambert has looked into the possibility of joining the Parish Paths Partnership. There is no money available from the County Council for the upkeep of Parish Paths so the Partnership can help with possible grants in the future to allow for this. There will be a meeting in July which Mrs Hazel Lambert and Mrs Hazel Scofield will attend.
Mrs Ann Impey proposed and Mrs Jenny Lloyd seconded that the Parish Council should join the Partnership. All in favour.
- Item 102** **Finance**
A report was given by Mrs Ann Impey following the Finance meeting that was held on the 30th June. The meeting was attended by The Clerk, Mrs Julie Seamark, Mr Alan Spackman, Mrs Ann Impey and Mrs Hazel Scofield and all items checked were found to be in order. The Clerk is to chase up 2 Hall Hires from December regarding outstanding monies owed.
– Payments

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Chq 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	2293	
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker 7.25hrs @ 6.93	50.24		LGA1972,s.133
	Booking Clerk 2,5 hrs @ 6.93	17.33	67.57	2294
Inland Revenue	PAYE June 2011	58.97	2295	LGA1972,s.112-119
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman Self Employed – Monthly Contract	100.00	2296	LGA1953,s.4
Mrs K M Pink	Removal of Wasps Nest at Village Hall	56.00	2297	
Mr R Hodge	Pond Maintenance	18.60	2298	LGHA1972,s.101
Cambridge Water	Water Meter Installation Fee	156.00	2299	
Came & Company	Parish Council Insurance	1856.65	2300	
EON (Powergen)	Village Hall Electricity	204.63	DD	LGA1972,s. 101
<u>Total spend for June - 2011</u>		2,754.28		

Mr Keith Hudson proposed and Mrs Jenny Lloyd seconded that the Finances should be accepted. All in Favour.

- Item 103** **Correspondence** – A request had been received by the Clerk from Hertfordshire Council regarding the usefulness and effectiveness of the 30MPH signs at the entrance and exit of the Village as they are thinking of using these in Hertfordshire. The signs were put in 8 years ago and the Council

considered in general they are effective in slowing the traffic at the Bridge. The Clerk is to pass this information on.

The lights on the Recreation Field are to be checked by Mr Ron Hodge to see if we can change the times that they are put on and off following a request from a Villager in Vermuyden.

Correspondence from the County Council regarding proposed changes to street lighting is to be discussed when decisions need to be made regarding this.

The stone chips from the refurbishment at the Earith Sluice are to be used within the Village and Mr Ron Hodge has arranged for this to go ahead.

Item 104

Items to report – Mr Keith Hudson reported that the disabled sign at 11 Edwards Walk was at such a height that it could cause injury to children. This is the responsibility of the County Council.

Mr James Woolstenholmes reported that he had spoken to the Police concerning a boy in the Village riding a moped in the Recreation Field. This is to be investigated. He also reported that a Villager with 2 dogs allows his dogs to defecate on the Recreation Field every day even though signs are clearly displayed regarding “no dogs allowed on the Field”. The Chairman has included the issue of dog fouling within her report to be published in the Earith Echo.

Mrs Hazel Scofield reported that the Pilates class will not be going ahead in the Village Hall due to the large tree root which distorts the floor.

Item 105

Items for Future Meetings – Handyman Job Review, Queens Diamond Jubilee, Christmas tree and lights, Drains and Road Maintenance, Boat Launch at Village Hall, Youth Opportunities in the Village, Car park at the Picnic Area near the River.

Date of next Council Meeting – Thursday 4th August 2011

Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk

These minutes are unadopted.

Date 18th July 2011