

**Earith Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011**

Present – Councillors

Mrs Julie Seamark (Chairman)  
Ms Hazel Scofield  
Mr Ron Hodge  
Mr Jeff Nicholls  
Mrs Jenny Lloyd  
Mrs Marilyn Russell

Mr Alan Spackman (Vice-Chairman)  
Ms Hazel Lambert  
Mrs Ann Impey  
Mr Keith Hudson  
Mr James Woolstenholmes

Mrs Mandy Pink – Clerk

2 members of the Public

**Item 127      Apologies for Absence** – DC Mr Philip Godfrey, CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Terry Rogers

**Open Meeting**

**Item 128      Ecops Report** – No police present but the Clerk read out an Ecops report concerning a burglary in School Road, Earith – entry via rear patio doors – jewellery, cash and car keys stolen  
Burglary at unit in Earith Business Park – access gained to Unit and wooden gates stolen.  
Property stolen from Colne Road, Earith – Trailer taken.

**Item 129      County Council and District Council Reports** – No Councillors present.

**Item 130      Open Forum** – Speedwatch Volunteers reported various sessions as follows  
Colne Road – 109 vehicles – highest speed recorded 50mph – 3 HGV's  
High Street – 341 vehicles – highest speed recorded 59mph – 19 HGV's  
Between the hours of 6-7am 75 vehicles reported – highest speed recorded 59mph  
The police were present and pulled over 4 vehicles – 2 have been prosecuted  
2 sessions were held at night – 1 on the High Street – 89 vehicles – highest speed recorded 42mph  
1 at Waterhaven where the highest speed recorded was 44mph  
The mobile speed units prosecuted 34 vehicles on the High Street and 15 on Colne Road between May and July.  
Earith Speedwatch team has now lost its police administrative support and if anybody is interested in volunteering or suggesting a site for a speedwatch team to investigate the traffic then they can contact Dave Mcandless who is the Speedwatch Co-ordinator.  
Information was also given to the Clerk concerning the Bidwells Community Fund – The Chairman will look into this matter.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

**Item 131      Councillors declaration of interest** – The Chairman drew the Councillors attention to the legal requirement that all interest should be declared following the Code of Conduct LGA2000s 50. Parish Councils order 2001. No declarations were made.

**Item 132      To sign minutes of meeting held on** – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011  
Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded. All in favour that the minutes be signed.

**Item 133      Matters arising from the minutes** – Nothing to Report.

**Item 134      Planning** – No Planning received.

**Item 135      Chairman's Report** – The Chairman firstly welcomed Mrs Marilyn Russell as a new Councillor for Earith Parish Council. Mrs Russell has signed her acceptance of office and has been given a copy of the standing orders by the Clerk.  
The Chairman contacted the enforcement officer to enquire on the latest status of the 4 enforcement cases at present.  
17 School Road – movement of fence. The owner has agreed to move the fence but so far has not done so.  
Amenity land at Plumb Farm – a mobile home as been put on this site - Planning application is being sort for the erection of 2 poly tunnels and to use the mobile home as overnight accommodation when the pigs are birthing.

Sun Fun – The owner's gates are to be moved but the owner who is in breach of enforcement conditions is set to go to court.

53 High Street – work has been carried out without planning permission. The owner claims that the work is just repairs and nothing more.

The Chairman has copies of a leaflet called Healthy Walks.

Travellers site between Earith and Colne. The Chairman has communication from the District Council that confirms that there is not to be a site between Colne and Earith but Mrs Jenny Lloyd handed a letter to the Clerk concerning New Farm. The tenants of New Farm have handed in notice on their site as they have been told that the 15 acre site is to possibly be used for a traveller site. The Chairman is to contact the District and County Councillors to discuss this with them.

River Island Lease – The Council has not received any communication from Mr Hamlin's solicitors regarding the Island. The Clerk has chased this up and Mr Hamlin wishes to have access to the site to clear trees etc. The Chairman does not feel that this will be appropriate at this time. If the Island needs tidying up then this is still the Council's concern until the Lease is finalised.

Debit Card and Online Banking – The Clerk has applied for a Debit Card and Online Facilities to enable the Council to act more efficiently. Strict guidelines are to be drawn up concerning the conditions of use and this is to be discussed at the next Finance Meeting.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee is to be added to the next agenda to allow for further investigation and discussion concerning what the Council wish to do about this event.

The Pavilion Refurbishment – The Clerk has met with the Chairman of the Earith Town Estate to discuss Terms of Business concerning this matter.

The Chairman wishes to thank the Handyman, Ms Hazel Lambert and Mr Ron Hodge for their efforts to clear up following the recent Traveller occupation at Earith Bridge. However, the Travellers have returned to Earith and Mr Alan Spackman has reported this incident to the police (incident number 178) and he has also contacted the Environment Agency and the Highways Department to ask them for their assistance in moving on the Traveller's that have returned.

Mr James Woolstenholmes has requested that a sign is obtained that states "No Overnight Parking" Mr Ron Hodge has also requested that a sign be obtained that states "No Cars beyond this Point" which references the area of land at Earith Bridge that is beyond the grassed area.

Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Mr James Woolstenholmes seconded that signs are obtained. All in favour. The Chairman is to find out about this.

- Item 136**      **Parish Council Representatives Report** – No reports to be made.
- Item 137**      **Parish Council Responsibilities List** – Now that the Council has a full Council of Members the list can be finalised as follows. Road Safety – Mr Jeff Nicholls and Mrs Julie Seamark, EVA Liaison – Mrs Jenny Lloyd, School Representative – Ms Hazel Lambert, Footpaths – Ms Hazel Lambert
- Item 138**      **Road Safety, Traffic Regulation Orders and Environmental Survey Report** – A meeting has been arranged for the HCV Trial and will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. The Road Safety Group wishes to carry out a survey on pollution and noise vibration during Autumn 2011 so that a report can be made to the Cabinet by January 2012.
- Item 139**      **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan** – The Chairman looked over the lengthy report and noted only minor amendments to the Plan which included punctuation and grammatical errors. SSP M32 needed to be amended to read Extraction to commence in 2016 as opposed to 2010. SSP M34 needed to move 3 implementation issues into the correct part of the Plan and routing issues to be amended. To read no vehicular access from Over to Willingham Road and to amend the item regarding B1049 which should read the B1050. No decisions were needed.
- Item 140**      **Village Hall – Central Heating** – The Central Heating has now been installed to a very high standard and the Clerk is to sort out the Plaque and Hand Over Ceremony with the AmeyCespa Community Fund. Some interior decoration is to be carried out in the Hall following the installation and the Handyman is to sort this out. The pipes are to be painted and dado rail replaced and the walls are to be repainted.  
Mrs Jenny Lloyd proposed and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the Handyman is to do the work needed. All in favour.
- Item 141**      **River Map** – The Clerk is to obtain a better map so that the Council can ascertain which part of the River is to be maintained before comments can be made.
- Item 142**      **Boat Launch at Village Hall** – Mr James Woolstenholmes met with Kelvin Young from the Environment Agency to discuss the clearance and maintenance of the Boat Launch slipway at the back of the Village Hall. The Slipway at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge was also discussed. The work needed to make the Slipways functional is within the remit of the Environment Agency so the Clerk is to write to

the Environment Agency to arrange for this work to be carried out. It is particularly needed at the back of the Village Hall as the river is encroaching on the Car Park and is liable to undermine the Car Park if it is left.

- Item 143**      **Playground Inspection – Slide** – The Chairman has located a welder who will carry out the repair to the slide on site and this is to be arranged when the schools are back in session.  
Tarmac is to be discussed at the next meeting to allow for further quotes to be obtained  
Wet Pour at the Duck Pond Play Area was discussed as three quotes had been obtained.  
Quote 1 Wicksteed - £5,259 + VAT  
Quote 2 Soft Surfaces - £3,942.75 + VAT  
Quote 3 RTC Safety Surfaces - £3,514.00 + VAT  
Due to the fact that a 5 year guarantee was given by RTC Safety Surfaces it was decided that the Council should accept Quote 3.  
Ms Hazel Lambert proposed and Mr James Woolstenholmes seconded. All in favour  
Swing Seats – following the removal of one swing last month for safety reasons the Clerk had obtained a quotation of £32.00 per seat plus delivery from Wicksteed. It was decided that all 4 seats should be replaced and the Clerk is to try and obtain further quotes for the seats. If she cannot get a better quote than that above then she is to order the seats from Wicksteed.  
Mrs Ann Impey proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded. All in favour.

**Item 144**      **Finance - Payment**

| <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          | 2312           |                   |
| Mrs C Shook         | Caretaker 6.25 hrs @ 6.93                        | 43.31           |                | LGA1972,s.133     |
|                     | Booking Clerk 2,5 hrs @ 6.93                     | 17.33           | 56.84          | 2313              |
|                     |                                                  |                 |                | LGA1972,s.112-119 |
| Inland Revenue      | PAYE August 2011                                 | 62.77           | 2314           |                   |
| Mr M S Pink         | Parish Handyman Self Employed – Monthly Contract | 100.00          | 2315           | LGA1953,s.4       |
| Mrs K M Pink        | Clerk expenses postage and stationery            | 23.80           | 2316           |                   |
| Rule & Parker       | 25% payment for Central Heating                  | 1226.62         | 2311           | LGHA1972,s.101    |
| Mr R Hodge          | Pond Expenses and Lock for Earith Bridge         | 38.64           | 2317           |                   |
| EVA                 | Earith Echo                                      | 220.00          | 2318           |                   |
| DCS Window Cleaners | Village Hall Window Cleaning                     | 13.00           | 2319           |                   |
| British Gas         | Village Hall Electricity                         | 0.00            | DD             | LGA1972,s. 101    |
|                     | <b><u>Total spend for August - 2011</u></b>      | <b>1,977.53</b> |                |                   |

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed and Mrs Ann Impey seconded that the Finances should be accepted. All in Favour.  
A Finance Meeting was arranged for 7.30pm at the Village Hall on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011.

- Item 145**      **Correspondence –** All items in file for inspection.

- Item 146**      **Items to report –** A letter has been sent to a resident who walks their dog across the Recreation Field to remind them that No Dogs are permitted on the Recreation Field. A further letter is to be sent and an item will be placed in the Earith Echo.  
Hedges are still causing concern and further letters are to be sent out.

- Item 147**      **Items for Future Meetings –** Queens Diamond Jubilee, Ms Hazel Lambert is researching ways to develop the area of land at Earith Bridge and she is to contact the Clerk when she has enough information together so that it can be added to the agenda.

**Date of next Council Meeting – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk**

**These minutes are unadopted.**

**Date 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011**