

Earith Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 3rd November 2011

Present – Councillors

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

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

Mrs Mandy Pink – Clerk

CC Mr Steve Criswell, Mrs Alison Preece, (Youth Club)

Item 174 Apologies for Absence – DC Mr Philip Godfrey, DC Terry Rogers, and Mr Keith Hudson

Item 175 Youth Club Update – Mrs Alison Preece attended the meeting to give the Parish Council an update regarding the Youth Club. Problems have arisen in employing suitable staff and a main lead worker has been recruited but no 2nd worker as yet. Mrs Preece suggested using The Connections Bus Project as a suitable alternative to the current Youth Club proposals. The Bus is purpose built with many different facilities including internet linked PC's, games consoles, karaoke etc. The Bus is available for 2 hour sessions on various days.

Open Meeting

Item 176 Ecops Report – The Clerk reported the Speedwatch figures and reported that a postal scam is currently running which suggests that a parcel is waiting to be delivered to you and encourages you to call a telephone number which could lead to approx £315.00 being taken from your telephone account. The courier company is called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) and the telephone number is 0906 6611911. Please do not call this number. If you receive a card with these details on then please contact the Royal Mail Fraud department on 0207 239 6655. More information can be found on the Crime Stoppers website www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Item 177 County Council and District Council Reports – CC Steve Criswell reported that the HCV Trial follow up meeting will be held on 29th November. The Latta Farms planning application is to go to Development Control on 8th December. Regarding the B1050 – The river bank has been shored up and trees removed which will all help the road surface to stop crumbling. The 40 MPH is only a temporary measure while work is being carried out. Time scales have not yet been decided but extensive rework is being discussed and plans will be available shortly. The Earith Pits have now been sold and restoration is being carried out. Rights of way are still being mapped out.

Item 178 Open Forum – No members of the public were present.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 179 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 180 To sign minutes of meeting held on – 6th October 2011
Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded. All in favour that the minutes be signed.

Item 181 Matters arising from the minutes – Amendments to be made at item 151 and item 158. Correction to read Mr George Hay (not May). The Clerk has contacted the Estates Department regarding Tree Planting and a call reference has been obtained and further information is being investigated.

Item 182 Planning – Application Ref E/03006/11/CM, F/02008/11/CM, E/03004/11/CM Land at Bridge Farm, Colne – Latta's Farm.
Several changes had been proposed including increasing the height of the banks, Water Vole Survey, Reduction of movements but using bigger lorries, Hours of work to be 9-6 on weekdays, Cranbrook drain to be bridged once work finished and examinations of tracking of the HCV's being used. Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the plans should be rejected. A vote took place and 9 Councillors voted to reject the proposals and 1 Councillor voted to accept the proposals. Therefore this planning application was rejected by Earith Parish Council due to concerns over the infrastructure of the road network, the volume of movements needed to carry out the work

and grave concerns were registered regarding the routes to be used, mainly George Corner, Earith and Station Approach, Somersham. If alternative routes could be highlighted with regard to this application then the Council would consider these in future.

- Item 183** **Chairman's Report** – The Chairman contacted the land owner regarding Earith Bridge and he confirmed that he had no problem with any measures that the Council wish to take to stop any further Traveller occupancy of this area.
The Chairman met with Jo Challis from the County Council to monitor the parking issues at School Road. Jo Challis confirmed that serious parking problems are present at this site unfortunately this area does not fulfil the criteria for the County Council to put in either Resident Only or Double Yellow lines. The Parish Council can apply to put in Double Yellow Lines but this could cost approximately £2,000 but how would this parking violation be monitored. Ms Challis recommended that the Council should contact the Police to insist on Police presence at this site to issue tickets to all offenders who are parking illegally in this area. The Clerk is to contact PC Hansford to ensure that this is enforced. The Parish Council will also be putting warning notices on any cars that are parked illegally within the village to inform the offenders that they are committing a parking offence.
The Chairman also contacted the enforcement officer to enquire on the latest status of the 4 enforcement cases at present.
All current cases are still moving forward and one new enforcement case has been lodged concerning 133 Greenfields – New block paving to garden may not have adequate drainage.
The Chairman also gave out details regarding Remembrance Sunday. Services are to be held at 10.55 in Colne, 12 (midday) at the memorial at the Bridge and 3pm at Bluntisham Church. The Chairman will be giving a reading at this service on behalf of Earith Parish Council and laying two wreaths on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Item 184** **Parish Council Representatives Report** – Earith Town Estates – Mr Ron Hodge confirmed that work on the pavilion refurbishment has commenced and is going smoothly despite some incidents of vandalism that had held up the build.
He also reported that the Village Pond has a lot of slush on the bottom and asked if the Parish Council could arrange to have this removed. Ms Hazel Lambert is to investigate this and report back.
Parish Paths Partnership meeting was attended by Ms Hazel Lambert and Ms Hazel Schofield on 2nd November at Bluntisham Village Hall. Ms Lambert reported that the focus of the meeting was on how the villages could work together to develop circular walks. A path was discussed that would connect Earith and Somersham and the Earith to Bluntisham walk is to be upgraded to a bridle way once the costs for this have been investigated. Joint funding and maintenance of suggested footpaths could fall to Parish Councils if the current Localism Bill is introduced. A further meeting is to be held in February to find out about providing a map of Earith walks.
- Item 185** **Youth Club** – Following on from the earlier presentation by Mrs Alison Preece the Council discussed her suggestions and wanted to find out further information concerning the Bus Project before a decision is made. The Clerk is to contact the Bus Project to get further information and will report back at the next meeting. Discussion took place on a suitable place for the Bus to park. Mr Hodge would ask the Earith Town Estates about the use of the Recreation Ground Car Park
- Item 186** **Bridge End update and possible development**– Mr Alan Spackman reported that Mr George Hay had served notice to the travellers at Earith Bridge on 3rd November and that the case would be going to court on the 7th. The decision should be made within 2-10 days. Should the decision fail to be passed then the case would go to court again to arrange for Bailiffs to attend the site and arrange for the eviction of the Travellers. Mr Hay recommended that Earith Parish Council should be in an immediate state of readiness to secure the site once the Travellers have left. A vote was taken to allow Mr Alan Spackman to arrange immediate action once the site is clear.
Mr James Woolstenholmes proposed and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that this should happen. All in favour.
Regarding development of the site once it is clear, Ms Hazel Lambert tabled a prepared document on changes that could be made to the area. The booklet is to be put forward for discussion and plans and costings should be prepared. The Council approved that Ms Lambert should continue her research into this area. It was decided that all Councillors should attend the site on 12th November at 2.30pm to survey the site.
- Item 187** **Common Land Registry Update** – Mr Alan Spackman confirmed that the land registry documents were all correct and that the Council had registered ownership of items CL22 (Earith Island), CL24 (Chapel Road Pond) and CL32 (Bridge End Green). All other items needed to be confirmed and it was decided that Mr Spackman should contact a solicitor to find out if registering should be carried out.

- Item 188** **Road Safety, Traffic Regulation Orders and Environmental Survey Report** – Nothing to report at present but an update meeting regarding the HCV trial is to be held on 29th November 2011.
- Item 189** **Donations** – Donation requests have been received from Citizens Advice Bureau, Victim Support, Huntingdon CCTV and Bluntisham Luncheon Club. All applications were discussed and it was decided that Earith Parish Council would donate £25.00 to the CAB but all other applications would be turned down.
Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed and Mr James Woolstenholmes seconded that this should be carried out. All in favour.
- Item 190** **Grass Cutting** – It was discussed that quotations would be requested from J W Grass Cutting, Fergusons, Huntingdonshire District Council, Fosters and the organisation that cuts the Recreation Field. Quotations should all stipulate that a maximum of 12 cuts should be made and full strimming of areas to be carried out. However if 12 cuts could not be made because of adverse weather conditions then we should only be charged for cuts that are done.
- Item 191** **Precept-** The Clerk tabled her proposals for the forth coming precept and asked the Councillors to consider the proposals and report back at the December meeting so that the Precept could be submitted to the Council for next years funding.
- Item 192** **Finance** - Payment- Debit Card form signed by 3 councillors to confirm £16.56 had been paid for stamps.

<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	2334	
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker 5.75 hrs @ 6.93	39.85		LGA1972,s.133
	Booking Clerk 2,5 hrs @ 6.93	17.33	53.97	2335
				LGA1972,s.112-119
Inland Revenue	PAYE October 2011	62.17	2336	
	Parish Handyman Self Employed – Monthly Contract	100.00	2337	LGA1953,s.4
Mr M S Pink				
RTC Safety Surfaces	Wet Pour at Duck Pond	4216.80	2338	
Earith Day Centre	Contribution to Day Centre	1500.00	2339	
Road Safety Group	Contribution towards Road Safety Group	25.00	2340	
Kris Gibbs	Pavilion Refurbishment	12000.00	2341	
MM Signs Ltd	Signs for Earith Bridge	82.20	2342	
Debit Card	Stamps	16.56	cash	
British Gas	Village Hall Electricity	57.79	DD	LGA1972,s. 101
<u>Total spend for October - 2011</u>		18,350.35		

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

- Item 193** **Correspondence** – All items in file for inspection.
- Item 194** **Items to report** – Mr James Woolstenholmes reported that some drains in Chapel Road had been cleared.
Ms Hazel Scofield requested an update on the painting of the Village Hall. This work will be carried out now that the Parish Handyman was fully mobile again.
- Item 195** **Items for Future Meetings** – The Parish Council are to think about possible jobs for the Scouts.

Date of next Council Meeting – Thursday 1st December 2011

Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk

These minutes are unadopted.

Date 5th November 2011