

Earith Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 1st December 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
Mr Keith Hudson
Mr James Woolstenholmes

Mrs Mandy Pink – Clerk

9 members of the public

Item 196 **Apologies for Absence** – Mrs Marilyn Russell, CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Philip Godfrey, DC Terry Rogers.

Open Meeting

Item 197 **Open Forum - Queens Diamond Jubilee** – A Feoffees representative said that they would be happy for the pavilion and recreation ground to be used for this event. A picnic in the park with organised events would be the best approach. It was suggested that a sub committee should be formed to make sure that this event happens and the Clerk would co-ordinate this committee.

Item 198 **Ecops Report** – The Clerk did not have anything to report but there has been a fire at Dow Farm and straw bales have been destroyed.

Item 199 **County Council and District Council Reports** – Nothing to report.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 200 **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. Mrs Ann Impey declared an interest in item 209 and Mr James Woolstenholmes was interested in item 203.

Item 201 **To sign minutes of meeting held on** – 3rd November 2011
Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Mr Hazel Lambert seconded. All in favour that the minutes be signed.

Item 202 **Matters arising from the minutes** – Amendments to be made at item 184 Minutes should read “trying to get walk upgraded” rather than is to be upgraded.

Item 203 **Planning** – Application Ref 1101811FUL – Erection of 2 dormer bungalows and 1 cottage on land between 3 and 7 High Street. The issue of access and visibility was discussed and also the movements of refuse lorries’ was questioned. The height of the buildings and the close proximity to existing buildings on Bridge End was also queried. The fact that natural light would be diminished from existing buildings was a problem.
Mrs Jenny Lloyd proposed and Ms Hazel Scofield seconded that the plans should be rejected. A vote took place and 8 Councillors voted to reject the proposals and 1 Councillor abstained. Therefore this planning application was rejected by Earith Parish Council due to concerns over access, visibility, proximity to other dwellings, concerns over height.

Item 204 **Chairman’s Report** – The Chairman was pleased to announce that Huntingdon District Council are to plant new trees between 1 – 17 Greenfields. Silver Birches are to be planted and the residents are asked to water the seedlings if needed.
The Clerk contacted PC Hansford regarding parking in School Road and we have been given notices to put onto cars. Registration numbers are to be taken and reported to the Police for further action to be taken.
The Chairman also contacted the enforcement officer to enquire on the latest status of the 4 enforcement cases at present.
All cases are progressing and the fence at School Road should be moved back by the end of December.
The Car Wash at Minnaars has been reported to the Enforcement Officer and as they do not have planning application and the water is not running into the correct sewer then Anglian Water have been involved to get this enterprise moved.

Latta's Farm have made some ecological changes and revised flood risk assessments have been made regarding the application for reservoirs on this site. An extension until January has been granted to enable the Council to have further discussions on this point. The final payment is due for the Feoffees refurbishment and it was requested that payment could be made before the next meeting. All Councillors agreed that this would be actioned.

- Item 205** **Parish Council Representatives Report – Earith Town Estates –** Mr Keith Hudson reported that work had finished on phase one of the refurbishment of the pavilion. The Earith Parish Council would like to offer congratulations to the Earith Town Estate for the hard work and commitment that had been shown to this refurbishment.
Road Safety – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that Speedwatch are to have a new national computer system from January and anyone stopped would be added to this computer.
HCV Strategy Meeting – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that more information is needed before an update can be made. Earith achieved a high score in the HCV trial and this will be discussed at the next meeting.
Skeeles – Mrs Ann Impey reported that 8 grants had been approved by the Skeeles Charity. The School is also to receive a grant to assist them with a future project.
Parish Paths Partnership – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that the PPP are looking to identify gaps in the network and proactive ideas are needed. If planning applications are put forward for roads that cross footpaths then forward notice should be obtained if possible.
Tree Planting – Ms Hazel Lambert and Mr Ron Hodge have now obtained trees to be planted at Earith Bridge and the Recreation Ground. 4 Field Maple and 3 Hawthorn are to be planted at the Earith Bridge and 6 Ash trees are to be planted at the Recreation Ground.
Duck Pond – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that restoration of the pond area had been investigated and grants would be looked into to enable the area to be restored. The silt needs to be removed and quotations have been obtained for this. The total cost for works needed could be obtained via grants which Ms Lambert will be responsible for.
- Item 206** **Youth Club –** The Clerk is to contact the Bus Project to make arrangements for fortnightly sessions to be arranged on Fridays from 7-9pm hopefully to start in February. This would be on a trial basis at first.
 Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed and Mrs Ann Impey seconded this proposal. All in favour.
- Item 207** **Bridge End update re development–** Mr Alan Spackman reported that the travellers have left the site a day earlier than expected and the bar has already been welded across the entrance. The Environmental Agency now has to collect the rubbish and make the area presentable again. The Court Notice obtained lasts for 12 months. The bar is to be painted white and the height notification is to be removed. Mrs Ann Impey is to make the fence stronger by adding concrete spurs.
 Mr James Woolstenholmes proposed and Mrs Jenny Lloyd seconded that the above action is to be carried out. All in favour.
 Regarding development of the site once it is clear, Ms Hazel Lambert has confirmed that consent for development is not needed from the County Council as the works are classified as minor improvements. Ms Lambert has completed grant applications for this work to be carried out and submitted the application on the 24th November 2011. A decision should be made in February. The Clerk is to send a letter to Mr George Hay to thank him for his support and help with this matter.
- Item 208** **Road Safety, Traffic Regulation Orders and Environmental Survey Report –** Cottenham Parish Council have now agreed to carry out the Environmental Survey so that environmental testing can now take place.
 Local Minor Highways Funding was discussed and Mrs Julie Seamark and Ms Hazel Lambert are to look into this.
- Item 209** **ECA Field Lease –** A notice is to be added to the notice boards to announce that this rental is once again up for discussion. A decision will be made at the next meeting.
- Item 210** **Precept-** The Council agreed that the precept should rise to £39,000 for next year. This would be an approximate 5% rise. Mr James Woolstenholmes proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded this motion. All in favour.
- Item 211** **Finance -**

<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	2343	

Mrs C Shook	Caretaker 7.75 hrs @ 6.93	50.87			LGA1972,s.133
	Booking Clerk 2,5 hrs @ 6.93	17.33	62.99	2344	
Inland Revenue	PAYE November 2011		64.17	2345	LGA1972,s.112-119
Mr MS Pink Wicksteed Playscapes	Parish Handyman Self Employed – Monthly Contract		100.00	2346	LGA1953,s.4
	Replacement swings		166.66	2347	
Mr MS Pink RBL Poppy Appeal	Painting at Village Hall		497.50	2348	
	2 wreaths for Remembrance Sunday		38.00	2349	
J&P Plant Ltd	Welding at Earith Bridge		120.00	2350	
Mr Ron Hodge	Pond Maintenance		16.60	2351	
CAB	Donation		25.00	2352	
British Gas	Village Hall Electricity		0.00	DD	LGA1972,s. 101
Total spend for November 2011			1,326.78		

Mr Alan Spackman proposed and Mr James Woolstenholmes seconded that the payment for Kris Gibbs should be paid once the funds have been transferred into the Council's account. All in favour.

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

Item 212 Correspondence – All items in file for inspection.

Item 213 Items to report – Mr Keith Hudson reported that a light was out at the pedestrian crossing. Mrs Julie Seamark is to report this.
Mr Hudson also pointed out that a large summer house has been erected at Bridge End and this is also to be reported to the Enforcement Officer.
Mrs Ann Impey requested that help should be obtained to erect the Christmas Tree and that the Council should approach the home owner at Bridge End to see if they are still happy for the Christmas Tree lights to be powered from their property.

Item 214 Items for Future Meetings – The Latta Farm Application and HCV trial are to be discussed. The Parish Council are to think about possible jobs for the Scouts.

Date of next Council Meeting – Thursday 5th January 2012

Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk

These minutes are unadopted.

Date 18th December 2011