

Earith Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 1st March 2012

Present – Councillors

Mrs Julie Seamark (Chairman)
Mrs Marilyn Russell
Mrs Hazel Scofield
Mrs Jenny Lloyd
Mr James Woolstenholmes

Mr Ron Hodge
Ms Hazel Lambert
Mrs Ann Impey
Mr Keith Hudson
Mr Jeff Nicholls

Mrs Mandy Pink – Clerk

DC Mr Terry Rogers, CC Mr Steve Criswell

Item 262 Apologies for Absence – Mr Alan Spackman (Vice-Chairman), DC Mr Philip Godfrey

Open Meeting

Item 263 Open Forum – No members of the public

Item 264 Ecops Report – The Clerk read out the latest Ecops report that highlighted that there have been several burglaries in the area and that the police are working to alleviate these incidents.

Item 265 County Council and District Council Reports – CC Mr Steve Criswell reported that the Council subsidy for buses is being cut. Our area will be affected in April 2014. There have been no new decisions made regarding repair work to the B-1050 Willingham Road and no road closures have been announced.

DC Mr Terry Rogers reported that the District Council are still considering plans by Luminus to develop the area at Darford and Edwards Walk to improve parking and to provide further housing.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 266 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 267 To sign minutes of meeting held on – 2nd February 2012
Mr Keith Hudson proposed and Mrs Ann Impey seconded. All in favour that the minutes be signed.

Item 268 Matters arising from the minutes – The banner on the green is not being erected due to advertising restraints. The paperwork for new cheque signatories has been held up due to the Clerk's work commitments.

Item 269 Planning – No planning applications have been received.

Item 270 Chairman's Report – Including Common Land Registry Update

The Chairman reported that the Environmental Survey was underway and data was being collected at present.

The Chairman contacted the enforcement officer to enquire on the latest status of all enforcement cases at present. All cases are progressing.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee Earith committee is up and running and doing a good job in getting things underway for the celebrations on Sunday 3rd June.

The Chairman and Clerk have submitted the Highway Minor Improvements application and are waiting for feedback.

Mr Alan Spackman is still waiting for the solicitor to get back to him to confirm that no further action is to be taken regarding the Common Land Registry.

Item 271 Parish Council Representatives Report - Earith Town Estate – Mr Keith Hudson reported that the committee had commenced talks regarding the possible use of the Multi Court at the Recreation Field for "Multi Sports" which could provide various sports activities for 11-16 year olds and could commence in April. Earith Town Estate has also asked if two Councillor Representatives could join the committee. This would be sorted out following the organisation of the Councillors in May.

Footpaths – Mrs Hazel Scofield reported that it would need a lot of organising and checking of various Council departments before the Earith to Sutton riverbank could be re-classified as a Bridle Way.

Pavements and Drains – Mrs Marilyn Russell reported that some repair work had already been carried out on the drains and she would continue to take photographs and push for further work to be finished.

Police Overview Meeting – Mrs Ann Impey, Ms Hazel Lambert and Mrs Marilyn Russell attended both meetings at Huntingdon Police Headquarters and reported that due to cutbacks the Police Force was undergoing restructuring but that there would be no loss of frontline police officers.

- Item 272** **Parish Plan – Item 1** – Lack of a Youth Club. A Youth Club was set up and had very few attendees. The Council are still trying to provide adequate facilities for the Youth of the Village and this is an on-going item.
Item 2 – Underuse of School Facilities – Ms Hazel Lambert has spoken to Mrs Spooner, Headmistress of Earith Primary School and a breakfast club has been discussed and there was very minimal uptake therefore this would not be a viable or sustainable club for the school to organise. There are 2 other before school clubs and a sports club running at present.
Item 5 – Dangerous pedestrian crossings – An application for funding is underway at present for upgrading of the crossings.
Item 12 – Improve the Pavilion at Recreation Field – Improvements are underway and progressing well at present.
Item 13 – Improve facilities and access to river at Earith Lode – Development is being looked at and grant applications are underway to ensure that improvements can be made.
Item 15 – Improve leisure and sports facilities in the Village – Improvements to Earith High Bridge and the possibility of Multi-Sports being introduced could improve these areas.
Item 16 – Extension of EVA activities – New Committee members have now joined EVA and hope to look into new items that EVA can be involved in.
Item 17 – Lack of awareness of Parish Council Business – a Newsletter is to be launched and is being developed at present. The Parish Council website is updated regularly and minutes and agendas are always available on the four notice boards around the village.
Other items are to be discussed at further meetings.
- Item 273** **Council Newsletter** – Ms Hazel Lambert is to organise a preview of the Newsletter and this will be looked at and finalised at the next meeting. The school are happy to print these in black and white ready for distribution.
- Item 274** **Youth Club** – The Clerk has not heard anything further regarding possible Youth Club arrangements. Further updates are to be obtained.
- Item 275** **High Bridge Earith update re development** – No further updates were given other than the application for funding has been put forward within the Ouse Washes Development.
- Item 276** **Road Safety, Traffic Regulation Orders and Environmental Survey Report** – The Environmental Study has now commenced and data is being collected.
- Item 277** **River Island Lease Update** – The individual wishing to lease the Island asked the Council to revisit this point. The Council do not have anything further to add other than what was reported in the February minutes and this item is now classed as closed.
- Item 278** **Earith Sign Request** – The Clerk received correspondence concerning the use of a picture of the Village Sign Skaters being used to promote the commissioning of a special rose to be sold/raffled to raise money for local charities.
Mr James Woolstenholmes proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that this was a really good idea and that permission could be given. All in favour.
- Item 279** **Village Hall – Lights** – Several lights inside the Hall and the lights in the lobby and external light near to the door are faulty and it was discussed that new lights should be obtained and the faulty ones replaced. The electrical contractor who installed the lights has spoken to the manufacturers as the lights were only installed recently but the manufacturers have not been very helpful. He will install new lights free of charge.
The Children's Club who use the Hall on Thursday afternoons have requested permission to provide a cupboard at the Hall for toy storage. It was proposed that the organ can be put onto EBay (Mr James Woolstenholmes has agreed to do this) and that the Clerk is to contact The Day Centre, EVA and Bingo to see if they use the Piano and this can then be removed if it is not used. This will make space for a cupboard in the back area near the stage. For the immediate period it was agreed that a cupboard could be put in the corner near to the Gentleman's Toilet until these items have been moved.
Mrs Jenny Lloyd proposed and Mr James Woolstenholmes seconded that these items should be done. All in Favour

Item 280 Finance –

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 30 hrs. @ £9.94	298.20			LGHA1989,s.7
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ £7.21	18.03			LGHA1989,s.7
	Back Pay	21.41			
	Total Less Tax		270.11	2378	
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker hrs. 6hrs @ £7.21	43.26			LGHA1972,s.133
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ £7.21	18.03			LGHA 1989,s.7
	Back Pay	3.29			
	Total Less Tax		59.98	2379	
Inland Revenue	PAYE February 2012		72.13	2380	LGHA1972,s.112-119
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman – self employed monthly contract		100.00	2381	LGHA1953,s.4
SLCC	Subscription Renewal		83.00	2382	
EVA	Earith Echo		220.00	2383	
David J Richards	Parish Plan printing cost		99.40	2384	
Mr Ron Hodge	Pond Maintenance		16.60	2385	
Mrs K M Pink	Key Cutting Charge re lock replacement		18.00	2386	
John Lewis	Computer plus Software		713.95	Debit Card	
Post Office	Stamps		28.32	Debit Card	
British Gas	Village Hall Electricity		0.00	DD	LGHA1972,s.101
	Total Spend for February 2012		1,681.49		

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

- Item 281 Correspondence –** All items in file for inspection.
Correspondence was received late regarding the Minnaars Development and this was discussed. It was agreed that Option 4 for the link road would be supported provided that physical calming measures are introduced at the Northern End of the road. The Clerk is to contact the Planners to let them know the decision.
- Item 282 Items to report -** The Chairman would like the Clerk to contact the HDC to find out about line painting in the Car Park at the Village Green and also behind the Village Hall as inappropriate parking is being noted. This is to be an agenda item for next month.
- Item 261 Items for Future Meetings –** Ms Hazel Lambert would like the footpath along the Causeway to be discussed as this is now getting very untidy. The Parish Council are to think about possible jobs for the Scouts.

Date of next Council Meeting – Thursday 5th April 2012

Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk

These minutes are unadopted.

Date 4th March 2012