

Earith Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 5th April 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

Item 1 **Apologies for Absence** – Mr Alan Spackman (Vice-Chairman), DC Mr Terry Rogers, CC Mr Steve Criswell

A minutes silence was held prior to the meeting taking place in remembrance of District Councillor Mr Philip Godfrey who sadly passed away recently.

Open Meeting

Item 2 **Open Forum** – No members of the public

Item 3 **Ecops Report** – The Clerk read out the latest Ecops report that highlighted that a new non-emergency contact telephone number of 101 has been launched. This number is to be used instead of 999 when a non-emergency is taking place. Please refer to the Council website for more details.

Item 4 **County Council and District Council Reports** – CC Mr Steve Criswell emailed to say that there are still no long term plans for repairs to the B1050 Willingham Road.
DC Mr Terry Rogers and the Clerk met with Luminus and Members of development for Cambridge County Council to discuss Edwards Walk/Darford. Additional car parking and housing was discussed and is to be looked into immediately. Further reports are to follow.

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 5 **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. Both the Chairman and Mr Ron Hodge lodged an interest in planning application 1200231FUL. Mr James Woolstenholmes lodged an interest in the appeal reference 1101811FUL

Item 6 **To sign minutes of meeting held on** – 1st March 2012
Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded. All in favour that the minutes be signed.

Item 7 **Matters arising from the minutes** – nothing to report.

Item 8 **Planning** – Application Ref: 1200231FUL retrospective change of use of part site, Amenity Land Colne Road, Earith. Mrs Ann Impey proposed and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that this application should be rejected as it was outside of the Village boundary. Seven Councillors voted in favour of the rejection. 1 Councillor abstained.
Application Ref: 1101811FUL appeal re land between 3 and 7 High Street. Mrs Hazel Scofield proposed and Mrs Jenny Lloyd seconded that we should use our original wording regarding the rejection but that additional items should be raised. The Clerk is to contact the appeal department and lodge these changes.

Item 9 **Chairman's Report** – The Chairman contacted the enforcement officer to enquire on the latest status of all enforcement cases at present. All cases are progressing. The fence at School Road has been cut down to size and a Laurel hedge has been planted.
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 the Clerk is to attend a meeting on the 25th April to submit a personal appeal on behalf of the Council to the grant board.
Correspondence has been received from a member of the public to say that the minutes for February incorrectly reported that Speedwatch Volunteers, if a Police Constable was present, could check

further details of vehicles that have been stopped. This is not correct. This information can only be checked by a Police Constable. Speedwatch volunteers CANNOT stop motorists under any circumstances.

- Item 10 Parish Council Representatives Report - Footpaths** – Mrs Hazel Scofield reported that a combined footpath/bridleway map is to be worked on with the adjoining villages to get a complete route throughout the surrounding areas. There is a proposed change to footpath no.4 between Colne and Somersham with a section being stopped up and an alternative route to the east being created. **Rights of Way** – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that Hansons have now opened a permissive bridleway route along the Western Boundary of the Earith pits. Plans to continue the footpath to the Chatteris Road, Somersham are being considered. **Pavements and Drains** – Mrs Marilyn Russell reported that further work is still to be carried out. **Environmental Survey** – Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that the vibration and noise monitoring for the Environmental Survey had been carried out. A full report will be given once the March Road Safety meeting minutes have been received.
- Item 11 Parish Plan – Item 3** – Lack of Public Transport - Bus subsidies are being monitored and some are being removed but the possibility of community transport is being discussed by the County Council. **Item 4** – Traffic Congestion -The Parish Council are constantly working on this issue. **Item 6 and 7** – Excessive Speeding in and outside the Village – The Parish Council are to discuss changes to the speed limits within the Village and will add this to a future agenda to be acted upon. **Item 9** – Minimise crime and the fear of crime - The Police now issue Ecops reports which any member of the public can sign up to via the internet and receive regular reports regarding crime issues and important police information. The local police have just been reorganised and contact details can be found on the Council website. www.earithparishcouncil.co.uk. **Item 10** – Need for Environmental Improvements - A new dual purpose rubbish bin has been added to the village at the corner of Colne Road and Meadow Lane. A Village litter pick is to be looked into to encourage the Villagers to join in and improve the environment. Keep Britain Tidy are to be contacted for information. **Item 11** – Lack of cycling infrastructure - The Clerk is to contact the County Council regarding paths and cycle ways. **Other items are to be discussed at further meetings.**
- Item 12 Council Newsletter** – Ms Hazel Lambert has drawn up a draft to be looked at. Various wording was discussed and amendments are to be made.
- Item 13 Youth Club** – The Clerk has not heard anything further regarding possible Youth Club arrangements. Further updates are to be obtained.
- Item 14 High Bridge Earith update re development** – No further updates were given.
- Item 15 Jobs for the Scouts** - Three possible jobs were discussed, litter picking within the Village, cleaning and refurbishing the Village benches and clearing the River Island. The Clerk is to contact the Scouts to discuss these options.
- Item 16 Footpath along the Causeway** – Ms Hazel Lambert has asked if a permanent larger path could be built along this stretch of land. The Clerk is to contact the County Council to request that this be looked at.
- Item 17 Tree planting between 134 – 152 Greenfields** – The Council discussed this item and decided that the area was too small to support another tree being planted. A shrub may be OK. The Chairman is to report this to the member of the public who requested that this item be discussed.
- Item 18 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
	Total Less Tax		252.98	2387	
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker hrs. 8hrs @ £7.21	57.68			LGHA1972,s.133
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ £7.21	18.03			LGHA 1989,s.7
	Total Less Tax		68.91	2388	
Inland Revenue	PAYE March 2012		72.13	2389	LGHA1972,s.112-119
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman – self employed monthly		100.00	2390	LGHA1953,s.4

	contract				
DCS Window Cleaning	Village Hall Windows, inside and out		30.00	2391	
HDC	Rates Bill		0.00		
British Gas	Village Hall Electricity		0.00	DD	LGHA1972,s.101
Total Spend for March 2012			521.94		

The Clerk has contacted British Gas regarding payment for the Gas used at the Village Hall. A new business contract has been drawn up rather than a personal one and we are awaiting a revised bill which totals £333.13 at present. The Clerk has also contacted Anglian Water concerning a new tariff for the Water and Sewerage supply. For low users such as the Village Hall a cheaper tariff can be applied to the account which has led to a refund of £66.39. The Rates bill is £0.00 as we have had a rates refund.

Mr Keith Hudson proposed and Mr James Woolstenholmes seconded that the finances should be accepted. All in Favour.

Item 19 Correspondence – All items in file for inspection.

Item 20 Items to report – Ms Hazel Lambert reported that Mr R Wright had some metal bars that we could use if needed for the High Bridge Improvements. Mr Keith Hudson reported that a rail had broken at the memorial fence and there was a big hole in the road in Hereward. Mrs Jenny Lloyd reported that the Council website should be more prominently promoted and the address should be published in the Earith Echo.

Item 21 Items for Future Meetings – Village Hall improvements.

Date of next Council Meeting – Thursday 3rd May 2012

Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk

These minutes are unadopted.

Date 11th April 2012

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