

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Annual General Meeting

Held on Thursday 9th May 2013

Present – Councillors

Mrs Julie Seamark (Chairman)
Mr Keith Hudson
Mr Ron Hodge
Mr Jeff Nicholls
Mr James Woolstenholmes

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
Mr Alan Spackman
Mrs Jenny Lloyd
Mr Robert Sherriff
Ms Hazel Lambert

CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Robin Carter, 3 members of the public

Mandy Pink – Clerk

The Present Chairman opens the meeting and welcomes the Councillors, members of the public and then invites nominations for the new Chairman

- Item 20 Election of Chairman – The Vote takes place** - Nominations received for Mrs Julie Seamark to remain as Chairman
Proposed Mr Alan Spackman and seconded by Mrs Jenny Lloyd. Resolved – All in Favour

The New Chairman takes the Chair

- Item 21 Apologies for absence** – Mrs Marilyn Russell, DC Mr Terry Rogers

- Item 22 Election of Vice Chairman – The Vote takes place** – Nominations received for Miss Ann Brennan to remain as Vice Chairman
Proposed by Ms Hazel Lambert and seconded by Mr Jeff Nicholls. Resolved – All in Favour

- Item 23 Appointment of Council Representatives** – It was resolved to move this item to the next agenda for further discussion. The Clerk is to provide the Councillors with the current list.

Councillors to sign their acceptance forms and Financial Interests (2013)

Open Meeting

- Item 24 Open Forum** – Skate Ramps were discussed and the Councillors advised the interested parties that they should form a committee and open a bank account and carry out a level of need survey and then grant applications can be made if it is decided that there is the need in the village for this installation. The Chairman is to carry out some research into possibilities for funding and costs of equipment. Mr Ron Hodge is to ask ETE to consider the siting of this installation at their next meeting.

- Item 25 Ecops Report** – The Clerk read out Ecops' reports referring to 8 reported house burglaries and 2 shed burglaries in the area. 6 calls were received concerning vehicle crime and theft of tools from vehicles. There have been some incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour and those concerned have been spoken to. There was also disruption caused to motorists in Earith High Street following a road traffic accident involving several vehicles on the 26th April.

- Item 26 County Council and District Council Reports** – CC Mr Steve Criswell congratulated Mrs Seamark on her reappointment as Chairman and reported that the schedule of repairs to the Willingham Road have been withdrawn as Willingham Parish Council voted to reject the repair plans as they want to have a new road built instead. Following the repairs to the Bridge it was requested that Mr Criswell chase up the reinstatement of the High Bridge area which was used by the contractors during the repair schedule. This work will be done when the repairs have all been finalised. The Chairman congratulated Mr Criswell on his reappointment as County Councillor for the Earith Ward. DC Robin Carter commented that the new road signs at Colne Road have now been installed but unfortunately at the wrong end of the road. He will chase this up again. The signs at Bridge End are correct. Mr Carter will again look into the matter concerning the damage to the fence at Darford. Mr Carter informed the Council that there will be a new charge of £40 per annum for collecting and emptying a second Green Garden rubbish bin. All householders that have a second Green bin will be notified and will have the decision to pay the charge or to return the bin.

(Close open Meeting)

- Item 27** **Code of Conduct – Dispensation received and decisions granted.** No dispensations were received for this meeting.
- Item 28** **Councillors declaration of interest** – The Chairman drew the Councillors attention to the legal requirement that all interests should be declared following the Code of Conduct Localism Act 2012 c7.s27(3)(b). No declarations were made.
- Item 29** **To sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 4th April 2013**
Miss Ann Brennan proposed and Mr Robert Sherriff seconded that the minutes should be signed.
Resolved - All in favour.
- Item 30** **Matters arising** – Incorrect numbering of minute items in April, should be 1-19.
- Item 31** **Planning** – Application Reference – H/05001/13/CW – Restoration at Colne Fen Quarry using imported inert waste to create conservation habitats.
To accept the application Ms Hazel Lambert proposed and Mr Ron Hodge seconded. Resolved - 5 Councillors voted to accept. 2 Councillors abstained and 1 Councillor voted to reject the proposal. The proposal was accepted with the following caveats to be applied:
Caveat 1 – that the current application to import inert waste will expire at the end of 2019 when the original application to remove quarried aggregate also expires.
Caveat 2 – Should there be any significant changes to the application that the Council are consulted again before any changes are made.
If these Caveats are not applied to this application then it is to be rejected.
A letter is to be sent by the Clerk to the rights of way officer, Camilla Haggett to reopen the right of way at Colne Fen Quarry until works commence.
- Application Reference – 1300485FUL – Olde Walls Chapel Road – resubmission for minor changes to the wall – Mr James Woolstenholmes proposed and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that this is accepted. Resolved – All in Favour
- Resubmission to erection of lean to was proposed by Mr Ron Hodge and seconded by Mr Keith Hudson to accept. Resolved – All in Favour
- Application Reference – 1300551FUL – removal of mock tudor façade and changes to windows at the River View Inn 37 High Street.
Mrs Jenny Lloyd proposed and Mr Robert Sherriff seconded that this was accepted. Resolved – All in Favour
- Item 32** **Chairman’s Report** – The Chairman congratulated CC Mr Steve Criswell on his reappointment to the position of County Councillor for the Earith Ward and she wished to thank the Councillors for reappointing her as Chairman. She also wanted to thank the Clerk for her hard word and money saving initiatives and she wanted to thank the residents for their participation at the Annual Parish Meeting.
The Clerk wanted the Chairman to highlight the fact that a replacement cheque was needed for Somersham Parish Council for the Christmas Lights as this had been lost. It was agreed that a new cheque could be issued (no 2514)
- Item 33** **Parish Council Representatives Report – HCV and Road Safety** - Mr Jeff Nicholls has received an email from a resident who was concerned with the proposed works to Colne Fen Quarry. Ms Hazel Lambert has received a request from the School regarding a replacement Grit Bin. The Clerk has forwarded on details to the School concerning who they should contact.
- Item 34** **Council Insurance Renewal** – The Clerk asked three insurance companies to quote for the renewal but two companies declined to quote so the current insurance company, Zurich are to be used for this year’s renewal. The Clerk tabled a one year plan or three year agreement and the Council agreed to accept the Three Year Agreement at £1,291.83.
Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Mrs Jenny Lloyd seconded to accept. Resolved – All in Favour
- Item 35** **Slide Repair at Duck Pond Play Area** – Mr Ron Hodge reported that the wooden areas of the slide are in a bad state of repair and need to be replaced by either plastic or metal components. Miss Ann Brennan is to look into this and report to the Clerk for action to be taken.

- Item 36** **Tree at 199 Greenfields – Councils comments to be relayed to Huntingdon District Council.**
A tree has been cut down by the householder following a lapse to a temporary Tree Preservation Order by the HDC. The householder was informed that the TPO had lapsed and the work could be carried out to the tree. Due to this system failure at HDC the Council would like a letter to be sent by the Clerk noting our disapproval with their procedures in allowing this to happen.
Ms Hazel Lambert proposed and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that The Chairman and Clerk are to send a letter. Resolved – All in Favour
- Item 37** **Street Lighting at Vermuyden – Comments to be made - Balfour Beatty are to make changes to lanterns only as part of the Street Lighting Initiative. The Council do not want to submit comments on this occasion.**
- Item 38** **Village Hall Refurbishment – Painting of Kitchen, Toilets, Entrance Porch and Stage Steps -**
The Clerk has obtained a quotation for this work at £609.60.
Mr Ron Hodge proposed and Mr Alan Spackman seconded that this work should be carried out.
Resolved – All in Favour
- Item 39** **Application to use the Earith Village Sign as a logo by an amateur Radio enthusiast –** The Clerk has received an application to use the sign as a logo on a QSL Card by a local resident. It was discussed that if the resident takes his own photograph of the sign then this can be used but if the photograph to be used has been obtained via the internet then this should not be used. The Earith Village Sign is owned by the Council. The Clerk is to respond accordingly.
- Item 40** **Finance –** a) To sign of the End of Year Accounts
b) Blinds to go payment missing from March Payments £228.30 added to April
c) Payments to sign off

| Payee | Description | | £ | Chq | Powers |
|-----------------|--|--------|------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Mrs K M Pink | Clerks Wages 32 hrs. @ £9.94 | 318.08 | | | LGHA1989,s.7 |
| xx | Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ £7.21 | 18.03 | | | LGHA 1989, s.7 |
| | Total Less Tax | | 268.91 | 2506 | |
| Mrs C Shook | Caretaker hrs. 8 hrs. @ £7.21 | 57.68 | | | LGA1972,s.133 |
| xx | Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ £7.21 | 18.03 | | | LGHA 1989,s.7 |
| | Total Less Tax | | 73.91 | 2507 | |
| Inland Revenue | PAYE April 2013 | | 69.00 | 2508 | LGA1972,s.112-119 |
| Mr M S Pink | Parish Handyman – self-employed monthly contract | | 100.00 | 2509 | LGA1953,s.4 |
| Mr Ron Hodge | Pond Maintenance | | 26.90 | 2510 | LGHS 1972, s.101 |
| EON | Street Lighting Charge | | 20.52 | 2511 | PCA 1957, s.3 |
| CAPALC | Annual Membership Renewal | | 536.75 | 2512 | LGA 1972, s.143 |
| Viking | Stationery & Cleaning Products Village Hall | | 60.88 | 2513 | LGA 1972, s.133 |
| Norton Internet | Computer Security Renewal Software | | 39.99 | D.Card | LGA 1972, s.133 |
| Blinds to Go | Village Hall Blinds Renewal | | 228.30 | D.Card | LGA 1972, s 133 |
| Tesco | Mobile phone 6th months rental | | 12.50 | DD | LGA 1972 s.133 |
| British Gas | Village Hall Electricity | | 47.88 | DD | LGA1972,s.133 |
| | Total Spend for April 2013 | | £1,485.54 | | |

Mr Keith Hudson proposed and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the finances should be accepted and that the End of Year Accounts should be signed off. Resolved - All in Favour
Ms Hazel Lambert wished to thank the Clerk for her time in preparing the End of Year Accounts.

- Item 41** **Correspondence -** All other correspondence as per the file
The Clerk drew the councillor's attention to a letter received from the County Council confirming that the Parish are to take over the grass cutting for the County Council areas within the village. The Clerk has informed the contractors and work should commence shortly within the regular Parish grass cutting schedule.
The Clerk has received an email from the householder at 2a High Street which will be discussed at the June meeting.
- Item 42** **Items to report –** Mr Ron Hodge reported that the new commemorative Jubilee tree was now in bloom and was growing nicely.

Mr Keith Hudson reported that the pathway at the HDC car park area in Darford/Cooks Drove was overgrown and the Clerk is to email DC Robin Carter to ask with this help in getting this cleared. Mr James Woolstenholmes has requested that the wording on the car parking notices is amended. The Clerk will discuss this with the Police for their input. Mr Jeff Nicholls reported that there was an overgrown hedge along the pathway in Greenfields. Ms Hazel Lambert reported that Mr Chris Hudson from the RSPB wants to come to the next meeting to discuss the possibility of putting in a path at High Bridge. She is to ask him to contact the Clerk so that this can be added as an agenda item. Ms Hazel Lambert gave the Clerk a leaflet concerning Free Kerbside Collections of Electrical Appliances for the Council to consider at the next meeting. Miss Ann Brennan reported that the new owners of the River View Inn wish to know who is responsible for the overgrown bushes alongside the pathway at the Doctors Surgery. Mr Ron Hodge is to look into this. Mrs Jenny Lloyd reported that the lights at the Recreation Field are coming on during the day. Mr Ron Hodge and Mr Alan Spackman are to look into this.

Item 43 **Items for Future Meetings** –Parish Plan, Playground inspection, Risk assessments, Earith Island Clearance, white lining at Bridge End Car Park

Date of next Council Meeting –Thursday 6th June 2013

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These minutes are unadopted

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Date of notice – 1st June 2013

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