

Earith Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting
Held on Thursday 24th August 2017

Present – Councillors

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
 Mr Keith Hudson
 Mr John Fulcher

Mr Gavin Young
 Mr Jeff Nicholls
 Mrs Marilyn Russell

Mrs Mandy Pink – Clerk
 3 members of the public

In the absence of the Chairman, Miss Ann Brennan, Vice Chairman took the Chair and opened the meeting

Item 1 Apologies for Absence – Mrs Julie Seamark (Chairman), Mr Terry Rogers, Mr Allan till
Absent no apologies given – Mr Alan Spackman, Mr James Woolstenholmes

Open Meeting

Item 2 Open Forum – No comments made

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 3 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 Localism Act 2011 c7.s27(3)(b) . – No declarations received

Item 4 Huntingdonshire Local Plan 2036 Draft Consultation – The Clerk and Councillor Jeff Nicholls attended a HDC seminar regarding the Local Pan and gave a general overview to the Council. Government has declared that 20,100 homes need to be built in Huntingdonshire and it is the District Councils responsibility to provide a sustainable rolling five-year plan of housing stock. Earith has been deemed a smaller settlement and development is highlighted for key service centres such as Somersham and St Ives. The Council wished to make comments concerning the problems with infrastructure and road networks in the area as Earith High Street, the A1123, has problems already with the amount of traffic using the road and any increased traffic movements will be harmful to the village. The standard of the road networks and in particular the iron works in the High Street is appalling and the A1123 cannot cope now let alone when the new highlighted developments take place. The Council also expressed concerns over power and water usage as Earith already suffers from power cuts and the water and drainage in the village is a problem. They also expressed concerns over flooding.

Item 5 Huntingdonshire Local Plan 2036 Draft Consultation Call for Sites – There are not any sites that can be put forward in the village. Earith has already had a rural exception site consisting of 11 homes built in the Village and is subject to an outline planning application for development of approximately 125 – 135 houses at 101 High Street

Item 6 Huntingdonshire Local Plan 2036: Draft Final Sustainability Appraisal – The Council agreed that HDC have a five-year sustainable plan for homes in the area with Alconbury being an ongoing site.

Item 7 Housing and Economic Land and Availability Assessment 2017 – The Clerk reported on sites that had been deemed unsuitable in the Area. This included Gifford's Park in Needingworth which was a concern for the Council who had already commented on this site. The Council therefore agreed with the proposed sites that have been included within the current draft Local Plan 2036.

Date of next Council Meeting – Thursday 7th September 2017

Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk
 These minutes are unadopted.

Date: 30th August 2017