

Earith Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 5th October 2017

Present – Councillors

Mrs Julie Seamark (Chairman)
 Mr Jeff Nicholls
 Mr Allan Till
 Mr James Woolstenholmes

Mr Alan Spackman
 Mr Keith Hudson
 Mr Gavin Young
 Mr Terry Rogers

CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Robin Carter
 Mandy Pink – Clerk

6 members of the public

Item 152 Apologies for absence – Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman), Mrs Marilyn Russell, Mr John Fulcher, DC Mr Mike Francis

Open Meeting

Item 153 Open Forum – A brief presentation was given by the applicant in support of the planning application agenda item 160.

Item 154 Ecops Report – The Clerk reported that there had been an attempted break in to a detached garage and outbuildings on Cooks Drove, an articulated lorry carrying a 75 ton crane had broken down and caused one lane of the High Street to be closed whilst it could be recovered and a bollard in Orchard Crescent has been damaged.

Item 155 County Council and District Council Reports – CC Mr Steve Criswell reported that the cycleway from Bluntisham to Needingworth should hopefully be finalised along with the new cycleway from Earith to Bluntisham over the next five months. Work should commence on the 6th November. DC Mr Robin Carter reported that all correspondence concerning the disposal of Hereward and Darford Car Parks is now with the portfolio holder. There is to be an election in May and this has resulted in new Ward Maps being created. Earith ward has now been included in the Holywell cum Needingworth Ward along with Colne. Councillor Spackman commented that the Village Hall Car Park had still not been cleared and the trees in Greenfields have still not been looked at. Those on the green near to 94 Greenfields and between 142-152 in particular. DC Mr Carter will look into this.

(Close open Meeting)**(Open closed section of Meeting)**

Item 156 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received and decisions granted – none received

Item 157 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 2011 c7.s27(3)(b). No declaration made.

Item 158 To sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 7th September 2017
 Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the minutes should be signed.
 Resolved - All in favour.
To sign minutes of Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on – 24th August 2017
 Mr Keith Hudson proposed and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the minutes should be signed.
 Resolved - All in favour.

Item 159 Matters arising – None

Item 160 Planning – Application Reference 17/01727/FUL – Erect a new 4/5 bedroom dwelling on land west of 26 High Street.
 The Parish Council had previously accepted a planning application for this site that has now been modified. The footprint and location of the proposed dwelling have not changed and the trees are all to remain. The dwelling will be in keeping with the street scene and will be similar in design to other houses in this area. It will not be harmful to neighbours amenity.
 Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed and Mr Gavin Young seconded that the application is accepted
 Resolved – All in favour

Item 161 Chairman's Report – The Chairman reported that the Clerk as completed an application for tree work concerning the London Plane Tree in the High Street. Work can commence after the deadline of the 25th October if all is accepted. The Clerk has also completed a grant application to the Mick George

Community Fund for a new river slipway behind the Village Hall. This has been requested by several residents and has been noted in the new community plan. The decision should be made at the end of the year. The Community Defibrillator has been ordered and the Clerk will organise the installation in consultation with the Church Street Health Centre.

The second part of the planning training session will take place on Monday the 9th October at the Village Hall at 7pm. All Councillors are welcome. The Clerk has prepared the draft budget and copies have been tabled for consideration. This will be an agenda item in November.

The Chairman also reported that, after several discussions with the Clerk, she will be resigning her position as Chairman but will remain as a Councillor. She has held the office of Chairman for over seven years but due to excessive workload commitments, which have resulted in not having enough time to commit fully to the office of Chairman, the resignation is needed. This will be the first agenda item in November.

Item 162 Parish Council Representatives Report –

Road Safety and HCV – Councillor Till reported that the Road Safety meeting consisted of a generalised discussion covering several topics but with nothing of real interest to report. Councillor Nicholls reported that the HCV Group meeting was held on the 2nd October and the Nitrogen Dioxide testing tubes have been installed at no's 50 and 87 High Street, George Corner and Outside the School. The local transport plan has still not been decided. The HCV Group have asked the Parish Councils to consider setting a budget item for noise monitoring.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – The new see-saw play item has been installed at the Pond.

Health and Safety – No report
nothing of interest to report.

Saywell Charity – No report

ERICA Update – No report

Village Pond – No report

Skeeles update – No report

Community Plan – no report

Hanson update – The minutes have been filed and there is

PC Cluster Meetings – No report

Ouse Valley Way update – No report

Rights of Way – No report

Allotments – 2 half plots & 3 quarter plots currently vacant

Earith Town Estate – No report

Village Car Parks – No report

Item 163 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – Councillor Nicholls reported that work at 102 Greenfields has been completed. The Clerk is to follow up her letter to 5 Bridge End. Councillor Spackman visited the homeowner on the corner of Greenfields and School Road to discuss the trees in School Road and to find out if any damage had been inflicted on the trees. The homeowner did not admit to carrying out any damage to the trees although they do cause him problems. Councillor Spackman will monitor the trees to see if any further damage is carried out.

Item 164 Drains, Roads and Pavements – including advisory notes re car parking – reports for action to be taken – Councillors Nicholls and Till attended the site visit on 4th October regarding the Cycleway from Earith to Bluntisham. They were both assured that the siting and location of the pathway would greatly benefit the village. There will be two new crossing points which will help to slow traffic. Mr Keith Hudson proposed and Mr James Woolstenholmes seconded that the plans should be accepted. Resolved – All in favour. The Clerk is to confirm that the bench will remain.

Item 165 Community Plan Update – This will be an agenda item in November.

Item 166 Fair Funding for Cambridgeshire – CC Mr Steve Criswell has written to the Council to ask them to support the fair funding for Cambridgeshire initiative. The Clerk is to write to Shailesh Vara and ask him to support the initiative and to put forward the case to Government.

Item 167 Local Highway Initiative Bid proposal to be discussed – The Clerk received four options for consideration for speed reduction measures on the A1123. The Parish Council could not agree on the options proposed and have asked the Clerk to reject the proposals and request a site visit with the Highways representative.

Item 168 Radar Speed Feedback signs to be discussed – The Clerk has not yet received any updates but Colne Parish Council have requested more information. Councillor Rogers asked the Clerk to contact Wistow PC as they are also considering this.

Item 169 Caretaker – Update – The Clerk has placed an advert in the current Earith Echo.

Item 170 Play park repairs to be considered – The Clerk has received costings from Wicksteed for repairs as stated in the playground inspection reports. The Council are happy to go ahead with all repairs but they have requested that the paint is to be supply only. Mr James Woolstenholmes proposed and Mr Gavin Young seconded that the Clerk can make the arrangements for repairs. Resolved – All in favour

Item 171 Resident's concerns regarding the Pond Area, problems with trees and fences to be discussed –

The Clerk has received correspondence from the resident living adjacent to the Pond who has concerns with the fence and trees in this area. Councillors Nicholls and Spackman tried to undertake a site visit but unfortunately could not gain access but tried to survey from the roadside. Earith Timber Products have undertaken a site visit and have provided costings to the Council for consideration. Councillors Nicholls and Spackman will arrange to undertake a site visit and report back at the next meeting. The Council discussed the issues and agreed that they would contribute half the cost for a like for like fence. Mr Terry Rogers proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that half of the cost of a like for like fence should be offered once a site inspection confirms the problems. Resolved – All in favour.

Item 172 Salary reviews – Parish Clerk and Cleaner to be discussed –

The Council discussed the two positions and agreed that a raise of one scale point should be awarded to both the Clerk and the Caretaker. The Clerk will now be on scale point 35, £16,001 and the Caretaker is on scale point 15, £8,873.

Mr Alan Spackman proposed and Mr Terry Rogers seconded that the raise should be back dated to 1st October. Resolved – All in favour

- Item 173 Finance –**
- Payments to sign off
 - Online Salary payments for October
 - Chairman to sign bank statement
 - Building Society Signatory

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 42 hrs. @ £15.672	658.22			LGHA1989,s.7
	Clerks Expenses	25.00			LGA 1963, s.5
	Mobile Phone monthly rental not taxable	12.00			LGHA1989,s.7
	Total Less Tax		558.23	online	
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker hours 5.5 @ £8.722	47.97			LGA1972,s.133
xx	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ £8.722	21.81			LGHA 1989,s.7
	Total Less Tax		68.78	online	
Inland Revenue	PAYE September 2017		138.43	2954	LGA1972,s.112-119
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman – self-employed monthly contract		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		405	2955	OSA 1906, s.10
Viking	Stationery including stamps		59.48	2956	LGA 1972, s.133
Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator		2146.00	2957	PHA 1936, s.234
Fenland Fire	Fire Extinguisher Service		68.22	2958	LGA 1972, s.133
Mr A Spackman	Kitchen cupboard V Hall		49.00	2959	LGA 1972, s.133
Microsoft	Office 365 monthly cost		5.99	DD	LGHA 1972, s.266
CNG	Village Hall Gas monthly charge		19.22	DD	LGHA 1972, s.133
Axis	Village Hall Electricity		20.99	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total Spend for September 2017		£3,689.34		

- Mr Terry Rogers proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the payments should be signed off. Resolved – All in favour
- Online salary payments for October –Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed and Mr Allan Till seconded that the payments should be made. Resolved – All in favour
- Chairman to sign the bank statement to confirm the online salary payments for September as above Mr Keith Hudson proposed and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded. Resolved – All in favour
- Building Society Signatory – Mr Jeff Nicholls agreed to act as signatory. Mr Terry Rogers proposed and Mr Keith Hudson seconded. Resolved – All in favour

Item 174 Correspondence – Letter received from St Ives Town Council re bus services. Email update re Minnaars

Item 174 Items for future meetings –Village Hall floor & chairs, WW1 commemoration, River Slip Ways, radar speed feedback signs, Caretaker, Allotment deposits, Community Plan for October, New Chairman, HELAA Consultation, St Ives Town Council Bus Services Proposal

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These minutes are unadopted

Meeting Dates 2017

Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 5th October
Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 2nd November
Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 7th December

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Date of Notice – 21st October 2017