

Earith Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 6th September 2018

Present – Councillors

Mr John Fulcher (Chairman)
 Mr Jeff Nicholls
 Mr Allan Till
 Mrs Paula Brown
 Mr Steve Edwards
 Mr Terry Rogers

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
 Mr Keith Hudson
 Mr Alan Spackman
 Mrs Louise Reay
 Mrs Marilyn Russell

1 member of the public
 DC Mr Jon Neish

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 122 Apologies for absence –CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Lewis Besley

Open Meeting

Item 123 Open Forum- The environmental testing tubes have been deployed in various locations around the village and results are currently being compiled. The speed indicator sign near 101 High Street is on all the time and this has already been reported to the County Council. A resident requested if some flower planters can be installed underneath the 30mph signs on the entrance to the village from Bluntisham. They will be provided by the resident and maintained. This is to be an agenda item for discussion in October.

Item 124 Ecops Report – The Clerk reported that there had been some thefts of vegetables and damage to sheds at the allotment site on Colne Road. There was a robbery at the Shop and the police are asking for information. There was also a Road Traffic accident on Colne Road when a car hit a parked car causing damage to both vehicles. Parking is also becoming dangerous on Colne Road near to the pond on Thursday and Monday evenings. The Clerk is to contact the Rectors Hall to see if there are any regular events planned for these days.

Item 125 County Council and District Council Reports – DC Mr Jon Neish reported that there is an Earith planning application being discussed at the DMC meeting on the 17th September. The new Local Plan is now with the inspectorate for examination. Cllr Nicholls asked DC Mr Neish to look into the refuse collection placement of bins in Greenfields near no. 82. The bins were originally collected from in front of each house on the crescent, but the homeowners were subsequently told to take the bins to the edge of the grass so that the refuse truck did not have to traverse the crescent. The bins are not returned to the edge of the grass but just left in the middle of the pavement causing an obstruction to the public

(Close open Meeting)

(Open closed section of Meeting)

Item 126 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – none received.

Item 127 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). – None received

Item 124a To sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 2nd August 2018

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the minutes should be signed.
 Resolved - All in favour.

To sign minutes of Parish Council extra ordinary meeting held on – 21st August 2018

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mrs Louise Reay seconded that the minutes should be signed.
 Resolved - All in favour

Item 125a Matters arising – The minutes from the extra ordinary meeting stated that a TPO existed on all trees on the planning application for a new dwelling opposite the Riverview but there is only one tree with a TPO.

Item 126a Planning – Application Reference 18/01459/HHFUL – Side extension – 26 Greenfields
 The Council voted to accept this application as there is no impact on the street scene, it is a corner plot and only a small extension.
 Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the application is accepted.
 Resolved - All in favour.

Planning – Application Reference 18/01560/HHFUL – Replacement windows – 28 School Road, Earith
The Council voted to accept the application as it is only for minor alterations with no detrimental effect on the street scene and other properties in this area have already made this type of alteration.
Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mrs Louise Reay seconded that the application is accepted.
Resolved – All in favour

Planning – Application Reference 18/01178/LBC and 18/01177/HHFUL – Listed building consent for replacement outbuilding and internal works – 107 High Street, Earith
Both applications were discussed together, and the Council voted to accept the applications as the alterations are at the rear with no effect on the street scene. The floor plan is not changing. The alterations will give the family more amenity. Therefore, listed building consent should be granted.
Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mrs Marilyn Russell seconded that the application is accepted.
Resolved – All in favour

- Item 127a Chairman's Report** – The Clerk has been looking into a possible judicial review being taken out regarding the Hill Row irrigation Lakes planning application. It is not easy and certain criteria must be met before a review can take place. Costs can be upwards of £30,000. An initial consultation will cost £500 + VAT. Once a decision has been reached a review needs to be made within 6 weeks.
I have instructed the Clerk to give our support to the uniform brigades for their Remembrance Day parade proposals.
The river slipway has been completed and the Clerk will arrange an opening ceremony when the memorial lectern has been installed.
There will be a Councillor training course organised by Houghton PC on 26th September.

- Item 128 Parish Council Representatives Report -**
Road Safety and HCV – Cllr Nicholls reported that both the Road Safety Group and the HCV group have written to object to the planning application for irrigation lakes in Haddenham.
Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report
Health and Safety – No report
Hanson update – No report
PC Cluster Meetings – No report
Saywell Charity – No report
Ouse Valley Way update – Conference to be attended by Cllr Till
ERICA Update – No report
Rights of Way – No report
Village Pond – Back hedge has been cut by Cllrs Spackman and Edwards
Allotments – Private land signs to be arranged for gates due to problems reported in agenda item 124
Skeeles update – No report
Earith Town Estate – No report
Village Car Parks – No report

- Item 129 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – Both reported problems have been attended to. New visit to 5 Bridge End
- Item 130 Drainage, Roads and pavements** – Parking concerns raised about parking on grassed area at corner of Chapel Road/Bridge End/ Edwards Walk. DC Mr Neish is to look into this.
- Item 131 Allotment Association charge for use of the Village Hall to be discussed** – The Clerk has received a request to use the Hall to see if allotment holders wish to form an Association. The Clerk has requested that the Council give the Hall free of charge for the first meeting and then at a cost of £5.00 per hour for any subsequent meetings. The Council agreed, and the Clerk is to let them know.
- Item 132 Environmental testing tubes sponsorship to be discussed** – The Clerk has received a request for the Council to sponsor the installation of four environmental testing tubes. This was originally agreed prior to this meeting but the Clerk wanted to resubmit the request for clarity.
Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the Council will sponsor the tubes.
Resolved – All in favour.
- Item 133 Street Lighting Maintenance Contract to be discussed** – The Clerk has not yet heard back regarding the cost of repairs and a maintenance contract. This will be moved to the October meeting.
- Item 134 Cycleway litter bins to be discussed** – The Clerk has received an objection from a resident concerning litter bins on the cycleway. The bins will need to be provided and someone will need to be responsible for emptying them. The Parish Council will consider this item again if grant money can be obtained from the Aviva fund agenda item 135.

- Item 135 Aviva Grant Fund to be discussed** – Cllr Till suggested that the grant fund should be utilised to provide litter bins on the cycleway. He will put forward the proposal.
- Item 136 External Auditor Report** – The Clerk noted that the External Auditor did not find anything to comment on and the report has come back with nil points for discussion.
- Item 137 Environment Agency request to carry out works over the existing boundary onto the Village green and placement of temporary noticeboard** – The Clerk has received a request from the Environment Agency to carry out landscaping works that will need to cross the boundary of the river and will incorporate works to be undertaken on the Village green. Removal of trees and installation of bollards were discussed as per drawing supplied. The Parish Council do not want trees to be removed or bollards installed and have requested that the Clerk should contact the Environment Agency to ask them to attend the next Council meeting to put forward an alternative plan.
- Item 138 Planning extensions to be discussed and amount of applications processed in August** – Cllr Rogers was concerned that there are too many planning applications being allowed to be submitted by the District Council in August and because of this the Planning Officers are not granting extensions for comments to the Parish Councils which results in extra ordinary meetings being called. DC Mr Jon Neish is a member of the Scrutiny Panel who are looking at ways to work more closely with Parish Councils and he will bring this up at the next meeting.
- Item 139 Cambridge ACRE membership renewal to be discussed** – The Clerk would like the Council to consider renewing membership of this organisation who provide help and support to Parish Councils by providing demographic data and advice.
Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the Council should renew.
Resolved – All in favour.
- Item 140 Finance** – a) Payments to sign off
b) Online Salary payments for September
c) Chairman to sign bank statement

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 42 hrs. @ £16.321	685.48			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		579.46	online	
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker hours 6.5hrs @ £9.341	60.72			LGA1972,s.133
	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ £9.341	23.35			LGHA 1989,s.7
	Caretaker Expense light bulb	4.00			LGA1972,s.133
	Total Less Tax		85.27	online	
Inland Revenue	PAYE August 2018		146.99	online	LGA1972, s.112-119
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cutting plus light bulb V Hall		350.99	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Fenland Fire Appliance	Fire Extinguisher Service		41.34	online	LGA 1972, s.133
PKF Littlejohn	External Auditor Charge		360.00	online	LGA 1972, s226
Cambs ACRE	Membership Renewal		55.50	online	LGA 1972, s.143
Castle Manor Electrical	Install new light in disabled loo V Hall		110.00	online	LGHA1972, s.133
Hunts DC	Commercial waste collection		19.50	DD	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6
Microsoft	Office 365 monthly cost		5.99	DD	LGHA 1972, s.266
CNG	Village Hall Gas monthly charge		28.54	DD	LGHA 1972, s.133
SSE	Village Hall Electricity		41.93	DD	LGHA1972,s.133
	Total Spend for August 2018		£1,975.51		

- a) Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour
- b) Online salary payments for September –Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the payments should be made. Resolved – All in favour
- c) Chairman to sign the bank statement to confirm the online salary payments for August as above
Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mrs Marilyn Russell seconded. Resolved – All in favour

Cllr Mr Terry Rogers left the meeting at 9 o'clock. (21:00)

- Item 141 Correspondence** – All correspondence as per file

Item 142 Items for future meetings –Village Hall floor & chairs, Holiday Sport Provision from HDC, Neighbourhood Plan (six monthly review), Pub to be listed as a building of interest, Diary of Policy review dates, Electricity supply for pond pumps look for grants, flower planters, planning working group, training course for Councillors, parking at Chapel Road/Bridge End/Edwards Walk, Street lighting maintenance, Environment Agency presentation

Mrs Mandy Pink – Clerk 07717 207 533
These minutes are unadopted

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Meeting Dates

Thursday 4th October
Thursday 1st Nov
Thursday 6th December

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Date of Notice – 29th September 2018