

**Earith Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm**

Present – Councillors

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)  
 Mrs Paula Brown  
 Mr Allan Till

Mr Jeff Nicholls  
 Mrs Marilyn Russell  
 Mr Steve Edwards

CC Mr Steve Criswell  
 50 members of the public

Mrs Mandy Pink – Clerk

**Item 1      Apologies for Absence** – Mr John Fulcher (Chairman), Mr Alan Spackman, Mrs Louise Reay, Mr Keith Hudson, Mr Terry Rogers

**Open Meeting**

**Item 2      Open Forum** – The Clerk was asked by the residents to read the letter from the applicant so that comments could be made. Many comments were raised concerning increased vehicle movements on the High Street and the harm that this would cause the residential amenity of the villagers of Earith. The proposal for the irrigation lakes is outside of the existing waste and minerals plan and the new draft plan. Comments were made concerning the accident statistics mentioned and the soundness of the environmental testing methodology was reported on. Air pollution, noise, vibrations, health and safety issues were all raised. The Chief Officers Annual report in 2017 states the effects of air pollution. The road and pavements are not wide enough to withstand any extra vehicle use. The extra number of vehicles of up to 90 HGVS per day for 7-8 years is a 10% increase on what is experienced now. Questions such as, could a width and weight restriction be placed on the road as well as a speed reduction and can the High Street be made into a B road were also raised. Repair cost's to Fen roads are 16 times higher than repairs to other roads. The traffic management plan was also commented on as it did not mention what would happen if the A1123 is closed. The extra vehicle movements will also increase the deposits left on the road and pavement, so they would need to be cleaned.

(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      Planning Application – E/3003/18/CM – Willow Hall Farm, Haddenham – Response to applicant's correspondence.**

This application was discussed at length and Councillor Edwards had prepared a response to the applicant which he went over with the Council. It was suggested that the Council should respond by saying that they did not need to make any comments on the waste and minerals plan as there were not any sites that would cause harm to Earith, but this application will cause much harm to the Village. The Parish Council do support the plan as they realise that crops need to be irrigated but the size of the proposed reservoirs is excessive, and the primary function of the proposal appears to be mineral extraction. The transport assessment is only looking at a very small part of the route and does not look at the wider area. It is still not clear exactly how many vehicle movements will be made. There is also a greater level of risk due to the width of the road and pavement. An average of 90 movements is stated in the applicant's correspondence yet the application states a maximum of 150 movements per day. Extra movements will result in more deposits being left on the road and pavements which will impact on drainage in the Village.

It was agreed that the Clerk should work with Councillor Edwards to prepare a response based on the comments raised by the residents and incorporate the comments above. The national planning policy framework should also be looked at for guidance.

Resolved – All in favour

**Date of next Council Meeting – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**

**Mrs Mandy Pink - Clerk**  
**These minutes are unadopted.**

**Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**