

Earith Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 3rd January 2019 at the Village Hall

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)
 Mr Jeff Nicholls
 Mrs Louise Reay
 Mr Alan Spackman

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)
 Mr Keith Hudson
 Mr Terry Rogers
 Mrs Marilyn Russell

5 members of the public
 CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Jon Neish
 Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 218 Apologies for absence – Mrs Paula Brown, Mr Allan Till

Open Meeting

Item 219 Open Forum- The agent for application ref 18/02684/FUL gave a brief presentation of the application. A resident gave a brief presentation concerning his objections to application 18/02527/FUL

Item 220 Ecops Report – No report

Item 221 County Council and District Council Reports

CC Mr Steve Criswell stated that the Willow Farm, Haddenham application is due to be heard by the County Council planning committee on the 24th January 2019 and villagers will be staging a protest outside the Council on this day with a further protest planned in the village of Earith for Sunday the 27th January 2019. HCV routing for monitoring the A1123 traffic is ongoing. There will be a consultation on the County Council budget which is open to Parish Councils for comments.

Cllr Brennan stated that the manhole cover outside no.93 High Street is unstable.

DC Mr Jon Neish reported that the District Council have prepared a budget for consideration that allows for a possible 2.6% rise in Community Charge. The draft Local Plan modifications consultation is now open.

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

Item 222 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – Dispensation received from Cllr Reay to state that the planning application for the Bungalow, Chapel Road has been made by her next-door neighbour. This is a non-pecuniary declaration which the Clerk has decided to grant as Cllr Reay has planning expertise that will allow the Council to make an informed decision.

Item 223 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). – Cllr Reay declared an interest in agenda item 226.

Item 224 To sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 6th December 2018

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

Item 225 Matters arising – Miss Ann Brennan asked the Clerk if the CCTV was operational at the Recreation Field as broken glass had been removed from the site by a resident over the Christmas/New Year period. She would obtain a more definite date so that the Clerk could check the CCTV footage.

Item 226 Planning – Application Reference 18/02593/S73– Variation of removal of condition 5 to retain a cattery for the retention of 4 Savannah pet cats – 1 Hereward, Earith.

The Parish Council voted to reject this application as the application states the wrong address and pet cats would normally be housed within the dwelling. The noise and animal welfare would also cause significant harm to neighbours. The addition of a cattery would also reduce the residential amenity for the current and future residents of the dwelling known as 1A Hereward.

The original application to separate no's 1 and 1A introduced the condition that the cattery be completely removed, this condition remains in place. The Parish Council have already rejected an application to remove/vary this condition and this rejection still stands.

Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mrs Louise Reay seconded that the application should be rejected.
 Resolved – All in favour

Planning – Application Reference 18/02527/FUL – Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings to be replaced by three new dwellings – The Bungalow, Chapel Road, Earith

The previous Parish Council comments stated that there should possibly be room for three dwellings on this site and the applicant has taken this suggestion on board but the size and layout of the proposed three dwellings is still an issue. The height of the proposed dwellings and the proximity to the boundaries of the site is hard to distinguish as the drawings do not appear to be of scale or are very hard to determine. Parking and turning curtilage of vehicles is a concern along with the lack of a footpath being incorporated into the design. It looks as if vehicles will need to either reverse in or out of the development with no means of an internal turning circle. This will be a major Health and Safety concern for the Parish Council. The design of the buildings and use of cladding as an external material also do not fit in with the current street scene in this area. Cladding is very rarely seen in designs on buildings within Earith and should not be incorporated into this design. The proposed dwellings are also very close to the boundary of the site so this would highlight the fact that the proposed dwellings are too big for the current development site. The closeness to the boundary of the site will also cause environmental impact to the neighbours to the site who will suffer from lack of light and visibility and this will cause harm to their residential amenity. Should the District Council see fit to allow this development then the Parish Council would like to see a voluntary undertaking from the contractors involved with the build to park all construction traffic and vehicles on site and not in the road as parking is already an issue in this area and additional construction traffic will only add to this problem.

Mrs Marilyn Russell proposed to reject this application, and Miss Ann Brennan seconded.

Resolved – All those present and able to vote voted in favour of rejecting this proposal.

Planning – Application Reference 18/02684/FUL – Five bedroomed, detached house with double garage – Land south east of Newfields. Colne Road, Earith

The Parish Council declared that as the District Council had over ruled them on previous applications in this area, they did not see what comments they could make other than that the new dwelling will be within the countryside and outside of the building line of the Village of Earith. Should the District Council see fit to allow this development then the Parish Council would like to see a voluntary undertaking from the contractors involved with the build to park all construction traffic and vehicles on site and not in the road.

There is a 6m wide access way with parking for several vehicles so this should not cause an issue.

Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mrs Louise Reay seconded that this application be approved.

Resolved – All in favour

Item 227 Chairman's Report – The Chairman reported that there had not been a call for a bi-election so the Council could co-opt the recent vacancy.

Earith Skatepark has been visited by the Skatepark Project and has been included on the current skatepark database. The Parish Council were praised for their encouragement of this initiative.

A resident has contacted the Chairman as they are disappointed with inconsiderate parking along the High Street. The Chairman has referred them to the Police for action to be taken if needed.

The Chairman also stated that as he is new to the position of Chair it is an opportunity for all council members to raise any concerns and issues for the council to consider and an opportunity to consider what if any changes are needed.

Item 228 Parish Council Representatives Report -

Road Safety and HCV – Cllr Nicholls reported that he had not attended the recent HCV meeting but there will be a Road Safety meeting in the next few weeks.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report

Health and Safety – No report

Hanson update – No report

Rights of Way – No report

Saywell Charity – No report

Village Car Parks – No report

Village Pond – No report

Allotments – No report

Skeeles update – No report

Earith Town Estate – No report

Ouse Valley Way update – No report

ERICA Update – No report

Item 229 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – New report – tree in compound adjacent to Village Hall is dropping leaves and branches onto vehicles in the Car Park. The Parish Council are to contact the landowner to see if any maintenance can be provided.

- Item 230 Drainage, Roads and pavements including advisory notes re car parking** – Various Councillors expressed an interest in receiving car parking notices from the Clerk to enable them to record inconsiderate parking in the Village. The Clerk will email notices to the Councillors.
- Item 231 Planning working group set up to be discussed** – The Chairman asked Mrs Louise Reay if she would like to head this group and she said that she would like to take the lead with this new Council initiative regarding planning. The Council agreed that Cllr Reay should do this. Cllrs Russell and Rogers stated that they would also be able to take part on an ad hoc basis. It was also agreed to include Cllr Till if he wanted to be part of this group, even though he was absent from this meeting, he would be given the opportunity to join if he wished.
- Item 232 Parking at Chapel Road/Bridge End** – Cllr Rogers reported that there was a lot of inconsiderate parking in the Village, especially on Chapel Road and this would be monitored. The use of notices would be incorporated to enable the Council to try and deal with this problem within the Village setting. The Clerk would be provided with vehicle registration numbers and would contact the Police if inconsiderate parking within the Village of Earith continued to be an issue.
- Item 233 Allotment request for the ditch to be cleaned out and maintained** – A resident has asked for the Council to cover the costs of a mini digger to clear out the ditch at the allotment site. The Clerk informed the Council that the ditch does not belong to the Parish Council but that the Council do have Riparian responsibility to clear the side bordering the allotments and half of the ditch bed. The remaining half of the ditch bed and the farther side remain the responsibility of the adjacent landowner of Plum Farm. The Council discussed this, and it was decided that allotment volunteers can clear the ditch if they want to, but the Council will not authorise any money to this matter as it is not in the current budget and has not been added to the new budget for next year. Volunteer forms will need to be completed and the Clerk informed of work dates so that volunteers are covered by the Parish Council insurance. If forms are not completed and the Clerk not informed of any work being carried out, then no insurance cover will be provided. The Council will then look to add this to a schedule for future maintenance.
- Item 234 Diary of Council Policy review dates to be discussed** – Cllr Russell has requested a copy of all Council policies so that she can review them. The Clerk informed the Council that most of the policies that the Council have are statutory and changes are made by Government when needed. Cllr Russell has requested that the Clerk email copies of policies to her.
- Item 235 Salaries budget to be agreed. Budget heading movement (Virement) to be actioned** - The Clerk advised the Council on suitable budget changes to reflect the increase in working hours agreed in December. £1200 should be moved from “General and Unforeseen” for this financial year and £3000 to be moved from “Misc. trees and hedges” and £2000 to be moved from “General and Unforeseen” in the 2019/2020 financial year.
Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the movements should be made.
Resolved – All in favour.

- Item 236 Finance** – a) Payments to sign off
b) Online Salary payments for January
c) Chairman to sign bank statement

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 42 hrs. @ £16.753	703.63			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		591.84	online	
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker hours 5. 5hrs @ £9.521	52.37			LGA1972,s.133
	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ £9.521	23.80			LGHA 1989,s.7
	Total Less Tax		74.97	online	
Inland Revenue	PAYE December 2018		153.66	online	LGA1972, s.112-119
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953,s.4
Viking	Stationery		51.56	online	LGA 1972. S.133
John Henry Group	Street Lighting Repairs		478.96	online	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3
CPRE	Annual Subscription		36.00	3021	LGA 1972, s.143
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		104.25	DD	LGHA 1972, s.133
SSE	Village Hall Electricity Qrtly Charge		86.42	DD	LGHA 1972, s. 133
	Total Spend for December 2018		£1,753.18		

- a) Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour
- b) Online salary payments for January – Mr Jeff Nicholls proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson 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 December as above
Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded. Resolved – All in favour

Item 237 Correspondence – All correspondence as per file. Letter received from the EBL, RBL thanking the Parish Council for the donation. Bikeability letter response to say that cuts would probably still be made.

Item 238 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, Electricity supply for pond pumps look for grants, Christmas Lights provision, Meet your Councillor to be discussed, possibly utilise Community Café for dates.

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These minutes are unadopted

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Meeting Dates
Thursday 7th February 2019
Thursday 7th March 2019
Thursday 4th April 2019
Thursday 2nd May 2019
Thursday 6th June 2019

Meeting closed at 10:10pm

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Date of Notice – 12th January 2019