

Earith Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 4th April 2019 at the Village Hall

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)
 Mr Keith Hudson
 Mrs Paula Brown
 Mr Allan Till

Mr Jeff Nicholls
 Mrs Louise Reay
 Mr Alan Spackman
 Mr Terry Rogers

2 members of the public
 Mandy Pink – Clerk

DC Mr Jon Neish

Item 284 Apologies for absence – Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman), Mrs Marilyn Russell, Ms Hazel Lambert, CC Mr Steve Criswell

Open Meeting

Item 285 Open Forum- The Applicant gave a brief presentation concerning planning application 18/02527/FUL – The Bungalow, Chapel Road and answered questions from the Council.

Item 286 Ecops Report – The Clerk reported that two break-ins had occurred at the Industrial Estate with various items of timber and fencing products stolen. A group of youths were warned by the Police to stay away from the Anglian Water Pumping Station due to its hazardous nature. Two teenage males damaged a garden wall in the High Street. Vandals damaged the grass area at the Recreation Field making it dangerous to use by digging holes. It is hoped that CCTV will be able to identify those involved. Fly tipping at Earith High Bridge was reported.

Item 287 County Council and District Council Reports

CC Mr Steve Criswell reported via email that the Willow Hall Farm application has been put back due to extra information being requested. It is likely that this will be heard in July. He also reported that Church Street Surgery Practice Manager had confirmed that there are no plans to alter the service offered to Earith residents at this time.

DC Mr Jon Neish reported that there is currently no update on the new Mick George lorry route. He congratulated the Council on their successful LHI bid and gave his apologies for the problems experienced with the planning portal. Cllr Reay asked him to report back that the site was down for some days and information could not be gathered on planning applications currently under consultation and this was not acceptable. The District Council housing delivery test has shown that there is now only a 5% buffer of housing stock supply needed to fulfil the Local Plan and this is down from 20%. He is now part of the A14 Route Group which is looking at issues within the area and he will give updates when they are available. Cllr Hudson asked DC Neish to look into the problem tree at Darford Car Park.

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

Item 288 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – Cllr Reay lodged a dispensation request against agenda item 292 – planning application 18/02527/FUL – The Clerk granted the dispensation as Cllrs Reay's knowledge and experience of planning matters was needed to determine the outcome of this planning application.

Item 289 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 as above.

Item 290 To sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 7th March 2019

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

Item 291 Matters arising – Cllrs Reay and Russell held a meeting to discuss attending the Community Café for meet your Councillor sessions. All Councillors are welcome to join this initiative.

Item 292 Planning – Application Reference 18/02527/FUL – The Bungalow, Chapel Road – erection of three dwellings amended plans.

The Council discussed the amended plans further to the presentation given during the Open Forum and agreed that no objections should be made now that all items noted previously have been amended. Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mr Terry Rogers seconded that the application should be accepted.
Resolved – All in favour

Application Reference 18/01690/FUL – Apple Tree Surgery, Chapel Road – To demolish the existing surgery building and replace with a residential dwelling that combines a surgery within.

The Clerk reported Cllr Brennan's comments received via email. The Council voted to accept this application and asked for comments to be noted. Comments to state a query over the ownership of the grassed areas to the side of the surgery as they house a utility pole and street lights and they believe that this is County Council owned. There is also a discrepancy with the application title and the plans as there is not a surgery stated in the plans, but one is noted in the title and on all of the supporting documentation. Also, if there is to be a surgery then there is no mention of trade waste removal. Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the application is accepted.

Resolved – All in favour

Application Reference – S/0065/19/CM – Hansons Quarry – Car Park and access road.

The Council stated that the application should make provision for refreshment and toilet facilities for the visitors to the site. The access road will join the B1050 which is a busy road, and this should be noted.

Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the application is accepted.

Resolved – All in favour

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation – Cllr Rogers requested that comments are made as this area is one of the main providers of gravel and sand and it may increase the output of HGV traffic within the Village. The Plan needs to identify where the extract will come from and the traffic routes should be made clear.

Item 293 Chairman's Report – The Chairman reported that a resident had contacted the Clerk about low level vandalism within the Village and he had been in discussion with the resident and had taken advice from a magistrate who informed him that virtually nothing can be done about this due to policing staff numbers and the priority level of the incident.

Item 294 Parish Council Representatives Report -

Road Safety and HCV – Cllr Nicholls reported that he attended the recent Road Safety meeting and the main focus was the St Ivo School and the road crossings and pupil behaviour. A HCV meeting will be held at the end of the month.

Recreation Field and Play Equipment – No report

Health and Safety – No report

Hanson update – No report

Rights of Way – A call has been made by the County Council to register any new rights of way so that they can be noted on the definitive map. The Council do not believe that there are any new rights of way in the Village to be noted.

Saywell Charity – No report

Ouse Valley Way update – A request has been made by the Great Ouse Valley Way Trust for Partner members. The cost is £30 per year. Mr Alan Spackman proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that the Council should join as a partner member.

Resolved – All in favour

Village Pond – The Clerk has ordered the pond water treatment and it is on its way.

Allotments – The Clerk has received a request for a shed to be erected on plot 12a and for some fruit trees to be planted on plot 7. The Council agreed that a shed could be erected and that no more than four dwarf stock fruit trees can be planted. Cllr Spackman had visited plot 19 and assessed the work to be carried out. He will provide a risk assessment and method statement for the Clerk by Wednesday 10th so that she can inform the insurance company and work will be carried out on Friday the 12th April.

Skeeles update – No report

Earith Town Estate – No report

Village Car Parks – No report

ERICA Update – No report

Speedwatch – Cllr Reay reported that 8 sessions had now been held on Meadow Lane, Colne Road and the High Street and 82 vehicles had been found to be speeding and have been reported. New sites in Cooks Drove and Chapel Road have been added.

Item 295 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made – New report of an overhanging hedge at 64 Greenfields. Visits will be made.

Item 296 Drainage, Roads and pavements including advisory notes re car parking – Parking in School Road is causing issues and the Clerk will write to the School asking if parents can be reminded to park with consideration when collecting and dropping of pupils. The drains on Colne Road have dropped again and Cllr Rogers will report this. He encouraged all Councillors to report this so that action may be taken.

- Item 297 Static Speed Indicator Device location to be changed** – The Clerk has received an email from a resident asking if the Static Speed Indicator Device can be moved to the top end of the High Street near to Minnaars. The Council considered this and have agreed that the device should remain where it is.
- Item 298 Open day for Slipway to be noted – May 11th at 10.30am** – The Clerk has organised for an opening speech to be given by an ex service man who will be dedicating the memorial garden from a new generation of soldiers thanking the veteran fallen for their service to the Country.
- Item 299 Policy Review – Bullying and Harassment and Volunteering** – The Clerk has changed the Bullying and Harassment policy to reflect the new formatting only. No changes have been made to the policy wording.
Bullying and Harassment Policy – Mr Terry Rogers proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that this should be adopted with new formatting in place.
 Resolved – All in favour
Volunteering Policy – The Chairman asked for a duplicate sentence to sentence one but referring to the Volunteer in section 11 - Mr Terry Rogers proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded that this should be adopted with the additional sentence added.
 Resolved – All in favour
- Item 300 Christmas Lights to be discussed** – The Clerk reported that solar powered trees can be placed on street lights. They are £98 each to rent and approx. 10 would be needed for three weeks. The Vice Chairman has asked several companies in Earith for donations. The Council are concerned that the cost of these lights is high and need to know which companies have declared and how much has been secured. The Clerk and Vice Chairman will look into this further and it will be tabled again at the next meeting.
- Item 301 LHI Bid Success for MVAS sign to be noted** – The Clerk has secured a further successful LHI bid.
- Item 302 Clerk and Caretaker annual pay rise to be noted** – The salary scale point bands have been renamed and the Clerk was on old SCP 36 (new 30) and the annual rise is now £17.09 per hour and the Caretaker was on old SCP 16 (new 6) and the annual rise is now £9.96 per hour from the 1st April 2019.
- Item 303 Finance** – a) Payments to sign off
 b) Online Salary payments for April
 c) Chairman to sign bank statement

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 65 hrs. @ £16.753	1088.95			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		853.92	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 March 2019		330.08	online	LGA1972, s.112-119
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953, s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		345.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Impressions Printers	Echo Issue 51 Printing		495.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133
Mandy Pink	Echo Issue 51 Editorial		200.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133
S K Ward	Pest Control		90.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Viking	Cleaning Items		65.83	online	LGHA 1972, s.133
SLCC membership	Membership Renewal		236.00	Dcard	LGA 1972, s.143
Bradshaws	Duck Weed Control 13 litres		259.87	Dcard	PHA 1936, s.260
Mr M Liggett	Stain for bench refurbishment		16.28	online	LGA 1972, s.137
Hunts DC	Commercial Waste Collection Rec		19.50	DD	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6
Hunts DC	Commercial waste collection V Hall		10.50	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		123.25	DD	LGHA 1972, s.133
	Total Spend for March 2019		£3,276.19		

- 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 April – 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 March as above Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Jeff Nicholls seconded. Resolved – All in favour

Cllr Rogers left the meeting at 9pm

Item 304 Correspondence – All correspondence as per file.

Item 305 Items for future meetings –Village Hall floor & chairs, 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

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

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Meeting Dates
Thursday 2nd May 2019
Thursday 6th June 2019
Thursday 4th July 2019
Thursday 1st August 2019
Thursday 5th Sept 2019

Meeting closed at 9:05pm

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2019 – 7.30PM, EARITH VILLAGE HALL

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Date of Notice – 13th April 2019