

**Earith Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the Village Hall**

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)

Mr Keith Hudson

Mrs Paula Brown

Mr Alan Spackman

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)

Mrs Louise Reay

Ms Hazel Lambert

1 member of the public

Mandy Pink – Clerk

DC Mr Jon Neish

**Item 23 Apologies for absence** – Mr Jeff Nicholls, Mrs Marilyn Russell, Mr Allan Till, CC Mr Steve Criswell

**Open Meeting**

**Item 24 Open Forum-** No Comments

**Item 25 Ecops Report** – The Clerk reported that a van was towed away for having no road tax on the A1123, there was a break in at one of the industrial units and fencing products were stolen, poly tunnels were damaged at a property along Colne Road.

**Item 26 County Council and District Council Reports**

DC Mr Jon Neish reported that the Local Plan has now been officially adopted. Cllr Hudson asked DC Neish to look into maintenance of the Darford Car Park as the vegetation is now very overgrown in this area.

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

**Item 27 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted** – None

**Item 28 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

**Item 29 To sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the minutes should be signed.  
Resolved - All in favour.

**Item 30 Matters arising** – None

**Item 31 Planning** – Application Reference H/5006/19/CM – Needingworth Quarry – Section 73 to develop land without complying with various conditions

As the original application had been approved many years ago the need for various conditions has now changed so this application is looking to amalgamate the conditions that are valid and to take away the conditions that are no longer needed. The Planning Group could not see any reason why this application should not be supported if the conditions did not cause a detrimental effect to the villagers of Earith.

Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the application should be accepted.  
Resolved – All in favour

Application Reference – 19/00736/HHFUL – Willow Lodge, High Street – Replacement garage.

The Planning Group could see no reason why this application should not be accepted as there would be no impact on the conservation area and there have been no highways comments raised

Mrs Louise Reay, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the application is accepted.

Resolved – All in favour

**Item 32 Chairman's Report** – Following the resignation of Cllr Rogers the Chairman wished to thank him for his hard work and commitment with the Council and stated that his contribution to the Council will be missed. There is now a Vacancy on the Council which will be filled by Co-option at the July meeting.

The slip way opening event was very good and the Chairman thanked the Clerk for organising the guest speaker, Mr Steve Unwin and his wife Kate who are both ex-serving army and air force personnel.

The Christmas Lights Group have had two meetings and have experienced very good support and a positive response from villagers.

The Pond Group have also met to clear the pond of weed and have added eco friendly chemicals and a barley straw bale and the water is now lovely and clear again.

The Community Café will host a Dementia cup cake day on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

- Item 33 Parish Council Representatives Report -**  
**Road Safety and HCV –** No report  
**Recreation Field and Play Equipment –** No report  
**Health and Safety –** No report  
**Hanson update –** No report  
**Rights of Way –** Ouse washes footpath hoping to be open in July from Short Drove to Sutton  
**Saywell Charity –** No report  
**Ouse Valley Way update –** No report  
**Village Pond –** Duckweed and blanketweed cleared with 14 tonne bags and 8 smaller bags of rubbish removed. Request for solar floating pond oxygenator.  
 Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mr Alan Spackman seconded that two oxygenators should be purchased  
 Resolved - All in favour.  
**Allotments –** The Clerk has received a request for help with strimming. Cllr Spackman will help  
**Skeeles update –** New trustee needed – Cllr Reay will be the new trustee. Cllr Brennan will liaise.  
**Earith Town Estate –** The pavilion will be open for use for the two sports sessions in the summer.  
**Village Car Parks –** No report  
**ERICA Update –** No report  
**Speedwatch –** Cllr Reay reported that 10 sessions had been held in May with 79 vehicles found to be speeding and have been reported.
- Item 34 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made –**  
 Improvements made at 64 Greenfields. New reports St Marys no1 and no 11 or 15 at the back of the garages. 22 Darford hedge, School Road no 25 or 27.
- Item 35 Drainage, Roads and pavements including advisory notes re car parking –** Covers repaired on high street and Colne Road
- Item 36 Resident Request 2 new planters at George Corner –** The Clerk has received a request for two new planters to be added at George Corner.  
 Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the planters can be sited at George Corner, but they must be maintained and will be reviewed in six months.  
 Resolved – All in favour
- Item 37 Village Hall Chairs – quotes to be discussed –** Cllr Brennan tabled some costings for banquetting chairs with no arms at a cost of £23.95 for aluminium and £15.00 for steel framed ones. Cllr Spackman stated that ones with arms are also needed. These are costly and should be looked at again at agenda setting time. Cllr's Reay and Lambert are putting together a maintenance schedule for the Hall.
- Item 38 Pub to be listed as a building of community asset –** The Clerk stated that the listing will only put certain restrictions on the building and will not ensure that the building remains as a pub. It is up to the applicant to prove that the building is of significant community use and that it would be devastating to lose it. The listing could potentially stop a change of use and would allow time to raise capital if the building was to be sold. It doesn't, however, stop it from being sold if the owner wishes to do this.  
 Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the Clerk should complete the paperwork. Resolved – All in favour
- Item 39 River Island to be discussed for future maintenance –** This item is to be moved to the July agenda as it was requested by Cllr Russell who is absent.
- Item 40 Finance –**
- a) Payments to sign off
  - b) Online Salary payments for June
  - c) Chairman to sign bank statement

Payee	Description		£	Chq	Powers
Mrs K M Pink	Clerks Wages 65 hrs. @ £17.09	1110.85			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		870.83	online	
Mrs C Shook	Caretaker hours 6.5hrs @ £9.96	64.74			LGA1972, s.133
	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ £9.96	24.90			LGHA 1989, s.7
	Total Less Tax		87.44	online	
Inland Revenue	PAYE May 2019		336.74	online	LGA1972, s.112-119
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953, s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		465.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Wendy Oldfield	Environmental testing		43.20	online	LGA 1972, s.137
Advanced Security	Supply and fit new CCTV camera Rec		438.00	online	Local Govt & rating Act 1997, s.31
Swarco Traffic	Additional back clips MVAS		67.20	Online	Local Govt & rating Act 1997, s.30
Hunts DC	Commercial Waste Collection Rec		20.14	DD	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6
Hunts DC	Commercial waste collection V Hall		10.08	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		82.10	DD	LGHA 1972, s.133
SSE	Village Hall Electricity		99.43	DD	LGHA 1972, s.133
	<b>Total Spend for May 2019</b>		<b>£2,676.15</b>		

- a) Mrs Louise Reay proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the payments should be signed off. Resolved – All in favour
- b) Online salary payments for June – Mrs Louise Reay 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 May as above. Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded. Resolved – All in favour

**Item 41 Correspondence** – All correspondence as per file.

**Item 42 Items for future meetings** –Village Hall floor & chairs and maintenance schedule, Neighbourhood Plan (six monthly review), River Island

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

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Meeting closed at 8:50pm

**Meeting Dates**  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2019  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

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Date of Notice – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019