

Earith Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Thursday 6th November 2019 at the Village Hall

Present – Councillors

Mr Steve Edwards (Chairman)

Mrs Paula Brown

Mr Keith Hudson

Mrs Marilyn Russell

Miss Ann Brennan (Vice Chairman)

Mr Peter Jackson

Ms Hazel Lambert

0 members of the public

Mandy Pink – Clerk

Item 128 Apologies for absence – Mr Jeff Nicholls, Mr Allan Till, Mrs Louise Reay, Mr Alan Spackman, CC Mr Steve Criswell, DC Mr Jon Neish

Open Meeting

Item 129 Open Forum – No comments

Item 130 Ecops Report – The Clerk reported that Action Fraud had highlighted a scam regarding Amazon Prime Membership. Please beware of automated phone calls claiming that you have been charged with an Amazon Prime subscription. The school bus driver was a victim of a road rage incident at Bridge End where he was verbally abused by another motorist before the car driver drove away.

Item 131 County Council and District Council Reports

CC Mr Steve Criswell reported via email that repair work to the Willingham Road had been carried out, Colne Fen Quarry discussions continue, HCV traffic is being analysed, the A14 upgrade is ahead of schedule and infrastructure improvements to focus on St Ives/Huntingdon congestion are being looked into. DC Mr Jon Neish reported via email that 2 members of the planning team have left and recruitment is under way. The Waste Minimisation Team are working to encourage a reduction in the amount of waste produced, improve reuse and recycling rates and reduce the amount of waste taken to landfill. Free car parking in all Council run car parks is now operating after 3pm each day to support the local town centre shopping throughout the festive period.

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

Item 132 Code of Conduct – Dispensation received, and decisions granted – None

Item 133 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 134 To sign minutes of Parish Council meeting held on – 3rd October 2019

Mrs Paula Brown proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the minutes should be signed.
Resolved - All in favour.

Item 135 Matters arising – None

Item 136 Planning – None – Ms Hazel Lambert is to book Cllrs, Brennan and Edwards onto the Huntingdon Local Plan workshop to be held in St Ives on the 4th December 7-8.30pm

Item 137 Chairman's Report – The Chairman asked the Council to accept two late invoices for payment. Poppy Wreath invoice for £40 payable by cheque and the Grass Cutting invoice for £48 for cutting between Colne and Earith.
Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the invoices should be paid and added to the schedule in December.
Resolved - All in favour.

Item 138 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
Speedwatch – No report

Saywell Charity – No report

Ouse Valley Way update – Miss Ann Brennan reported that she had attended the recent update meeting and work has been finished for this year. They lost 10 working days due to bad weather and relocation of badgers. Due to the need for more work the project will now take six years to complete. They requested that the PC allow a second boundary fence to be erected due to residents walking on the mud area and because they have had a gate stolen. The Council agreed that this would be acceptable.

Health and Wellbeing Group – Mrs Marilyn Russell attended a meeting which focused on the increased need to help vulnerable people in the area. She will provide a written report.

Rights of Way – No report

Village Pond – No report but the Council asked the Clerk to follow up on the progress of the Frog Life project.

Allotments – Cllr Spackman reported via email that one plot is not being looked after and the Clerk is to contact the tenant.

Skeeles update – No report – meeting on the 19th November.

Earith Town Estate – No report

Village Car Parks – Two solar powered lights in Edwards Walk/Darford car park need attention. The Clerk is to look into this. Miss Ann Brennan will check if batteries are needed. Tree growth is obstructing one light and the Clerk will get the trees maintained.

- Item 139 Trees and hedges to report for action to be taken and updates on visits already made** – New reports for 12 Orchard Crescent and 19 Darford – visits needed. Mr Keith Hudson will talk to the resident at Darford.
- Item 140 Drainage, Roads and pavements including advisory notes re car parking** – The Colne Road sign has been damaged and needs repair. There is a large pothole outside 24 Chapel Road. The Clerk will report these issues to Highways
- Item 141 Village Hall working group update** – Ms Hazel Lambert gave a summary report of the meeting held on 22nd October. 57 people attended and they were all in favour of a new hall and they were all more or less in favour of a precept rise to cover loan payments for the new build. Location was highlighted with 19 people looking for a new location with enhanced parking. Attendees gave a lot of ideas for events/activities that could go on in a new hall.
- Item 142 Remembrance Day information and request for Donation to RBL** – The Clerk reported the timings for the services on Sunday 10th and there will be a service at Earith Memorial on Monday 11th at 11am. In accordance with previous years it was suggested by the Clerk that the Council provide a donation to the Earith, Bluntisham and Colne Royal British Legion of £60.00. Mrs Marilyn Russell proposed, and Mr Keith Hudson seconded that the Donation should be made. Resolved – All in favour
- Item 143 WW2 75th Anniversary of ending event to be considered** – The Clerk asked the Council if they would like to join together with Bluntisham and Colne in providing a village event to mark this Anniversary. Bluntisham PC have offered the use of their Village Hall free of charge, depending on the date of the event. It has been suggested by the Clerk to Bluntisham PC that we put together a working group and organise a meeting to discuss the event. The Clerk will organise a meeting and this will be an agenda item in December for further discussion.
- Item 144 Draft Budget tabled for information to be discussed in December** – The Clerk handed out the Draft Budget and this will be an agenda item in December.
- Item 145 Annual pay rise to be discussed and backdated to October** – The Council agreed that a single SCP rise would be acceptable, and this could be backdated to October 2019 for both the Clerk and the Caretaker. The Clerk would now be on SCP 31 £17.57 and the Caretaker would be on SCP 7 £10.16. Miss Ann Brennan proposed, and Ms Hazel Lambert seconded that the pay rise should be made as above. Backdated payments will be made in December. Resolved – All in favour
- Item 146 Finance** –
- a) Payments to sign off
 - b) Online Salary payments for November
 - c) Chairman to sign bank statement
 - d) Finance Meeting update

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 4 hrs @ £9.96	39.84			LGA1972, s.133
	Booking Clerk 2.5hrs @ £9.96	24.90			LGHA 1989, s.7
	Total Less Tax		67.34	online	
Inland Revenue	PAYE October 2019		331.94	online	LGA1972, s.112-119
Mr M S Pink	Parish Handyman		150.00	online	LGA1953, s.4
MSP Services	Grass Cutting		570.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
MSP Services	Maintenance at the memorial		325.00	online	OSA 1906, s.10
Ms Hazel Lambert	Meeting refreshments 22 nd Oct		6.00	online	LGA 1972, s.133
Viking	Cleaning products Village Hall		78.20	online	LGA 1972, s.133
W Oldfield	Environmental testing		21.60	online	LGA 1972, s.137
Fast Hosts	Domain name renewal 2 years		23.98	Dcard	LGHA 1972, s.266
Cambridge Water	Village Hall water and sewerage		365.60	Dcard	LGHA 1972, s.133
Prettys Solicitors	Legal fees re riparian/navigation		1386.00	online	LGA 1972, s.127
Panel Warehouse	New noticeboard Pond		313.80	online	LGA 1972, s.226
Community Heartbeat	Annual Support Year 2		126.00	online	PHA 1936, s.234
Hunts DC	Commercial Waste Collection Rec		20.15	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		33.41	DD	LGHA 1972, s.133
	Total Spend for October 2019		£4,705.92		

- a) Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mrs Paula Brown seconded that the payments should be signed off.
Resolved – All in favour
- b) Online salary payments for November – Miss Ann Brennan 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 October as above
Mr Keith Hudson proposed, and Mr Peter Jackson seconded. Resolved – All in favour
- d) Finance meeting update – The Chairman reported that the finances for the second quarter had been checked and no problems were found. The Clerk was doing an excellent job.

Item 147 Correspondence – The Clerk drew the Councillors attention to the notice of intended entry received from the Environment Agency regarding work on the Ouse Washes section 10 middle level barrier.

Item 148 Items for future meetings –Neighbourhood Plan, River Island, 75th Anniversary event WW2, Budget and Precept, Dementia Friendly awareness training, Defib and First Aid training

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

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Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Meeting Dates
Thursday 5th Dec 2019
Thursday 9th Jan 2020

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Date of Notice – 16th November 2019